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Research Interests

Voting behavior, political psychology, personality and politics, emotions, media and politics

Education

2013–present	Emory University , Ph.D. Candidate
2008–2012	Oklahoma State University, B.A. History/Political Science (<i>summa cum laude</i>)

Publications

- Webster, Steven W., and Alan I. Abramowitz. “The Ideological Foundations of Affective Polarization in the U.S. Electorate.” *American Politics Research*, forthcoming. doi: 1532673X17703132
- Webster, Steven W., and Andrew W. Pierce. “Older, Younger, or More Similar? The Use of Age as a Voting Heuristic.” *Social Science Quarterly*, forthcoming.
- 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.

Working Papers

1. “Does Residential Sorting Explain Geographic Polarization?” With Gregory J. Martin. *Under review*.
2. “Anger and Declining Trust in Government in the American Electorate.” *Under review*.
3. “Trait-Based Anger and American Political Behavior.”
4. “It’s Personal: The Big Five Personality Traits and Negative Partisan Affect.” *Under review*.
5. “The Effect of Anger and Salience on Political Behavior.” *Under review*.
6. “Anger, Overconfidence, and Political Misperceptions in the American Electorate.”
7. “The Big Five Personality Traits, Interaction Effects, and Political Ideology.”

Conference Presentations

- “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.

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.

Media Coverage & Public Scholarship

- Research featured in *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*.
- Interview on RT America about partisanship, ideology, and the 2016 elections (May 2016); Interview on *The Michael Smerconish Show*, Sirius XM POTUS Channel, about negative partisanship and the 2016 elections (October 2015)

Teaching

- American Political Behavior, Elections, and the Presidency (Summer 2017)
 - Leibniz University (Hannover, Germany)
 - Funded by the German Academic Exchange (DADD)
- American Elections & Voting (Emory University, Fall 2016, undergraduate)
- Introduction to Statistical Programming in R (Emory University, Fall 2016, graduate)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (TA, Emory University, Fall 2015, undergraduate)
- Introduction to Statistical Methods (TA, Emory University, Fall 2014, undergraduate)

Honors, Awards & Grants

- George W. Woodruff Fellowship (Emory University)
- Summer research grant (Emory University)
 - Summer 2017
 - Summer 2016
 - Summer 2015
 - Summer 2014
- Emory University Laney Graduate School research grant (\$2,500), Spring 2016

Skills & Languages

Skills	R, Stata, L ^A T _E X, Qualtrics
Languages	English (native), Spanish (intermediate)

Referee Service

American Politics Research, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly

Professional Experience

- Intern, United States Senate, Spring 2011