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EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Bowdoin College, 2018 - Present
(Chair, July 2024 - Present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Bowdoin College, 2012-2018

Visitor, Department of Economics, University of Virginia, 2015-16

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Oregon State University, 2008-2012

Associate, Novantas Consulting LLC, 2002-2004

AmeriCorps, NYC Parks Department, 2001-02

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Johns Hopkins University, 2008

B.S. with distinction in the major, Applied Mathematics, Yale University, 2001

FIELDS AND INTERESTS

Behavioral economics, information, uncertainty, media, sports, politics, disagreement, polarization, socially responsible capitalism, applied theory, applied micro.

BOOK

Undue Hate: A behavioral economic analysis of hostile polarization in US politics and beyond (MIT Press; 2023).

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS (* INDICATES STUDENT COAUTHOR)

“Partisan discrimination in hiring” with Martin Abel and Andrea Robbett (accepted, *Journal of Human Resources*).

“Self-censorship in the classroom” with Sarah Greenberg, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 119, December 2025.*

“Megastudy testing 25 treatments to reduce antidemocratic attitudes and partisan ani-

mosity” with 84 co-authors, *Science*, 2024 Oct 18, 386(6719).

“Is socially responsible capitalism truly polarizing?” with Jeffrey Lees, *Social Science Quarterly*, 105(4), 2024, p. 1368-1382.

“Pulling Starters” with Duncan Finigan and Brian Mills, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 89, December 2020. 101591.* (Finalist, 2020 MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference)

“Partisan Selective Engagement: Evidence from Facebook” with Marcel Garz and Jil Soerensen, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 177, 2020, p.91- 108.

“The supply of media slant across outlets and demand for slant within outlets: Evidence from US presidential campaign news” with Marcel Garz, Gaurav Sood, and Justin Wallace, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 63, 2020. p.1-22.*

“Just a big misunderstanding? Bias and Bayesian affective polarization.” *International Economic Review*, 61(1), 2020, p.189-217.

“Unmotivated Bias’ and Partisan Hostility: Empirical Evidence” *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 79, 2019, p.12–26.

“March Madness? Underreaction to hot and cold hands in NCAA basketball” with Jeremy Arkes, *Economic Inquiry*, 56(3), 2018, p. 1724–1747.

“A few bad apples: communication in the presence of strategic ideologues,” *Southern Economic Journal*, 83(2), 2016, p.487–500.

“Reference points, prospect theory and momentum on the PGA tour,” with Jeremy Arkes, *Journal of Sports Economics*, 17(5), 2016, p. 453–482.

“Fox News and political knowledge” with Elizabeth Schroeder, *Journal of Public Economics*, 126, 2015, p.52–63.

“Do we follow others when we should outside the lab? Evidence from the AP Top 25” with Basit Zafar, *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*, 49(1), 2014, p.73–102.

“Suspense-optimal college football play-offs” with Jarrod Olson, *Journal of Sports Economics*, 15(5), 2014, p.519–540.*

“Media Proliferation and Partisan Selective Exposure,” with Jimmy Chan, *Public Choice*, 156(3-4), 2013, p.467–490.

“Learning, leading and herding,” with Steven J. Miller, *Mathematical Social Sciences*, 65(3), 2013, p.222–231.

“Media and Gridlock,” *Journal of Public Economics*, 101, 2013, p.94–104.

“Testing Bayesian updating with the Associated Press Top 25,” *Economic Inquiry*, 51(2), 2013, p.1457–1474.

“Subperfect game: profitable biases of NBA referees,” with Joseph Price and Marc Re-

mer, *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy*, 21(1), 2012, p.271–300.

“Measurement error and the hot hand,” *The American Statistician*, 66(1), 2012, p.61–66.

“A signal-jamming model of persuasion: interest group funded policy research,” *Social Choice and Welfare*, 37(3), 2011, p.397–424.

“Ideological media bias,” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 78(3), 2011, p. 256–271.

“Performance under pressure in the NBA,” with Zheng Cao and Joseph Price, *Journal of Sports Economics*, 12(3), 2011, p. 231–252.*

“The short and long-run labor market effects of age eligibility rules: evidence from women’s professional tennis,” with Ryan Rodenberg, *Journal of Labor Research*, 32(2), 2011, p.181–198.

Articles on pedagogy (peer-reviewed)

“An undergraduate economics course on belief formation and influence,” *The Journal of Economic Education* 2022, p. 1-7.

“Comments on ‘Opportunity cost: a reexamination’: a case in point of no free lunch” (contribution to symposium on opportunity cost), *Journal of Economic Education*, 47(1), 2016, 32–34.

“Clarifying (opportunity) costs,” *The American Economist*, LX(1), 2015, p.20–25.

Book chapters and reviews

“Review of *Respect and Loathing in American Democracy: Polarization Moralization, and the Undermining of Equality*,” *Perspectives on Politics*, 2024.

“Cognitive Dissonance, Motivated Reasoning, and Confirmation Bias: Applications in IO” with Daniel H. Wood, *Handbook of Behavioral IO*, 2018, Edward Elgar, edited by Carol Tremblay, Vic Tremblay, and Liz Schroeder.

“Partisan news: a perspective from economics,” *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 2016, Wiley, edited by Robert A. Scott et al.

“Media bias in the marketplace: theory” with Matthew Gentzkow and Jesse M. Shapiro, *Handbook of Media Economics*, 2015, Elsevier, edited by Simon Anderson, David Strömberg and Joel Waldfogel.

Popular press (not peer reviewed)

“Beware the protest vote bias,” *Portland Press Herald*, September 22, 2024.

“Your political rivals aren’t as bad as you think—how misunderstandings amplify hostility,” *The Conversation*, April 5, 2023.

“Your Political Counterparts Are Not Moral Monsters,” *ArcDigital*, November 2, 2020.

“This tool can help get us out of our echo chambers,” Bangor Daily News, February 14, 2020.

“How to Love Your Enemies: The behavioral science of DIY depolarization,” Scientific American Observations (Blog), 2019.

“Behavioral economics can help us understand why relationships fall apart,” Quartz (qz.com), 2017.

“Stop denying the hot hand,” with Jeremy Arkes, Pacific Standard (psmag.com), 2014.

Unpublished papers and work in progress

“Hostile rhetoric and electoral outcomes” with Jack Banks.*

“Consumer ESG perceptions and ESG marketing” (2023).

“Lack of principled opinion persistence predicts pro-speech opinions in two exploratory analyses” (2020).

“You Can Fool Some of the People All of the Time: Heterogeneity in Consumer Deception” (with Daniel H. Wood, 2018).

“Extended exposure to diverse media: evidence from a campus project” (with Drew Van Kuiken and Justin Wallace, 2017).*

“Were climate change research funding agencies budget-maximizing bureaucracies?” (2008)

REVIEWER

Journals: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *The American Statistician*, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, *B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Bulletin*, *Economics of Governance*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Journal*, *European Economic Review*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *Feminist Economics*, *Games*, *Information Economics and Policy*, *Information Processing and Management*, *International Journal of the Economics of Business*, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Journal of Sports Finance*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, *Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media*, *Journal of Economics and Management*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Economic Education*, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Mathematical Psychology*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of*

Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports, Journal of Socio-Economics, Journal of Sports Economics, Journal of Sports Economics and Management, Management Science, Nature Communications, New Media and Society, Perceptual & Motor Skills, Personality and Individual Differences, PLOS One, Political Behavior, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Qeios, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Environmental Economics and Policy, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Scientific Reports (Nature), Social Choice and Welfare, Social Indicators Research, Southern Economic Journal, Theoretical Economics.

Grants/fellowships: European Research Council; Hong Kong Research Council; National Science Foundation; Swiss National Science Foundation; MacArthur Fellowship.

Books: Anthem Press; Cambridge University Press; MIT Press.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

2009: Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting; IAREP/SABE Joint Conference; Western Economic Association Annual Conference.

2010: Western Economic Association; Econometric Society World Congress.

2011: 9th Media Economics Workshop at the New Economic School, Moscow.

2012: Bay Area Behavioral and Experimental Economics Workshop; Western Economic Association.

2013: Haverford Behavioral and Experimental Economics Conference.

2014: AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education; Stony Brook 25th International Game Theory Conference.

2016: Behavioral Models of Politics Conference, University of Pittsburgh.

2017: AEA Annual Meeting (Chicago); WEAI (San Diego).

2018: Maine Economics Conference (Orono), Behavioral Models of Politics (Rice).

2019: RadicalXChange (Detroit), Maine Economics Conference (Bates).

2020: Capitalism in Crisis? Rethinking the legitimacy of the market economy (online).

2020-21, 2021-22: Clemson Disinformation and Polarization Workshop (online).

2021: AEA (online; session on “Teaching Innovative Courses in Economics”).

2023: Polarization Research Lab annual meeting (Stanford); Liberal Arts College Behavioral and Experimental Economics (LACBEE, Swarthmore); The Human Advantage Conference (online).

2024: New England Experimental Workshop (UConn).

2025: BYU Peacemaking Initiative.

SEMINARS/TALKS

- 2007: Johns Hopkins University.
- 2008: Congressional Budget Office (Microeconomic Studies Division), Food and Drug Administration (Office of Regulations, Policy and Social Sciences), Haverford College, Lehigh University, Oregon State University, Univ. Maryland-Baltimore County.
- 2010: University of Virginia.
- 2011: Hong Kong University, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2012: Oregon State University Applied Economics, Bowdoin College.
- 2013: University of Maine, Orono.
- 2015: Clemson University, University of Virginia, Wake Forest University.
- 2016: Southern Methodist University, University of Western Ontario, U Maine Orono (Dept of Communications and Journalism).
- 2019: NYC Media Seminar, City College of New York.
- 2022: Amherst College.
- 2023: Chicago Experiments Initiative (online).

PUBLIC TALKS AND MEDIA

- 2018: “The Art of Disagreement in an Age of Outrage’ panel discussion at Bowdoin College (moderated by Noah Finberg, 3/5/2018)
- 2018: Wharton Moneyball podcast (with Jeremy Arkes, 3/18/18)
- 2020: Assembly of Silence podcast (with Andrew Hamilton, 7/26/20)
- 2021: Maine Calling (“Misinformation & Behavior: Understanding How Misinformation Shapes Behavior & Contributes to at Polarized Society” with Brendan Nyhan, 9/27/21)
- 2022: Cathance River Education Alliance (“Taking Action on Climate: Climate Inaction and Disinformation” with Peter Duggas, 1/6/22); Nuance of Impact (7/7/22).
- 2023: The Tavis Smiley Show (5/16/23); Derate the Hate (5/17/23); Marcus Ruiz Evans (6/12/23); Newsworthy (11/18/23).
- 2024: Derate the Hate (1/3/24), Discourse Magazine (3/1/24), Blue Sky (4/24/24), Mainesplainer (10/3/24), WJCT (11/7/24), TedX Jacksonville (11/16/24).
- 2025: Middlebury College (11/25/25).

OTHER SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE

- Undergraduate representative, Yale Advisory Committee on Investor Responsibility.
- George Owen Ph.D. Fellowship, JHU.
- Center for Talented Youth (CTY), TA (2005).
- Resources for the Future, RA (2006).
- Oregon State University Faculty Senate (2012).

Co-organizer, 2013-2015 Maine Economics Conferences.
Bowdoin BASE Advisor (fall 2018-spring 2020, fall 2022-2024).
Bowdoin committees: CIC (2013-15); IRB (2016-19); Time-block working group (2019);
Quantitative and digital studies working group (2019-20); Continuity in remote teaching working group (2020); Committee on Appointments, Promotion and Tenure (2021-2023); Faculty representative on Trustees Resources committee (2023-2024); Committee on Teaching and Classroom Practice (2023-2024).
Bowdoin faculty seminars: 2017, 2022 (spring and fall), 2026.
Braver Angels Scholars Council (2021-).
More Like US Social Science Advisory Council (2023-).
Anti-polarization projects: Polar Bear Purple Media Plunge (2017); MediaTrades.org (on hiatus...).
Youth sports: Brunswick Cal Ripken board member (2023-); Brunswick Junior High School 7th grade baseball coach, 2024, 8th grade assistant baseball coach, 2025; soccer, basketball, baseball coach 2020-.

ADVISING

Main advisor:

Zheng Cao (Ph.D., Oregon State University Department of Economics, 2011).

Michael Nash (Masters, OSU Public Policy, 2012).

Jimin Sung (Bowdoin, honors thesis, 2014).

Justin Wallace (Bowdoin, honors thesis, 2017).

Summers Askew (Bowdoin, honors thesis, 2020).

John Hood (Bowdoin, honors thesis, 2022).

Adi Pall-Pareek (Bowdoin, honors thesis, 2024).

Sarah Greenberg (Bowdoin, honors thesis, 2024).

Committee member:

Nathan Atkinson (OSU undergraduate honors thesis).

Arjang Fatash (Masters, OSU Applied Economics).

Ben Juarez (Masters, OSU Public Policy).

Chun Kwon Yoo (Ph.D., OSU Agricultural and Resource Economics).

Mustafa Alam (Ph.D., Clemson Economics).

Anna Constantine, Joe Durgin, Jeremy Lewis, Gideon Moore, Jack Shane, Isaiah West (Bowdoin, honors theses).

Summer fellowship advisor:

Caleb Adams-Hull, Jack Banks, Ethan Bevington, William Brockett, Andrew deJong, Shuhao Liu (all Bowdoin).

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