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STEVEN W. WEBSTER

research interests

Voting behavior, public opinion, political psychology, emotions, personality

education

Ph.D. Candidate, Emory University, 2013-present.

Dissertation: *Essays on Anger, Personality, and Political Behavior*.

B.A. Political Science & History, Oklahoma State University, 2012.

publications

Journal articles

Webster, Steven W. Forthcoming. "Anger and Declining Trust in Government in the American Electorate." *Political Behavior*.

Webster, Steven W. Forthcoming. "It's Personal: The Big Five Personality Traits and Negative Partisan Affect in Polarized U.S. Politics." *American Behavioral Scientist*.

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

Webster, Steven W., and Alan I. Abramowitz. 2017. "The Ideological Foundations of Affective Polarization in the U.S. Electorate." *American Politics Research*.

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.

Other publications

"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. With Alan I. Abramowitz.

"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. With Alan I. Abramowitz.

"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. With Alan I. Abramowitz.

working papers

"Trait-Based Anger and American Political Behavior."

“Does Residential Sorting Explain Geographic Polarization?” With Gregory J. Martin.

Under review.

“The Effect of Anger and Salience on Political Behavior.” *Under review.*

“Taking it to a New Level: Negative Partisanship, Party Loyalty and the Triumph of Trump.” With Alan I. Abramowitz.

“Negative Partisanship and the Changing American Electorate.” With Alan I. Abramowitz.

“Anger, Overconfidence, and Political Misperceptions in the American Electorate.”

conference
presentations

“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 University (Hannover, Germany)

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

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media
coverage

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.

TV

RT America (05/2016)

Radio

Sirius XM POTUS Channel (10/2015)

honors
and awards

Emory University

George W. Woodruff Fellowship

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

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

referee
service

American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly