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Education

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, 2020-present.
M.A., Political Science, 2022.

Dartmouth College

B.A., Quantitative Social Science and Government, High Honors in QSS, 2018.

Research Interests

Race & Politics, Political Psychology, Political Behavior – *racial fluidity, identity, multiracial politics, Latino politics, partisanship, elite cues, public opinion, racial attitudes, survey methods, experiments*

Peer-Reviewed Publications

8. Baltz, Samuel, Alexander Agadjanian, and other MIT Election Lab members. 2022. “[American election results at the precinct level.](#)” *Nature Scientific Data* 9(651).
7. Agadjanian, Alexander et al. (with Brendan Nyhan and Dartmouth students). 2023. “[A platform penalty for news? How social media context can alter information credibility online.](#)” *Journal of Information Technology & Politics* 20(3): 338-348.
6. Agadjanian, Alexander. 2022. “[How Many Americans Change Their Racial Identification over Time?](#)” *Socius* 8(1): 1-3.
* Media coverage: [Washington Post](#)
5. Agadjanian, Alexander, John Carey, Yusaku Horiuchi, and Timothy Ryan. 2023. “[Disfavor or Favor? Assessing the Valence of White Americans’ Racial Attitudes.](#)” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 18(1): 75-103.
* Media coverage: [Not Another Politics Podcast](#)
4. Agadjanian, Alexander and Dean Lacy. 2021. “[Changing Votes, Changing Identities? Racial Fluidity and Vote Switching in the 2012-2016 US Presidential Elections.](#)” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 85(3): 737-752.
* Media coverage: [Bloomberg Opinion](#), [The Science of Politics Podcast](#)
3. Agadjanian, Alexander. 2021. “[When Do Partisans Stop Following the Leader?](#)” *Political Communication* 38(4): 351-369.
2. Agadjanian, Alexander et al. (with Brendan Nyhan and seminar classmates). 2019. “[Counting the Pinocchios: The Effect of Summary Fact-Checking Data on Perceived Accuracy and Favorability of Politicians.](#)” *Research & Politics* July-September: 1-10.
* Media coverage: [WaPo Monkey Cage](#), [CJR](#)
1. Agadjanian, Alexander and Yusaku Horiuchi. 2020. “[Has Trump Damaged U.S. Image Abroad? Decomposing the Effects of Policy Messages on Foreign Public Opinion.](#)” *Political Behavior* 42(2): 581-602.
* Media coverage: [PsyPost](#)

Work in Progress

“[Ground Truth Validation of Survey Estimates of Split-Ticket Voting with Cast Vote Records Data](#)”

(with Jonathan Robinson).

* Media coverage: [Nieman Lab](#)

“Partisan Pressures and Racial Fluidity.”

“Policy Trust and Elite Influence on Public Opinion.”

“Measures of Racial Identity and their Implications for Political Behavior” (with Lauren Davenport and Taeku Lee).

“Hispanic Identity Attrition and Understandings of Group Political Behavior.”

Other Publications

“If racial identity can be fluid, who changes their race?” 2023. *Aeon+Psyche Magazine*.

“Why they follow: It’s not just Trump. Voters happily adopt their leaders’ views.” 2020. *Washington Post*.

“Voters follow their leaders despite what other party elites say and do.” 2020. *LSE USAPP Blog*.

“Biden’s VP Selection is Unlikely to Have Much of an Effect on the Dynamics of the Race” (with Brian Schaffner). 2020. *Mischiefs of Faction*.

“What Do Swing Voters Think? Meet @American_Voter” (with G. Elliott Morris). 2020. *New York Times*.

* Media coverage: [Vox](#), [Slate](#)

“What Democrats Could Lose With Their Left Turn.” 2019. *New York Times - The Upshot*.

* Media coverage: [CNN](#), [NYMag](#), [The Atlantic](#)

“How Joe Biden attracts both black voters and racially ‘resentful’ voters.” 2019. *Washington Post*.

* Media coverage: [The Economist](#), [NBC News](#), [Washington Post](#)

“Since Trump’s election, the U.S. image abroad has plummeted. But is it really just about Trump?” (with Yusaku Horiuchi). 2018. *Washington Post - Monkey Cage*.

“Democrats Are Changing Their Minds About Race, and the Youth Are Leading the Way” (with Sean McElwee). 2018. *New York Magazine*.

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

“Hispanic Identity Attrition and Understandings of Group Political Behavior.” APSA Conference. Philadelphia, PA. 2024.

“Latinos in the House? Demographic Change, Ethnic Attrition, and Latino Political Behavior” (with Alejandro Flores and Marcel F. Roman). Latine Identity and Opinion Symposium. Brown University. 2024.

“Hispanic Identity Attrition and Understandings of Group Political Behavior.” MPSA Conference. Chicago, IL. 2024.

“Measures of Racial Identity and their Implications for Understanding Political Behavior” (with Lauren Davenport and Taeku Lee). APSA Conference (virtual). 2023.

“Multiracial Americans and Dynamics of Racial Identity Change.” UCLA Race, Ethnicity, Politics, & Society (REPS) Lab. 2023.

“Multiracial Americans and Dynamics of Racial Identity Change.” The Racial Frontier: Multiracial or Mixed-Race Identity in the Social Sciences (CSDP and PREIP Conference). Princeton University. 2023.

“Party-Race Linkages and Racial Fluidity: A Survey Experimental Test on Mixed Race Americans.”

APSA Conference. Montreal. 2022.

“Disfavor or Favor? Assessing the Valence of White Americans’ Racial Attitudes” (with John Carey, Yusaku Horiuchi, and Timothy Ryan). AsianPolmeth VIII & ASQPS IX. Online due to COVID-19. 2021.

“Disfavor or Favor? An Assessment of What Whites’ Racial Attitudes Mean” (with John Carey, Yusaku Horiuchi, and Timothy Ryan). APSA Conference. Online due to COVID-19. 2020.

“Assessing the Accuracy of Vote Recall in the United States.” Research Chair in Electoral Studies at the Université de Montréal. 2020.

“Ground Truth Validation of Survey Estimates of Split-Ticket Voting with Cast Vote Records” (with Jonathan Robinson). APSA Conference. Washington, DC. 2019.

“When Do Partisans Stop Following the Leader?” MPSA Conference. Chicago, IL. 2019.

“Are Racial Identities Endogenous? Race Change and Vote Switching in the 2012-2016 US Presidential Elections” (with Dean Lacy). MPSA Conference. Chicago, IL. 2019.

“Vote Switching and Racial Identity Change in 2012-2016” (with Dean Lacy). Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium. Cornell University. 2018.

“Party Leader Influence on Policy Opinion Amid Conflicting Signals.” APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference. Harvard University. 2018.

“Source Cue Effects and Policy Considerations in Transnational Opinion Formation” (with Yusaku Horiuchi). APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference. University of California, Berkeley. 2017.

Awards and Funding

2021. Center for the Study of American Democracy Grant, UC Berkeley (\$2,000).

2020-present. National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship.

2020-present. Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study.

2017-2018. Dartmouth College Honor List.

2017-2018. [Undergraduate Research and Advising Honors Thesis Grant](#), Dartmouth College (\$400).

2017-2018. [Rockefeller Center Senior Honors Thesis Grant](#), Dartmouth College (\$600).

2017-2018. [Politics and Law Fellowship](#), Dartmouth College (\$1,500).

2017. [Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning, Student Experiential Learning Fund](#), Dartmouth College (\$1,500).

Employment and Relevant Experience

2022. Graduate Student Instructor, PS 161: Public Opinion, Voting and Participation, UC Berkeley.

2022. Graduate Student Researcher for Taeku Lee and Lauren Davenport, UC Berkeley.

2018-2020. Senior Research Support Associate, [MIT Election Data and Science Lab](#).

2016-2018. [Survey Editor](#), *The Dartmouth*.

2016-2018. Research assistant for Professor Yusaku Horiuchi, Dept. of Government, Dartmouth College.

2017. Statistics and Methodology Intern, National Opinion Research Center (NORC).

2017. Intern, Lake Research Partners.

Professional Activities and Service

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies* (x2), *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *JAMA Health Forum*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Nature Scientific Data*, *PNAS Nexus*, *Political Behavior* (x2), *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Politics* (x2), *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly* (x2), *Socius*

Discussant: MPSA Conference (2024)

Member: American Political Science Association (2017-present).

Skills

Software: R, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, Stata

Languages: English (native); Spanish, Russian (heritage)