

Trent Ollerenshaw

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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Houston 2024 – Present

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, Duke University 2019 – 2024

Primary Fields: Political Behaviors and Identities, Political Methodology

Committee: Christopher Johnston (Chair), Ashley Jardina, Sunshine Hillygus, Jon Green

Master of Arts, Political Science, Duke University 2019 – 2022

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of California – San Diego 2015 – 2018

Peer-Reviewed Publications

8. Kenealy, Andrew, Trent Ollerenshaw, and So Jin Lee. Forthcoming. “Observable Bounds of Rationality and Credibility in International Relations.” *Journal of Politics*.
7. Ollerenshaw, Trent. 2025. “Affective polarization and the destabilization of core political values.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 13(1): 212-220.
6. Ollerenshaw, Trent. 2024. “The Conditional Effects of Authoritarianism on COVID-19 Pandemic Health Behaviors and Policy Preferences.” *Political Behavior* 46: 233–256.
5. Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Ashley E. Jardina. 2023. “The Asymmetric Polarization of Immigration Opinion in the United States.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 87(4): 1038–53.
4. Ollerenshaw, Trent. 2023. “Authoritarianism and support for Trump and Clinton in the 2016 primaries.” *Research & Politics* 10(3).
3. Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Christopher D. Johnston. 2022. “The Conditional Relationship of Psychological Needs to Ideology: a Large-Scale Replication.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 86(2): 369–80.
2. Jardina, Ashley E., and Trent Ollerenshaw. 2022. “The Polls—Trends: The Polarization of White Racial Attitudes and Support for Racial Equality in the U.S.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 86(S1): 576–87.
1. Johnston, Christopher D., and Trent Ollerenshaw. 2020. “How different are cultural and economic ideology?” *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences* 34: 94–101.

Book Chapters

1. Jardina, Ashley E., and Trent Ollerenshaw. Forthcoming. “White Racial Attitude Polarization Before and After the Election of Donald Trump.” in *The Changing Character of the American Right, Volume I* (eds. Joel D. Aberbach, Bruce E. Cain, Desmond King and Gillian Peele).

Under Review

- Ollerenshaw, Trent. “The Heterogeneous Associations of Rural Consciousness and Political Preferences.” *Revise & Resubmit, Political Behavior*.
- Panish, Adam, Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Joseph Vitriol. “Americans’ Responses to COVID-19 and the Conditional Role of Dispositional Needs for Security: A Replication and Extension.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent. “A Difference-in-Differences Approach for Estimating Mode Effects.”

Working Papers

- Jardina, Ashley E., and Trent Ollerenshaw. “Change and More of the Same: Racial Attitudes and Whites’ Preferences for Race-Conscious Policy.”
- Jordan, Diana, Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Andrew Trexler. “Repeated Measure Designs are Superior for (Most) Experimental Survey Research Applications.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent. “Partisan Differences in General Self-Rated Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

Research In-Progress

- Druckman, James, Rongbo Jin, Paul Lendway, Trent Ollerenshaw, and Arjun Vishwanath. “Race, Party, and Equality in Law.”
- Eagle, David, Johnston, Christopher, Erin, Johnston, and Trent Ollerenshaw. “Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church: A Text Analysis of Sermons.”
- Konicki, John, and Trent Ollerenshaw. “Anti-Racists for Conservative Causes? Race and Ideology in Opinion Formation.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Andrew Kenealy. “American Guilt and Support for Foreign Aid.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Paul Lendway. “Not so Ideologically Ignorant: Americans and the Substance of Liberal-Conservative Ideology.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent, Lothamer, Lucas, and JeongKyu Suh. “Personality and Intraparty Politics in the US.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent. “The Conditional Relationship Between Dispositional Needs and Preferences for Collective Security.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent. “Measuring and Ameliorating Animosity along the Rural-Urban Divide.”
- Ollerenshaw, Trent. “Political Engagement, Opinion Formation, and Trade-Offs Between Self-Interest and Symbolic Politics.”

Grants

14. UH College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Research Progress Grant. “Measuring and Ameliorating Animosity along the Rural-Urban Divide.” (11/24). \$4,000.
13. APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant. “LGBT Inclusion and the Disaffiliation Crisis in the United Methodist Church.” (08/24). \$2,000.
12. Institute for Humane Studies, Hayek Fund for Scholars. “Race, Party, and Equality in Law.” (07/24). (w/James Druckman, Rongbo Jin, Paul Lendway, and Arjun Vishwanath.) \$5,000.
11. Institute for Humane Studies, Publication Accelerator Grant. “Measuring and Ameliorating Animosity along America’s Rural-Urban Divide.” (07/24). \$5,000.
10. Rapoport Family Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Survey Research Grant. “Repeated Measure Designs in Survey Experiments.” (02/24). \$14,595.
9. Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) Special Competition on Replications. “Repeated Measure Designs in Survey Experiments.” (11/23). (w/Andrew Trexler and Diana Jordan). *Survey Project Funded*.
8. Polarization Research Lab. “Mapping Rural-Urban Polarization to Place-Based Resentments.” (10/23). *Survey Project Funded*.
7. SSRC Religion, Spirituality, and Democratic Renewal Program. “Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church: A Text Analysis of Sermons.” (06/23). \$14,116.
6. Institute for Humane Studies. “Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church: A Text Analysis of Sermons.” (05/23). \$4,846.
5. Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS). “Partisanship, COVID-19, and Survey Health Measures.” (04/23). *Survey Project Funded*.
4. Bass Connections Student Research Award. “Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church: A Text Analysis of Sermons.” (03/23). \$3,000.
3. IFREE Pilot Research Grant. “Do Anti-Racist Attitudes Cause Pro-Black Behavior?” (03/23). \$1,000.
2. Institute for Humane Studies, Publication Accelerator Grant. “Anti-Racists for Conservative Causes? Race and Public Opinion Beyond Party Lines.” (12/22). \$5,000.
1. Center for Global and International Studies Graduate Award for Research and Training. “American Guilt, Structural Global Inequality, and Preferences for Foreign Aid.” (04/21, 04/22). \$2,250.

Fellowships

3. Institute for Humane Studies Fellowships. Graduate Sabbatical Fellowship. (01/24). Junior Fellowship. (06/23). Summer Research Fellowship. (06/22).
2. Duke University Summer Research Fellowship for Students in Third Year and Beyond (06/22).
1. John Hope Franklin Institute Digital Knowledge Fellow. (08/20).

Public Scholarship

1. Jardina, Ashley E., and Trent Ollerenshaw. February 15, 2024. “Democrats Aren’t Driving Radicalization on Immigration.” *Good Authority*.

Conference Presentations

- American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR): 2023
- American Political Science Association (APSA): 2024, 2023, 2022
- Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) : 2024, 2023
- Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA): 2024, 2023, 2022
- Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth): 2024
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA): 2022
- Texas Methods Meeting (TexMeth): 2025

Teaching

Instructor of Record

- University of Houston. “POLS 3312: Arguments, Data, and Politics.” (Fall 2024)
- University of Houston. “POLS 6380: Quantitative Methods I.” (Fall 2024)

Teaching Assistant

- Duke University. “Political Science Graduate Math Camp.” (Summer 2023)
- Duke University. “POLSCI 201: Public Opinion.” (Spring 2022)
- Duke University. “POLSCI 238: Racial Attitudes and Racial Prejudice.” (Fall 2021)

Other Teaching

- Duke University, Bass Connections. Project Manager: “Politics and Polarization in Mainline Protestant Congregations.” (2022 – 2023)
- Duke University. Graduate Advisor: “Political Science Honors Thesis Seminar.” (2020 — 2021)
- University of California, San Diego. “Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Peer Educator.” (2017 – 2018)

Reviewer

American Political Science Review (1), American Politics Research (1), British Journal of Political Science (2), Electoral Studies (1), Journal of Politics (1), Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (1), Political Behavior (3), Politics, Groups, and Identities (2), Public Opinion Quarterly (1), Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (1)