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CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

Lecturer of Political Science
Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor
University of Georgia
Athens, GA, 30601

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, Syracuse University, August 2022
American Politics (Major)
Comparative Politics (Minor)

MA, Political Science, Syracuse University, December 2018.

M.S.ED, State University of New York at Potsdam, 2015, *With Distinction*.

B.A., St. Lawrence University, 2012, *Cum Laude*
First Major- Economics
Second Major- Canadian Studies
Minor- Government
Senior Thesis- "A Comparative Historical Analysis of Fractional Banking in the USA and Canada"

Dissertation "Social Pressure and Accuracy Motivations- Combating Motivated Reasoning in Political Knowledge" Committee- Shana Gadarian (Advisor), Emily Thorson, Steven White

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Pressure & Political Behavior, Public Opinion, Political Psychology, Experimental Methods, Political Misperceptions.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

French, E., & French, C. (2024). Foreign Policy and Public Support for War: New Experimental Evidence. *Democracy and Security*, 1–22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17419166.2024.2377074>

Carrington, Nathan T., and Colin French. 2022. "Mechanisms, Measurements, and Manifestations in Evaluating the Effects of Confirmation Hearings on Supreme Court Legitimacy." *Social Science Quarterly*, 103(5): 1290-1294. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13194>

French, C., & Carrington, N. 2021 "One Bad Apple Spoils the Bunch: Kavanaugh and Change in Institutional Support for the Supreme Court"- *Social Science Quarterly*, 102(4): 1484-1495.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12983>

Working Papers

"Giving up the Ghost: Public Misperceptions about Brexit"

Research Grants/Fellowships

IHS Conference & Research Grant (450\$)- 2017
IHS Research Fellowship (3000\$)- 2018-2019 Season.
America in the World Consortium Grant (5000\$)- Summer 2021

Honors

POLS 1101 Course Development Grant, University of Georgia, Spring 2025
Campbell Institute Associate- 2018-2022
Jeffrey Stonecash Award for Best Paper in American Politics- Summer 2021
Employee of the Quarter- Washington Academy- Fall 2015
Graduate Student Distinction Award, SUNY Potsdam, 2014
Cum Laude, St. Lawrence University, 2012

Conference Presentations

"U.S. Public Opinion, Commitment Tactics, and Military Intervention"- Presented at MPSA 2022
"Social Pressure and Accuracy Motivations"- Presented at IHS Research Colloquium 2020
"Misperceptions about Brexit"- Presented at IHS research Colloquium, Summer 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE- College Level

University of Georgia (2022-present)-
POLS 1101- American Government (Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Summer 2024, Spring 25)
POLS 4510- Public Opinion & American Democracy (Spring 2023 2024, 25)
POLS 4400- Political Psychology (Spring 2023, Spring 2024)
POLS 4060- Problems in Democratic Theory (Fall 2024)

Syracuse University (Fall 2019) –
American National Government and Politics- PSC 121

Jefferson Community College (Fall 2019) –
Introduction to American Government- POL 121

SUNY Brockport (Summer 2020)-
Issues in American Politics- PSC 371 (Online)

Intro to American Politics- PSC 113 (Online)