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APPOINTMENTS

University of Mississippi, Department of Political Science
- Associate Professor, August 2016-present
- Assistant Professor, August 2012-August 2016

Yale University, Institution for Social and Policy Studies and Center for the Study of American Politics
- Postdoctoral Associate, September 2008-August 2012

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Binghamton University (SUNY)
- Ph.D. in Political Science, December 2008
- M.A. in Political Science, May 2006

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods
- Designing, Conducting, and Analyzing Field Experiments (Yale University), Summer 2006
- Simultaneous Equations (University of Michigan), Summer 2005

James Madison University
- B.A. in Political Science, graduated *cum laude*, May 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Patashnik, Eric M., Alan S. Gerber, and Conor M. Dowling. 2017 [2020 Paperback]. *Unhealthy Politics: The Battle over Evidence-Based Medicine*. Princeton University Press.
- Awarded the Don K. Price Award for the best book on science, technology, and politics published in the last year by the American Political Science Association's Science, Technology & Environmental Politics Section (2018).
- Awarded the Louis Brownlow Book Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions on topics of wide contemporary interest to practitioners and scholars in the field of public administration, by the National Academy of Public Administration (2018).

Dowling, Conor, and Michael G. Miller. 2014. *Super PAC! Money, Elections, and Voters after Citizens United*. Routledge.

Journal Articles

35. Doherty, David, Conor M. Dowling, and Michael G. Miller. Forthcoming. "The Conditional Effect of Local Party Organization Activity on Federal Election Outcomes." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*. doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2019.1651320

34. Dowling, Conor M., Michael Henderson, and Michael G. Miller. Forthcoming. "Knowledge Persists, Opinions Drift: Learning and Opinion Change in a Three-Wave Panel Experiment." *American Politics Research*. doi.org/10.1177/1532673X19832543

33. Doherty, David, Conor M. Dowling, and Michael G. Miller. 2019. "Do Local Party Chairs Think Women and Minority Candidates Can Win? Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment." *Journal of Politics* 81: 1282-1297.
    - Awarded the Best Paper Award by the American Political Science Association's Experimental Research Section for the best paper presented at the 2016 APSA Annual Meeting (2017).

32. Doherty, David, Conor M. Dowling, Alan S. Gerber, and Gregory A. Huber. 2019. "Should I Cast an Ill-Informed Ballot? Examining the Contours of the Normative Obligation to Vote." *American Politics Research* 47: 1081-1099.

31. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, Conor M. Dowling, and Seth J. Hill. 2019. "The Voting Experience and Beliefs about Ballot Secrecy." *PLoS ONE* 14: e0209765.

30. Doherty, David, Conor M. Dowling, Alan S. Gerber, and Gregory A. Huber. 2017. "Are Voting Norms Conditional? How Electoral Context and Peer Behavior Shape the Social Returns to Voting." *Journal of Politics* 79: 1095-1100.

29. Winburn, Jonathan, Michael Henderson, and Conor M. Dowling. 2017. "From the Constituent's Eye: Experimental Evidence on the District Selection Preferences of Individuals." *Political Research Quarterly* 70: 32-41.

28. Dowling, Conor M., and Michael G. Miller. 2017. "Experimental Evidence on the Relationship between Candidate Funding Sources and Voter Evaluations." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 3: 152-163.

27. Doherty, David, Conor M. Dowling, and Michael G. Miller. 2016. "When Is Changing Policy Positions Costly for Politicians? Experimental Evidence." *Political Behavior* 38: 455-484.

26. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, and Conor M. Dowling. 2016. "Why People Vote: Estimating the Social Returns to Voting." *British Journal of Political Science* 46: 241-264.

25. Dowling, Conor M., and Michael G. Miller. 2015. "Can Information Alter Perceptions about Women's Chances of Winning Office? Evidence from a Panel Study." *Politics & Gender* 11: 55-88.

24. Dowling, Conor M., and Amber Wichowsky. 2015. "Attacks without Consequence? Anonymity, Disclosure, and the Effectiveness of Negative Advertising." *American Journal of Political Science* 59: 19-36.

23. Doherty, David, Conor M. Dowling, and Michael G. Miller. 2014. "Does Time Heal All Wounds? Scandals and the Passage of Time." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, Symposium 47: 357-366.

22. Gerber, Alan S., Eric M. Patashnik, David Doherty, and Conor M. Dowling. 2014. "Doctor Knows Best: Physician Endorsements, Public Opinion, and the Politics of CER." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 39: 171-209.

21. Dowling, Conor M., and Amber Wichowsky. 2013. "Does it Matter Who's Behind the Curtain? Anonymity in Political Advertising and the Effects of Campaign Finance Disclosure." *American Politics Research* 41: 965-996.

20. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, Conor M. Dowling, and Seth J. Hill. 2013. "Do Perceptions of Ballot Secrecy Influence Turnout? Results from a Field Experiment." *American Journal of Political Science* 57: 537-551.

19. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, Conor M. Dowling, and Seth J. Hill. 2013. "Who Wants to Discuss Vote Choices with Others? Polarization in Preferences for Deliberation." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 77: 474-496.

18. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, Conor M. Dowling, and Costas Panagopoulos. 2013. "Big Five Personality Traits and Responses to Persuasive Appeals: Evidence from Voter Turnout Experiments." *Political Behavior* 35: 687-728.

17. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, and Conor M. Dowling. 2013. "Assessing the Stability of Psychological and Political Survey Measures." *American Politics Research* 41: 54-75.

16. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, and Conor M. Dowling. 2013. "Is There a Secret Ballot? Ballot Secrecy Perceptions and Their Implications for Voting Behaviour." *British Journal of Political Science* 43: 77-102.

15. Dowling, Conor M., Ryan D. Enos, Anthony Fowler, and Costas Panagopoulos. 2012. "Does Public Financing Chill Political Speech? Exploiting a Court Injunction as a Natural Experiment." *Election Law Journal* 11: 302-315.

14. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, and Conor M. Dowling. 2012. "Disagreement and the Avoidance of Political Discussion: Aggregate Relationships and Differences across Personality Traits." *American Journal of Political Science* 56: 849-874.

13. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, and Conor M. Dowling. 2012. "Personality and the Strength and Direction of Partisan Identification." *Political Behavior* 34: 653-688.

12. Doherty, David, Conor M. Dowling, and Michael G. Miller. 2011. "Are Financial or Moral Scandals Worse? It Depends." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44: 749-757.

11. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, and Conor M. Dowling. 2011. "Citizens' Policy Confidence and Electoral Punishment: A Neglected Dimension of Electoral Accountability." *Journal of Politics* 73: 692-706.

10. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, Conor M. Dowling, Connor Raso, and Shang E. Ha. 2011. "Personality Traits and Participation in Political Processes." *Journal of Politics* 73: 692-706.

9. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, and Conor M. Dowling. 2011. "The Big Five Personality Traits in the Political Arena." *Annual Review of Political Science* 14: 265-287.

8. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, and Conor M. Dowling. 2011. "Personality Traits and the Consumption of Political Information." *American Politics Research* 39: 32-84.

7. Gerber, Alan S., Eric M. Patashnik, David Doherty, and Conor M. Dowling. 2010. "A National Survey Reveals Public Skepticism About Research-Based Treatment Guidelines." *Health Affairs* 29: 1882-1884.

6. Gerber, Alan S., Eric M. Patashnik, David Doherty, and Conor M. Dowling. 2010. "The Public Wants Information, Not Board Mandates, From Comparative Effectiveness Research." *Health Affairs* 29: 1872-1881.

5. Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, Conor M. Dowling, and Shang E. Ha. 2010. "Personality and Political Attitudes: Relationships Across Issue Domains and Political Contexts." *American Political Science Review* 104: 111-133.

4. Gerber, Alan S., Neil Malhotra, Conor M. Dowling, and David Doherty. 2010. "Publication Bias in Two Political Behavior Literatures." *American Politics Research* 38: 591-613.

3. McNulty, John E., Conor M. Dowling, and Margaret H. Ariotti. 2009. "Driving Saints to Sin: How the Difficulty of Voting Dissuades Even the Most Motivated Voters." *Political Analysis* 17: 435-455.

2. Dowling, Conor M., and Steve B. Lem. 2009. "Explaining Major and Third Party Candidate Entry in U.S. Gubernatorial Elections, 1980-2005." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 9: 1-23.

1. Lem, Steve B., and Conor M. Dowling. 2006. "Picking Their Spots: Minor Party Candidates in Gubernatorial Elections." *Political Research Quarterly* 59: 471-480.

Other Publications:

6. Krupnikov, Yanna, and Conor M. Dowling. 2016. "The Effects of Negative Advertising." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Ed. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.51

5. Dowling, Conor M. 2016. "*Idiocracy*: Do You Need To Be Informed To Vote in a Democracy?" In *Poli Sci Fi: An Introduction to Political Science through Science Fiction*. Michael A. Allen and Justin S. Vaughn (eds.). Routledge.

4. Gerber, Alan S., Kevin Arceneaux, Cheryl Boudreau, Conor M. Dowling, and D. Sunshine Hillygus. 2015. "Reporting Balance Tables, Response Rates and Manipulation Checks in Experimental Research: A Reply from the Committee that Prepared the Reporting Guidelines." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2: 216-229.

3. Gerber, Alan S., Kevin Arceneaux, Cheryl Boudreau, Conor M. Dowling, D. Sunshine Hillygus, Thomas R. Palfrey, Daniel R. Biggers, and David J. Hendry. 2014. "Reporting Guidelines for Experimental Research: A Report from the Experimental Research Section Standards Committee." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 1: 81-98.

2. Dowling, Conor M. 2011. "Public Financing and Candidate Participation in Gubernatorial Elections." In *Public Financing in American Elections*. Costas Panagopoulos (ed.). Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

1. Brief for *Amici Curiae*: Costas Panagopoulos, Ryan D. Enos, Conor M. Dowling, and Anthony Fowler. *McComish v. Bennett* in the United States Supreme Court. 2011.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS / PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

"Power Brokers: How Local Parties Shape Elections." Book manuscript with Doherty and Miller.

Summary: The manuscript describes how local political party chairs shape U.S. elections in various ways, from candidate recruitment/support to voter mobilization. Overall, using a combination of survey, experimental, and qualitative (in-person interviews with nearly 30 local party chairs), the manuscript establishes that chairs can affect representation, polarization, and competition, and marks an important link between the political party literature and several other areas of political science.

"Polarization and Primaries: Elite Perceptions or a Distinctive Electorate" with Doherty and Miller.

"The Effects of Increased Campaign Finance Disclosure: Evaluating Reform Proposals" with Wichowsky.

"The Social Returns to Political and Charitable Giving" with Henderson.

"Foreign Electoral Intervention and U.S. Public Opinion Concerning Retaliation" with Travis W. Endicott and Grant M. Armstrong.

"The Effects of Group-Based Identity Attacks on Political Behavior" with Grant M. Armstrong and Travis W. Endicott.

INVITED TALKS

"The Primary Electorate and Party Polarization" with David Doherty

- Center for the Study of American Politics Conference, Yale University (2019)

"The Advantages of Anonymity and the Effects of Increased Campaign Finance Disclosure"

- A Measure of Change: Next Generation Transparency, National Institute on Money in State Politics conference (2015); Money and the First Amendment, conference co-sponsored by the Keller Center for the Study of the First Amendment, CU Political Science Department, and the Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law, CU Law School (2016).

"Does it Matter Who's Behind the Curtain? Interest Groups and Anonymity in Political Advertising."

- Yale University (2011).

"Is There a Secret Ballot? Ballot Secrecy Perceptions and Their Implications for Voting Behavior."

- Dartmouth College (2010); Fordham University (2010); UMass-Amherst (2010); University of Virginia (2011); Yale University (2010).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Mississippi (SMBHC = Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College)

- Applied Politics
  - Winter 2019 (Study USA course in Washington, DC)
- Freshman Honors Seminar I – The Self and Society (SMBHC)
  - Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019
- Freshman Honors Seminar II – Religion, Science, and Nature (SMBHC)
  - Spring 2018, Spring 2020
- Graduate Seminar in American Politics
  - Fall 2013, Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2019
- Graduate Seminar in American Political Behavior
  - Spring 2017, Spring 2020
- Introduction to American Government
  - Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2014 (SMBHC), Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2017 (SMBHC), Spring 2018
- Political Parties and Interest Groups
  - Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2016
- Campaigns and Elections
  - Spring 2017
- Senior Seminar in American Politics ("Do Campaigns Matter?")
  - Fall 2013, Fall 2015
- Voting and Political Participation
  - Spring 2013, Spring 2014 (SMBHC), Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2016 (SMBHC), Fall 2018

Yale University

- Introduction to Statistics (Applications in Political Science), Fall 2011

Binghamton University

- Political Behavior, Spring 2008
- Campaigns and Elections, Summer 2005

GRANTS / AWARDS

Co-investigator (with Jonathan Winburn, PI), "Year of the Child" Project, Mississippi Office of the State Auditor, 2019, $20,000

College of Liberal Arts Sanford and Susan Thomas Senior Professor Research Award in the Social Sciences, University of Mississippi, 2019, $2,000

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Investment Grant, University of Mississippi, 2015-2016, $7,500 (PI, 2016 Cooperative Congressional Election Study, University of Mississippi Team Content)

College of Liberal Arts Faculty Grant for Research and Creative Achievement, University of Mississippi

- 2019, $7,955
- 2017, 8,026
- 2016, $7,500
- 2014, $7,500
- 2013, $7,500

SEC Travel Grant, University of Mississippi, 2015-2016, $1,381.35

Dissertation Semester Fellowship, Binghamton University, Fall 2007.

Hinman Research Fellow, Binghamton University Political Science Department, Summer 2004-2007.

Hinman Fellowship Recipient, Binghamton University Political Science Department, 2003-2004.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-editor: *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* with Tracy Osborn (University of Iowa) and Jonathan Winburn (University of Mississippi), beginning June 2020

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Asian Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, CQ Press, *Economic Inquiry*, *Election Law Journal*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, National Science Foundation, *PLOS ONE*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics*, *Politics & Gender*, *Polity*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, Routledge, *Social Forces*, *Social Science Journal*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, TESS (Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences).

Selected Conference Presentations:

- American Political Science Association (2009-2012, 2014-2018)
- Midwest Political Science Association (2007-2017, 2019)
- NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (2017)
- Public Choice Society (2013)
- Southern Political Science Association (2005-2008, 2015, 2017, 2020)
- Western Political Science Association (2007, 2019)

Chair/Discussant Duties:

- American Political Science Association (2014-2018)
- Midwest Political Science Association (2008-2010, 2012, 2014, 2019)
- Southern Political Science Association (2007-2008, 2015, 2020)
- Western Political Science Association (2007)

Other Activities:

- Member. 2017 American Political Science Association Program Committee. Experimental Research section co-chair (with Amber Wichowsky).
- Member. 2015 Southern Political Science Association Program Committee. Elections and Voting section chair.
- Co-coordinator. "Political Scandal and Corruption Conference." Loyola University Chicago, August 28, 2013.
- Member. "Reporting Standards Committee." APSA's Organized Section on Experimental Research. 2010-2011.

DEPARTMENT / UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Graduate Advising

- Grant Armstrong (Ph.D. expected 2020; Committee Chair)
- Kayla Butler (M.A. 2016)
- John Dudley (Ph.D. 2018)
- Travis Endicott (Ph.D. expected 2020; Committee Chair)
- Daniel Fudge (Ph.D. 2019)
- Joel Hanel (Ph.D. 2017; Committee Chair)
- Nichole Gligor (Ph.D. expected 2021)
- A. Hannibal Leach (Ph.D. 2017)
- Chanse Travis (Ph.D. 2015)

Other (Non-Routine) Departmental Service

- Graduate Admissions Committee (2017)
- American Politics Search Committee (2014, 2017)
- Judicial Politics Search Committee (2016)

Honors Thesis Advising

- Chair: Christine Sim (2016), Raquel Espitia (2017), Savannah Maas (2018)
- Reader: Cody Austin (2017), Kimberly Hardges (2015), Bess Nichols (2017)

University Committees

- Committee on the Interdisciplinary Graduate Minor in Applied Statistics (2015-present)
- Research Board (Chancellor's Standing Committee), College of Liberal Arts, Group III, Alternate (2018-present)
- Instructional Technology, College of Liberal Arts, At-Large Representative (2018-present)
- Sabbatical Leave Review Committee (Chancellor's Standing Committee), College of Liberal Arts, Group III (2019-present)
- Truman Scholarship Nominating Committee (2020)