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EDUCATION University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D., Political Science, Spring 2015.

- * Dissertation: “When Persuasion Works, Lasts and Spreads: Evidence From Three Longitudinal Field Experiments on Gay Equality and Abortion”
- * Committee: Lynn Vavreck (Chair), John Zaller, Don Green, Jeff Lewis, David O. Sears (Psychology) & Tim Groeling (Communications)

M.S., Statistics, Winter 2015.

- * Thesis: “Testing The Two-Step Flow of Political Communications: A Networked Field Experiment on Opinion Leaders and Social Transmission”
- * Chair: Mark Handcock

M.A., Political Science, 2012.

The University of Texas at Austin

B.A., Government with Departmental Honors, *Magna cum Laude*, 2009.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

LaCour, Michael J. & Donald P. Green. “When Contact Changes Minds: An Experiment on Transmission of Support For Gay Equality”, *Science*, 12 December 2014: 346 (6215), 1366-1369.

- ★ Winner of the 2015 *Pi Sigma Alpha Award* for the best paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference (2014).

LaCour, Michael J. & Lynn Vavreck. “Improving Media Measurement: Evidence From the Field.” *Political Communication*, Volume 31, Issue 3, August 2014.

UNDER REVIEW

LaCour, Michael J. “The Echo Chambers Are Empty: Direct Evidence of Balanced, Not Selective, Exposure To Political Media”

- ★ Featured in: *The Economist*, *USA Today*

“Double Sampling for Missing Outcome Data in Randomized Experiments” (with Peter M. Aronow, Alan S. Gerber, Donald P. Green and Holger Kern).

SELECTED PROJECTS IN PREPARATION

“Abortion Messages Received, Accepted, Retained and Transmitted: Evidence From Field Experiments on Networked Populations.” [Experimental Design Registration & Pre-analysis Plan](#).

“Digital Fingerprints: Media Measurements for the 21st Century” (with Simon Jackman, Jeff Lewis & Lynn Vavreck)

- ★ Featured in: *YouGov Model Politics*

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- *Pi Sigma Alpha Award 2015*. Award for the best paper presented at the MPSA Annual National Conference (2014).
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2014-2015.
- Fellowship in Political Psychology, UCLA Department of Psychology, Summer 2014.
- Emerging Instructor Award, UCLA Office of Instructional Development, 2013-2014. *One of three UCLA graduate student instructors selected for excellence in their first year of teaching.*
- Walter Winchell Fellowship in Communications & Journalism, UCLA Department of Communication Studies, 2013-2014.
- Graduate Student Researcher, UCLA Department of Communication Studies, 2013-2014.
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2013.
- Will Rogers Memorial Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division Diversity Office, 2013-2014. *Fellowship (\$10,000) for graduate students with physical disabilities in any field of study.*
- Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2012-2013.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICPSR Field Experiments Training Grant, UCLA Department of Political Science, Summer 2012. • Chancellor's Prize Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, Summer 2011, Summer 2012. • University Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2010-2011, 2011-2012.
INVITED TALKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amsterdam School of Communication Research, University of Amsterdam, October 2, 2014. • Analyst Institute, New York City, June 20, 2014. • New York University, International Society For Justice Research. "Symposium 6.1: Community and Interpersonal Levers of Social Change." June 22, 2014. • Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Los Angeles, July 2014. • Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, Los Angeles, June 2013. • Prospective Graduate Student Research Preview Day, UCLA, 2012, 2013, 2014.
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 2013, 2014. • Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, 2012, 2013, 2014.
TEACHING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poli Sci/Comm 199: Quantitative Examination of Media Bias (co-taught with Tim Groeling), Spring 2013. Syllabus PDF. • Poli Sci 199: Experimental Design, Implementation and Analysis, Winter 2013. Syllabus PDF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Emerging Instructor Award. <i>One of three UCLA graduate student instructors selected for excellence in their first quarter of teaching.</i>
UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENT SERVICE	<p>University of California, Los Angeles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-President (with Paasha Mahdavi), Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2013-2014. • Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Studies Committee, 2012-2013. • Conference Organizer, Cal-APSA (with Paasha Mahdavi & Sebastian Garrido), 2012. • Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, 2011-2012. • Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011-2012. <p>The University of Texas at Austin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mascot, "Hook Em", The Longhorn, 2007-2009.
ACADEMIC SERVICE	<p><i>American Journal of Political Science</i> ('Super Reviewer' 2013), <i>Political Communication</i>, <i>Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)</i>, <i>Political Behavior</i>, <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i></p>

ACADEMIC
REFERENCES

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