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Academic Appointments

Washington University in St. Louis (2018 - present)

Post-doctoral research fellow

Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Emory University, 2018.

BA, History & Political Science, Oklahoma State University, 2012.

Publications

Journal Articles

Martin, Gregory J., and Steven W. Webster. Forthcoming. "Does Residential Sorting Explain Geographic Polarization?" *Political Science Research & Methods*.

Webster, Steven W., and Andrew W. Pierce. Forthcoming. "Older, Younger, or More Similar? The Use of Age as a Voting Heuristic." *Social Science Quarterly*.

Abramowitz, Alan I., and Steven W. Webster. 2018. "Negative Partisanship: Why Americans Dislike Parties but Behave like Rabid Partisans." *Political Psychology* 39: 119-135.

Webster, Steven W. 2018. "It's Personal: The Big Five Personality Traits and Negative Partisan Affect in Polarized U.S. Politics." *American Behavioral Scientist* 62 (1): 127-145.

Webster, Steven W. 2017. "Anger and Declining Trust in Government in the American Electorate." *Political Behavior*. doi: 10.1007/s11109-017-9431-7

Webster, Steven W., and Alan I. Abramowitz. 2017. "The Ideological Foundations of Affective Polarization in the U.S. Electorate." *American Politics Research* 45 (4): 621-647.

Abramowitz, Alan I., and Steven W. Webster. 2016. "The Rise of Negative Partisanship and the Nationalization of U.S. Elections in the 21st Century." *Electoral Studies* 41: 12-22.

Book chapters & book reviews

Abramowitz, Alan I., and Steven W. Webster. 2018. "The Angry American Voter: Negative Partisanship, Voter Anger, and the 2016 Presidential Election." In *The State of the Parties 2018: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Political Parties*. Edited by Green, John C., Coffey, Daniel J., and David B. Cohen. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

Works in progress

American Anger: How Anger Lowers Political Trust, Weakens Democratic Values, and Forges Partisan Loyalty.
Book manuscript.

"Trait-Based Anger and Trust in Government."

"Anger and Perceptions of the Value of Democracy."

"Political Elites and the Strategic Use of Anger."

"Anger and Voter Loyalty in American Elections."

"How Race Influences the Impact of Anger on Trust in Government." With Andrew W. Pierce.

"Anger, Overconfidence, and Political Misperceptions in the American Electorate."

Other publications

"Mad as Hell: How Anger Diminishes Trust in Government." In *Sabato's Crystal Ball, University of Virginia Center for Politics*. May 17, 2018.

"Why Republicans and Democrats can no longer 'just get along'." In *London School of Economics US Centre blog*. November 23, 2017.

"Partisan Geographic Sorting." In *Sabato's Crystal Ball, University of Virginia Center for Politics*. December 15, 2016.

"The Angry American Voter." In *Sabato's Crystal Ball, University of Virginia Center for Politics*. August 6, 2015.

"The Only Thing We Have to Fear Is the Other Party." In *Sabato's Crystal Ball, University of Virginia Center for Politics*. June 4, 2015.

"Explaining the Republican 'Lock' on The House: Strong Partisanship, Not Gerrymandering, Tells Much of the Story." In *Sabato's Crystal Ball, University of Virginia Center for Politics*. April 23, 2015.

Awards and Honors

Emory University

George W. Woodruff Fellowship

Summer research grant (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Laney Graduate School research grant (\$2,500), Spring 2016

Conference presentations

"Trait-Based Anger and American Political Behavior." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 6, 2018.

"Taking it to a New Level: Negative Partisanship, Party Loyalty and the Triumph of Trump." With Alan I. Abramowitz. Paper presented at the State of the Parties Conference, Akron, OH, November 9, 2017.

"Anger and Overconfidence in the American Electorate." With Kyle L. Saunders. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31, 2017.

Participant, roundtable on Extreme Political Polarization and Legitimacy. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30, 2017.

"It's Personal: The Big Five Personality Traits and Negative Partisan Affect." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 8, 2017.

"Anger and Declining Trust in Government in the American Electorate." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 8, 2017.

"The Ideological Foundations of Affective Polarization." With Alan I. Abramowitz. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 9, 2016.

"All Politics is National: The Rise of Negative Partisanship and the Nationalization of U.S. House and Senate Elections in the 21st Century." With Alan I. Abramowitz. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 6, 2015.

"All Politics is National: The Rise of Negative Partisanship and the Nationalization of U.S. House and Senate Elections in the 21st Century." With Alan I. Abramowitz. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 18, 2015.

"Descriptive Representation, Voter Age and Vote Choice: The Use of Age as a Heuristic." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 14, 2013.

Teaching

Emory University

American Elections & Voting (Fall 2016, undergraduate)

Introduction to Statistical Programming in R (Fall 2016 & 2017, graduate)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (TA, Fall 2015, undergraduate)

Introduction to Statistical Methods (TA, Fall 2014, undergraduate)

Leibniz Universität (Hannover, Germany)

American Political Behavior, Elections, and the Presidency (Summer 2017)

Visiting scholar, funded by the German Academic Exchange (DAAD)

Public scholarship

Print

The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, Politico, National Journal, Vox.com, The Christian Science Monitor, The Atlanta Journal Constitution, New York Magazine, Pacific Standard, Folha de São Paulo.

Radio

Sirius XM POTUS Channel (10/2015)

Referee service

American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, American Political Science Review, Electoral Studies, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly

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