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INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC POSITION

The University of Texas at Dallas

Assistant Professor, Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2023 —

EDUCATION

Duke University

Ph.D., Political Science, 2023

M.A., Political Science, 2020

Exams in Political Economy and Political Behavior

The University of Chicago

M.A. (with honors), International Relations, 2016

Tulane University

B.A. (*cum laude*), Economics and Political Science, 2014

REFEREED

JOURNAL

ARTICLES

Todd, J., Krishnamurthy, A, and Bram., C., Do At-large Elections Reduce Black Representation? A New Baseline for County Legislatures. *Electoral Studies* (Accepted).

Bram, C., Beyond Partisan Filters: Can Underreported News Reduce Issue Polarization?. *PLOS One* (Accepted).

Bram, C., Expectations for policy change and participation. *Public Opinion Quarterly* (2023).

Bram, C., The most important election of our lifetime: focalism and political participation. *Political Psychology* (2023).

Bram, C., A professional development course for political science undergraduates. *PS: Political Science and Politics* (2023).

Bram, C., Munger, M. Where you stand depends on where you live: county voting on the Texas secession referendum. *Constitutional Political Economy* (2022).

Bram, C., When a conspiracy theory goes mainstream, people feel more positive toward conspiracy theorists. *Research & Politics* (2021).

BOOK PROJECT

Bram, C., *Partisan Veils and Democratic Ideals: Experiments on Principled Policy Support Among American Politicians*. Under advance contract with *Cambridge University Press*, Elements in Experimental Political Science Series

WORKING PAPERS

Lee, N., Marble, W., Chen, K., and Bram, C. Voice and Value: How Elected Officials Evaluate Online and Offline Constituent Feedback. Invited to revise and resubmit at *Public Opinion Quarterly*

Nathan, C., Krishnamurthy, A., Bram, C., and Todd, J., The donor went down to Georgia: Out-of-district donations and rivalrous representation. Invited to revise and resubmit at *Political Behavior*

Krishnamurthy, A., Bram, C., and Nathan, C. The Punitive Public? Testing the Opinion-Election Connection in Criminal Justice Policy. Invited to revise and resubmit at *American Politics Research*

BOOK CHAPTER

Bram, C., “Transaction Costs and Authoritarian Institutions: Early Coalition Size and Regime Party-Building”, in *Political Processes and Political Order*, Rowman & Littlefield / Lexington Books, Forthcoming

MEDIA

This is the most important election of your lifetime. Or is it? *The Washington Post* (Monkey Cage)

UFOs exist, and might come from beyond Earth, the U.S. said. Will that encourage conspiracy theorists? *The Washington Post* (Monkey Cage)

Interviewed for “Trustworthy” documentary on polarization and media

Work cited in MediaPost op-ed “Media Bias Is A Fact Of Life - But Polarization Need Not Be”

TEACHING

The University of Texas at Dallas

- Survey Research (Graduate, Fall 2023)

Duke University (Instructor of Record):

- The Psychology of Political Participation (Fall 2022)
- Professional Development in Political Science (Fall 2018 & 2019, Spring 2021 & 2022)

Duke University (Teaching Assistant):

- Political Psychology (Fall 2020)

Certificate in College Teaching, Duke University, 2023

Teaching Politics Certificate, Duke University, 2021

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (2021, 2022, 2023)

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (2023)

NYU C.E.S.S. Conference (2023)

Online News Association (2022) ([Audio recording](#))

Harvard Experiments Conference (2021)

Midwest Political Science Association (2021, 2024)

Southern Political Science Association (2019, 2020)

AWARDS

PEPPPS Faculty Research Enhancement Grant, 2023 (\$10,000)

Media, Polarization, and Democracy Research Symposium at the Institute for Humane Studies (\$300), 2023

J. Peter Euben Research Grant, Worldview Lab at the Kenan Institute for Ethics, 2022 (\$6,000)

Research Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2022 – 2023 (\$7,500)

Frontiers in Polarization Research Symposium at the Institute for Humane Studies (\$800)

Publication Accelerator Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, 2022 (\$5,000)

Research Grant, Worldview Lab at the Kenan Institute for Ethics, 2022 (\$1,000)

Graduate Research Fellowship, Kenan Institute for Ethics, 2021 – 2022 (\$3,000)

Research Grant, Hayek Fund at The Institute for Humane Studies, 2021 (\$2,000)

Aleane Webb Dissertation Fellowship , Duke University, 2021, 2022 (\$1,000 total)

Don Lavoie Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2020 – 2021 (\$1,500)

Institutions and Political Economy Research Grant, Duke University, 2019 (\$6,000)

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2019 – 2020, 2021 – 2022 (\$10,000 total)

Academic Exchange, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, 2018

Full M.A. Tuition Scholarship, The University of Chicago, 2015 – 2016

SERVICE

Early Career Editorial Board Member, *Political Psychology*

Reviewer for:

American Political Science Review (3x), Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly