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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science
School of Public and International Affairs
University of Georgia, since May 2023

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
School of Public and International Affairs
University of Georgia, August 2016 - April 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, May 2016
Stony Brook University, NY, USA
Concentrations: American Politics, Political Psychology, and Political Methodology

B.A. Political Science, 2011
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
Concentration: American Politics

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

UGA Rural Engagement Fellowship, Spring 2023
Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) Workshop Series on Conceptualizing Polarization, Fall 2023
UGA Teaching Academy Fellow Program, 2020
UGA Center for Teaching and Learning Writing Fellows Program, 2020
UGA Lilly Teaching Fellows Program, 2018-2020
International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Summer Academy, 2014
Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), 2013
Exchange Student, University of Pennsylvania, 2009 - 2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Psychology, Political Behavior, and Political Methodology

BOOKS

Alexa Bankert. *When Politics Becomes Personal: The Effect of Partisan Identity on (Anti-) Democratic Behavior.* Cambridge University Press, 2024.

EDITED VOLUMES

Journal of Political Marketing 2016 Elections Special Issue 18 (2019), with Audrey Haynes.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Alexa Bankert. "The Personality Origins of Positive and Negative Partisanship" *Politics and Governance* 10 (2022).

Alexa Bankert. "Negative Partisanship among Independents in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Elections" *Electoral Studies* 78 (2022).

Alexa Bankert, Ryan Powers, and Geoff Sheagley. "Trade Politics at the Checkout Lane - Ethnocentrism and Consumer Preferences" *Political Science Research and Methods* (2022).

Alexa Bankert, Alessandro Del Ponte, and Leonie Huddy. “Partisanship in Times of Crisis - Evidence from Italy” *Political Science Research and Methods* 11 (2022).

Alexa Bankert. “Reflections on the Past and Present of Research on Partisan Identity” *The Forum* 19 (2021), 459-480.

Alexa Bankert. “Lets Talk About Sexism - The Differential Effects of Gender Discrimination on Liberal and Conservative Women’s Political Engagement” *American Politics Research* 48 (2020).

- Featured in **Salon**: “Conservative Women Often Don’t Perceive Sexism as a Social Problem. Here’s Why”
- Featured in **PsyPost**: “The Impact of Sexism on Womens Political Behavior Differs Based on Their Ideology”
- Featured in **The Albany Herald**: “Study: Liberal, Conservative Women React Differently to Gender Discrimination”

Alexa Bankert. “Negative and Positive Partisanship in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Elections” *Political Behavior* 43 (2020).

Julie Wronski*, **Alexa Bankert***, April Johnson, Karyn Amira, and Lindsey Levitan. “A Tale of Two Democrats - How Authoritarianism Divides the Democratic Party” *The Journal of Politics* 80 (2018). (* shared first authorship)

- Featured in **Half Hour of Heterodoxy** radio podcast: “How Authoritarianism Divides the Democratic Party”
- Featured in **The American Conservative**: “Hillary Clinton Voters Are Tilting Authoritarian”

Leonie Huddy, **Alexa Bankert**, and Caitlin Davies. “Expressive Versus Instrumental Partisanship in Multiparty European Systems” *Advances in Political Psychology* 39 (2018).

- Selected for inclusion in a special issue of **Political Psychology** of most cited articles in 2016-2018

Kristin Garrett and **Alexa Bankert**. “The Moral Roots of Partisan Division: How Moral Conviction Heightens Affective Polarization” *British Journal of Political Science* 50 (2018).

Reuben Kline, **Alexa Bankert**, Lindsey Levitan, and Patrick Kraft. “Personality and Prosocial Behavior: A Multilevel Meta-Analysis” *Political Science Research and Methods* 7 (2017).

Alexa Bankert, Leonie Huddy, and Martin Rosema. “Measuring Partisanship as a Social Identity in Multi-Party Systems” *Political Behavior* 39 (2017).

- Winner of the APSA **John Sullivan Award**
- Reprinted in ‘Measurement Instruments for the Social Sciences’ by **GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences in Germany**

Benjamin J. Newman, Yamil Velez, Todd K. Hartman, and **Alexa Bankert**. “Are Citizens Receiving the Treatment? Assessing a Key Link in Contextual Theories of Public Opinion and Political Behavior” *Political Psychology* 36 (2015).

Alexa Bankert, and Helmut Norpoth. “Guns N Jobs -The FDR Legacy” *Electoral Studies* 32 (2013).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Alexa Bankert and Andrew L. Stone. “Partisanship” in *Handbook of Affective Polarization*, Edward Elgar Publishing, revisions requested.

Alexa Bankert and Tabitha Lamberth. “Affective Polarization” in *Encyclopedia of Political Communication*, Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming.

Alexa Bankert. “The Origins and Effect of Negative Partisanship” in *Handbook of Political Partisanship* (Henrik Oscarsson and Sören Holmberg, Eds.), Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020.

Alexa Bankert. “Partisan Identity and Political Decision-Making” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Political Decision-Making* (William Thompson, Ed.), Oxford University Press, 2020.

Alexa Bankert. “Positive and Negative Partisanship” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science* (Sandy Maisel, Ed.), Oxford University Press, 2019.

Leonie Huddy and **Alexa Bankert**. “Political Partisanship as a Social Identity” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics* (William Thompson, Ed.), Oxford University Press, 2017.

BOOK REVIEWS

Alexa Bankert. ”Review of ”The Closed Partisan Mind A New Psychology of American Polarization” by Matthew D. Luttig. *Party Politics* (2023).

UNDER REVIEW

“Disentangling Negative Partisanship and Affective Polarization” with Sabrina Mayer and Luana Russo.

WORKING PAPERS

“Authoritarianism in the Classroom” (*Draft*)

“Negative Partisanship in Multi-Party Systems” (*Data analysis*)

“What Drives Negative Partisanship - Disdain for Leaders or Supporters?” with Sam Fuller and Tabitha Lamberth. (*Data analysis*)

“How To Be Good - Fostering Positive Partisanship Through Group Norms” (*Data collection*)

MEDIA COVERAGE

Al Jazeera: “The 2022 U.S. Midterm Elections”

National Public Radio: “The Rittenhouse jurors watch video, but that can’t be counted on to prevent bias”

Christian Science Monitor: “Democrats big problem: How to win without Trump to run against”

BBC World Service: “BBC World Business Report on the Georgia Run-Off Elections”

Arirang Global Insight (South Korean TV): “Trump Finally Agrees to Peaceful Transition, But Can Biden Unite a Divided America?”

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation News: “How the Two U.S. Senate Races in Georgia Will Shape Biden’s Presidency”

Brasil de Fato (Brazilian newspaper): “US Enters Unexplored Territory After Capitol Invasion”

Correio Braziliense (Brazilian newspaper): “It’s the Continuation of the Biggest Witch Hunt’, says Trump on Impeachment”

Buzz.Feed News: “Don’t Assume That Lots Of Early Voting Means Joe Biden Is A Lock”

Half Hour of Heterodoxy Podcast: “How Authoritarianism Divides the Democratic Party”

The American Conservative: “Hillary Clinton Voters Are Tilting Authoritarian”

Atlanta Magazine: “It Is Increasingly Rare for a Marriage to Cross Party Lines. Can Such Couples Offer Us Hope?”

PsyPost: “The Impact of Sexism on Womens Political Behavior Differs Based on Their Ideology”

Salon.com: “Conservative Women Often Don’t Perceive Sexism as a Social Problem. Here’s Why”

Albany Herald: “Study: Liberal, Conservative Women React Differently to Gender Discrimination”

American Psychological Association Cover Story: “Politics is Personal”

GRANTS & AWARDS

UGA Nominee for Carnegie Fellows Program (pending), 2023

Nominee for UGA’s Creative Research Medal, 2023

UGA Rural Engagement Seed Grant, with Jewon Lyu, 2023

College-Wide Nominee for UGA’s Charles B. Knapp Early Career Scholar Award, 2022

Susette Talarico Award for Excellence In Teaching, 2022

College-Wide Nominee for UGA’s Charles B. Knapp Early Career Scholar Award, 2020

UGA SPIA Research Seed Grant, with Ryan Powers and Geoff Sheagley, 2019

Political Research Quarterly Outstanding Reviewer, 2018

UGA SPIA Research Seed Grant, with George Krause, 2018

UGA State-of-the-Art Conference Grant, 2018

UGA SPIA Research Seed Grant, with Jamie Carson, 2018

International Society of Political Psychology Small Conference Grant, 2018

Questionnaire Proposal accepted at the Swedish National Election Study, 2018

Winner of the first CCES Sundance Data Analysis Competition, with Christopher Karpowitz and Jeff Milyo, 2017

UGA *Office of the Vice President for Research* foreign travel grant, 2017

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Research Grant, 2016

UGA *Office of the Vice President for Research* grant (\$60,000) to create two Political Psychology laboratories, with Kathleen Powers, Kristin Garrett, and Jason Anastasopoulos, 2016

Southern Political Science Association Artinian Travel Award, 2016

John Sullivan Award for the best paper presented by a graduate student in the field of Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2016

Milton Lodge Award for Outstanding Research Potential, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University, 2015

Distinguished Junior Scholars Award given by the Political Psychology Section of the American Political Science Association, 2015

American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2015

NSF Travel Grant for attending the Society of Political Methodology Summer Meeting, 2015

Questionnaire Proposal accepted at the Canadian Election Study, with Lilliana Mason and Leonie Huddy, 2015

American Association for Public Opinion Research Student Travel Award, 2015

International Society of Political Psychology Summer Academy Fellow, 2014

Questionnaire Proposal accepted at the British Election Study, with Leonie Huddy, 2014

Questionnaire Proposal accepted at the Citizen Panel, Laboratory of Opinion Research, Sweden, with Leonie Huddy and Martin Rosema, 2013

Janet Box-Steffensmeier Award for Outstanding Female Graduate Students in Methodology, 2013

Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2013

Graduate Assistantship, Stony Brook University, 2011 - 2016

Full Tuition Scholarship, Stony Brook University, 2011 - 2016

Berlin Consortium for German Studies Stipend, 2009

Ernst Reuter Scholarship for Excellent Academic Achievements, 2009

Fulbright Travel Grant, 2009

Freie Universität Direct Exchange Scholarship, 2008

Friedrich Naumann Scholarship for Outstanding Students, 2008 - 2011

**INVITED
TALKS**

Negative Partisanship and Group Norms, University of Washington St. Louis, October 2023

Affective Polarization in Contemporary Democracy, Public Roundtable Discussion organized by the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, September 2023

Partisanship and Polarization in the Classroom,
UGA Grady Brown Bag Series, Fall 2021

Negative Partisanship Among Independents in the 2020 Presidential Election,
Virginia Commonwealth University, Spring 2021

Political Science Speaker Series, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
Summer 2020 (postponed due to COVID-19)

Atlanta Symposium on Political Science, Georgia State University
Keynote Address, Spring 2020

LASSI Speaker Series, Sociology Department, University of Georgia
“The Differential Effects of Sexism on Liberal and Conservative Women’s Political Engagement”
Fall 2018

Political Psychology Symposium, University of Bamberg
“Measuring Partisanship as a Social Identity” Summer 2018

Political Behavior Colloquium, University of Zurich
“Negative and Positive Partisan Identity in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Elections” Summer 2017

Applied Politics Certificate Program, University of Georgia
“Political Psychology” Fall 2016

Center for the Study of American Politics Summer Conference, Yale University
“The Role of Party Leaders in Shaping Party Attachments” (Poster) Summer 2016

Program in Writing and Rhetoric, Stony Brook University
“Questionnaire Design” Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016

College of Business, Stony Brook University
“Survey Design and Measurement” Spring 2014, Fall 2014

CONFERENCES *2nd Meeting of the German Political Psychology Network*, 2021
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2014-2023
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2012-2019, 2021, 2023
International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, 2014-2019
Stony Brook University Center for Behavioral Political Economy, 2016
Toronto Political Behavior Workshop, 2016
APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference, 2015, 2016
Society of Political Methodology Summer Meeting, 2015
American Association of Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, 2015
NYU- CESS Experimental Political Science Conference, 2014, 2015
NY-AAPOR Young Scholars Evening, 2014
European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2013
Western Political Science Association, 2012

TEACHING UGA Teaching Academy Fellow Program, 2020

FELLOWSHIPS

UGA Center for Teaching and Learning Writing Fellows Program, 2020

UGA Lilly Teaching Fellows Program, 2018-2020

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

University of Georgia, Instructor POLS9200: Partisanship (Directed Reading)
Graduate Class, Spring 2023

University of Georgia, Instructor POLS 8500: Experimental Methods in Political Science
(Graduate Class), Spring 2019 and Spring 2022

University of Georgia, Instructor POLS 9200: Directed Reading Class on Partisanship (Graduate
Class), Spring 2023

University of Georgia, Instructor POLS4400: Political Psychology
Verona Maymester in Italy, May 2018, May 2019

University of Georgia, Instructor POLS 8970: Political Behavior (Graduate Class)
Fall 2017

University of Georgia, Instructor POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government
Spring 2017-Spring 2024

University of Georgia, Instructor POLS 4790/4400: Political Psychology
Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2021

Stony Brook University, Instructor POL 201: Statistical Methods in Political Science
Spring 2016

Stony Brook University, Instructor POL 346: Political Psychology
Winter 2015, Fall 2015

Stony Brook University, Instructor POL 102: Introduction to American Government
Summer 2014, Summer 2015

Stony Brook University, Instructor
POL 367: Mass Media in American Politics, Winter 2014

**WORK
EXPERIENCE**

Center for Survey Research at Stony Brook University
Programmer, Summer 2013 - 2015

Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (New Delhi)
Independent Research Intern, Fall 2010

Marschall Wernecke & Andere, Berlin, Germany
Communications Intern, Summer 2010

Washington Post, Washington, DC
Research Intern, Robert Kaiser, Spring 2010

PALM 105.5 Radio, Torbay, UK
Communications Intern, Summer 2007

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE**

Editorial Board Member, *Political Behavior*, since Fall 2023

Discussant for two panels, MPSA Annual Conference in Chicago, 2023

Division Chair, Political Methodology, SPSA Annual Conference in San Antonio, 2022

Junior Scholars Committee Member, APSA Political Psychology Section, 2021
Admission Committee Member, Summer Academy of the International Society of Political Psychology, 2021
Division Chair, Political Psychology, APSA Annual Conference in Seattle, 2021
Section Chair, Political Psychology, SPSA Annual Conference in New Orleans, 2021
Section Chair, Political Psychology, MPSA Annual Conference in Chicago, 2020
Organizer, Southern Political Psychology Workshop at the University of Georgia, 2019
Chair and Discussant, Panel: Perceptions and Bias, *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2019
Section Chair, Intergroup Relations, ISPP Annual Conference in Lisbon, 2019
Host, Visions in Methodology Conference at the University of Georgia, 2019
Organizer, Conference within a Conference "Experimental Designs" at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2019
Book Reviewer: *Cambridge University Press, MIT Press*
Grant Reviewer: *National Science Foundation, European Research Council, Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences Fellowship Programme*
Manuscript Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Nature Human Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Political Psychology, Political Behavior, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Communication, Politics, Groups, and Identities, Group Processes and Intergroup Relations, Research and Politics, European Journal of Political Research, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Journal of Women, Politics and Policy, Journal of Social and Political Psychology, Journal of Peace Psychology, Acta Politica, Party Politics, Politics, International Journal of Communication, European Political Science Review, American Politics Research, Politics and Gender, European Journal of Politics and Gender, PLOS One, Representation, Electoral Studies, International Journal of Psychology, Australian Journal of Political Science, Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy, West European Politics, European Union Politics, Advances in Political Psychology, Political Science Research and Methods, Social Psychology Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics, Nature Climate Change, Gender and Society, Canadian Political Science Journal, Acta Sociologica*
Participant, Roundtable: Using Experiments in Political Science, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2018
Chair and Discussant, Panel: Social Groups Colliding, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2018
Chair, Panels: Quest for Legitimacy: Understanding Threat, Fear, and Political Exclusion and Framing of the "Other", *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2017
Discussant, Panel: Field Experimental Studies of Registration, Turnout, and Vote Choice, *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2017
Discussant, Panel: Political Attitudes Toward Others, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2017
Chair and Discussant, Panel: Toward an Understanding of Political Attitudes and Participation, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2017
Discussant, Panel: Public Opinion Surveys and Experiments: Methodological Challenges, *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2017
Chair and Discussant, Panel: Individual-Level Determinants of Public Opinion and Vote Choice, *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2017
Discussant, Panel: Understanding Contemporary American Parties, *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2017
Chair, Panel: Women's Descriptive and Substantive Representation, *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2017
Professional Development Coordinator, Early Career Committee, *International Society of Political Psychology*, 2016
Co-Organizer, Political Psychology Speaker Series at Stony Brook University, 2015
Chair, Panel: Partisan Identities: New Insights into Causes and Consequences, *International So-*

ciety of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, 2014

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Council Grievances and Appeals Committee, 2014 - 2015

Department Mobilizer, Graduate Student Employees Union, 2014 - 2016

Graduate Student Organization Representative for Liaisons with the Graduate Student Employees Union, 2013 - 2014

Senator of the Political Science Department, Stony Brook Graduate Student Organization, 2012-2015

Staff Member at the *Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of Working Class Life*, Stony Brook University, 2012

**DEPARTMENT
& COLLEGE
SERVICE**

Educational Affairs Committee, University Council, since Fall 2023

SPIA Representative, University Council, since Spring 2023

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, since Spring 2023

Grader, Comprehensive Exams in American Politics, Fall 2018, Spring 2022 and Spring 2023

Member of the Faculty Executive Committee, Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

Panelist, UGA SPIA Panel on the Midterm Elections, October 2022

Lead Faculty, SPIA Maymester in Italy, 2022 and 2023

Host, Honors Program Book Discussion of "White Identity Politics", October 2021

Panelist, UGA SPIA Panel on GA Election Law, April 2021

Panelist, UGA SPIA Student Union Election Panel, February 2020

Ph.D. Dissertation Chair: Sam Marcotte (defended in Summer 2021)

Ph.D. Dissertation Member: Mackenzie Vaughn (ongoing), Neil Williams (defended Summer 2022), Jakub Wondreys (defended in Summer 2021), Matt Bufford (defended in Fall 2021)

Grader, Comprehensive Exams in Methodology, Fall 2019

Search Committee Member for two Assistant Professors in Political Behavior and Political Psychology, Fall 2017

Member of the Faculty Executive Committee, Fall 2017, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

Organizer, SPIA Omnibus Survey, since Fall 2017

Coordinator, SPIA Undergraduate Subject Pool, since Fall 2017

Panelist, "The Year of the Angry Voter", UGA SPIA Student Union, October 2016

**PUBLIC
SERVICE**

UGA Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Guest lecture: “Polarization in American Politics : Myths and Misunderstandings”,
Postponed due to COVID-19

Doors Open Day at SPIA - Hosting a group of Athens high school students to introduce them to
UGA, SPIA, and research in political science, October 2019

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS SPSS, STATA, R, Qualtrics, Medialab, MPLUS, Ci3, WinCati, WinRATS

LANGUAGE SKILLS German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Italian (beginner)

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