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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York
Associate Professor of Communications and Magazine, News & Digital Journalism, 2023 -
S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications
Senior Researcher, *Institute for Democracy, Journalism & Citizenship*
Associate Professor of Political Science (by courtesy),
Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs
Senior Research Associate, *Campbell Public Affairs Institute*

Carnegie Corporation of New York

Andrew Carnegie Fellow 2022 - 2025

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Associate Dean for Research & Strategic Initiatives, 2022 - 2023
Manship School of Mass Communication

Associate Professor of Political Communication (with tenure) 2022 - 2023
Manship School of Mass Communication & Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor of Political Communication 2015 - 2022
Faculty Affiliate, Media Effects Lab

Research Affiliate, *Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs*

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Visiting Fellow, *Institute for Quantitative Social Science* 2014 - 2015

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015; M.A., Political Science, 2011

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

B.A., Political Science, 2009; *Honors Program, College of Arts and Sciences*

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Political communication, American government, local media, polarization, political behavior, campaigns and elections, campaign strategy, political journalism, opinion journalism

BOOKS

Storefront Campaigning. Full manuscript under review and under advance contract, Cambridge University Press, *Elements in Campaigns and Elections*. With Sean Whyard.

Home Style Opinion: How Local Newspapers Can Slow Polarization. 2021. Cambridge University Press, *Elements in Politics and Communication*. With Matthew Hitt & Johanna Dunaway.

- Reviewed in *Public Opinion Quarterly*

Press: *Nieman Lab*, *Journalist's Resource*, *The Desert Sun (Palm Springs, CA)*, *WGBH Boston*, *The Harvard Press (Harvard, MA)*, *Laboratorio de Periodismo*, *American Press Institute*, *Northwestern/Medill Local News Initiative*, *Numlock (newsletter & podcast)*, *Poynter*, *CNN's Reliable Sources*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *New Books Network*, *What Works (blog & podcast)*, *Trusting News*, *Talk 107.3 Baton Rouge*, *Talk Louisiana (WRKF Baton Rouge)*, *NICD Chat Podcast*

16. **Darr, Joshua P.**, and Robyn L. Stiles. 2022. "Should campaigns respond to electability arguments?" *Journal of Political Marketing*, 21(1): 41-55.
Press: *FiveThirtyEight, National Affairs, MacLean's*
15. Searles, Kathleen, **Joshua P. Darr**, Mingxiao Sui, Raymond J. Pingree, Nathan P. Kalmoe, and Brian K. Watson. 2022. "Partisan media effects beyond one-shot experimental designs." *Political Science Research & Methods*, 10(1): 206-214.
14. Archer, Allison M.N., and **Joshua P. Darr**. 2022. "Gubernatorial elections change demand for local newspapers." *American Politics Research*, 50(1): 52-66.
Press: *Nieman Lab*
13. **Darr, Joshua P.**, Brittany N. Perry, Johanna L. Dunaway, and Mingxiao Sui. 2020. "Seeing Spanish: The effects of language-based media choices on resentment and belonging." *Political Communication*, 37(4): 488-511.
Press: *Journalist's Resource, Journalism Research News*
12. **Darr, Joshua P.** 2020. "Abandoning the ground game? Field organization in the 2016 election." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 50(1): 163-175.
11. Padgett, Jeremy, Johanna L. Dunaway, and **Joshua P. Darr**. 2019. "As seen on TV? How gatekeeping makes the U.S. House seem more extreme." *Journal of Communication*, 69(6): 696-719.
Press: *Journalist's Resource, Mediagazer, American Press Institute, Poynter (January 28, 2021), Hot Air, Political Wire, Bloomberg, Washingtonian, Connecticut Public Radio, Columbia Journalism Review, Wisconsin Public Radio, Poynter (August 23, 2021)*
 - 14th highest Altmetric score in *Journal of Communication*, out of 1,200+ articles published
10. **Darr, Joshua P.**, Sarah D. Cate, and Daniel S. Moak. 2019. "Who'll stop the rain? Repeated disasters and attitudes towards government." *Social Science Quarterly*, 100(7): 2581-2593.
9. Kalmoe, Nathan P., Raymond J. Pingree, Brian K. Watson, Mingxiao Sui, **Joshua P. Darr**, and Kathleen Searles. 2019. "Crime news effects and democratic accountability: Experimental evidence from repeated exposure in a multi-week online panel." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 31(3): 506-527.
Press: *The Atlantic*
8. **Darr, Joshua P.**, Nathan P. Kalmoe, Kathleen Searles, Mingxiao Sui, Raymond J. Pingree, Brian K. Watson, Kirill Bryanov, and Martina Santia. 2019. "Collision with collusion: Partisan reaction to the Trump-Russia scandal." *Perspectives on Politics*, 17(3): 772-787.
 - Named one of the most influential articles in *Perspectives on Politics* for 2019.
7. **Darr, Joshua P.** 2019. "Earning Iowa: Local newspapers and the invisible primary." *Social Science Quarterly*, 100(1): 320-327.
6. **Darr, Joshua P.**, Matthew P. Hitt, and Johanna L. Dunaway. 2018. "Newspaper closures polarize voting behavior." *Journal of Communication*, 68(6): 1007-1028.
Press: *Associated Press, The Boston Globe, The New York Times (Aug. 2019, Jan. 2020, Nov. 2022), Washington Post, Axios, The Verge, Governing, Journalist's Resource, Roll Call, Bloomberg, High Country News, Charleston Gazette-Mail (WV), The Advocate (Baton Rouge, LA), Stanford Social Innovation Review, The Week, Columbia Journalism Review, Brookings, Pew Stateline, Los Angeles Times, MSNBC, The Columbian (WA), The Atlantic, Joplin Globe, MediaFile, What Works (Northeastern University), Indiana Public Radio, Wired, The Spokesman-Review (WA), Poynter, Common Dreams*
 - Winner of the *AEJMC Lynda Lee Kaid Award*, awarded to the best published article in the field of political communication in 2018.
 - 3rd highest Altmetric score in *Journal of Communication*, out of 1,200+ articles published

5. Pingree, Raymond, Brian Watson, Mingxiao Sui, Kathleen Searles, Nathan Kalmoe, **Joshua P. Darr**, Kirill Bryanov, and Martina Santia. 2018. "Checking facts and fighting back: Why journalists should defend their profession." *PLoS ONE* 13(12): e0208600.
Press: *Los Angeles Times, Journalist's Resource, Pacific Standard, American Press Institute*
4. **Darr, Joshua P.**, and Johanna L. Dunaway. 2018. "Resurgent mass partisanship revisited: The role of media choice in clarifying elite ideology." *American Politics Research*, 46(6): 943-970.
3. **Darr, Joshua P.** 2018. "Reports from the field: Earned local media in presidential campaigns." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 48(2): 225-247.
2. **Darr, Joshua P.** 2016. "Presence to press: How campaigns earn local media." *Political Communication*, 33(3): 503-522.
Press: *Nieman Lab*
1. **Darr, Joshua P.**, and Matthew S. Levendusky. 2014. "Relying on the ground game: The placement and effects of campaign field offices." *American Politics Research*, 42(3): 529-548.
Press: *The American Prospect, Philadelphia Inquirer, FiveThirtyEight*

UNDER REVIEW

Leaving legacy news and losing faith in democracy. *With Moriah Harman. Revised & resubmitted, 2nd round.*

Locally sourced? Asymmetric partisan responses to federalism cues. *Registered report invited to revise & resubmit, 2nd round.*

How sticky is pink slime? Assessing the credibility of deceptive local media.

Scrolling headlines and clicking stories: Differential content and consequences resulting from enhanced scrollability of the news. *With Jessica Feezell, Kathleen Searles, John Wagner, Ray Pingree, Mingxiao Sui, and Brian Watson.*

WORKING PAPERS

Can Americans' trust in local news be trusted? *With Erik Peterson, Michael Henderson, Maxwell Allomong, and Max Magaña.*

White flight from journalism: Diversity avoidance and editorial response in local news. *With Patrick Johnson and Sue Robinson.*

Activating racial sympathy and resentment with news frames. *With Martina Santia.*

EDITING

Media Policy for an Informed Citizenry: Revisiting The Information Needs of Communities for Democracy in Crisis. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.* Full volume under review. *With Nikki Usher and Philip Napoli.*

BOOK REVIEWS

Darr, Joshua P.; Nikki Usher. 2022. *News for the Rich, White, and Blue: How Place and Power Distort American Journalism.* New York: Columbia University Press, 2021. *Journal of Communication*, 72(3): E69-E71.

Darr, Joshua P.; Kenneth Newton. 2020. *Surprising News: How the Media Affect - and Do Not Affect - Politics.* Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2019. *Political Science Quarterly*, 135(4): 754-756.

Darr, Joshua P.; Kevin Arceneaux and Ryan Vander Wielen. 2018. *Taming Intuition: How Reflection Minimizes Partisan Reasoning and Promotes Democratic Accountability.* New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 82(2): 404-406.

HONORS AND AWARDS

ICA: *Top Interactive Paper Award*, Political Communication Division, 2022. (with Jessica Feezell, Kathleen Searles, John Wagner, Ray Pingree, Mingxiao Sui, and Brian Watson.)

AEJMC *Lynda Lee Kaid Award*, Best Published Article in the Field of Political Communication in 2018. (With Matthew P. Hitt and Johanna L. Dunaway). [\$100]

LSU: *Tiger Athletic Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Award*, 2018 [\$2,000]

University of Pennsylvania: *Dissertation Completion Fellowship*, College of Arts and Sciences, 2014-2015 [\$25,000; only 25 awarded]

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & INVITATIONS

Conferences [** Indicates conference was cancelled*]

American Political Science Association: 2014, 2015, 2016 (2), 2017, 2018 (2), 2020 (3), 2021, 2022

Midwest Political Science Association: 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (2), 2018, 2020* (2), 2021, 2022, 2023 (2)

Southern Political Science Association: 2016, 2017, 2018 (2), 2019, 2020 (2)

International Communication Association: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022

State Politics and Policy Conference: 2020*

Northeastern Political Science Association: 2021

APSA Preconference on Political Communication: 2013, 2019

Computation + Journalism Symposium: 2021

PRIEC (Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium): 2018, Houston, TX

Invited presentations

2023: University of Notre Dame, Salve Regina University, Marquette University, Syracuse University, Boston College

2022: [National Society of Newspaper Columnists Annual Meeting](#) (Birmingham, AL); [Suffolk University Law School](#); [Harvard Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy](#); [American Journalism Project](#).

2021: [New York Press Association](#), [California News Publishers Association](#), University of Massachusetts - Lowell, [Boston University](#), [Boston College](#), [University of Connecticut](#)

2020: Wesleyan University

2019: [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#)

2014: University of Maryland - Baltimore County, University of Massachusetts - Lowell, Harvard University

2012, 2013: Philadelphia Region American Politics Conference

2011, 2012, 2014: Penn Graduate Student Conference in Political Science

Public panel moderation

[Truth, News, and Opposing Views: Can We Handle All Three, or is the Marketplace of Ideas Failing Today?](#) Harvard Kennedy School New England Alumni Association, Oct. 27, 2022.

[Common Ground: Local News and Political Coverage](#), Reilly Center, LSU, Feb. 8, 2022.

[Where We Stand: One Week after the 2018 Midterm Elections](#), Annual Meeting: Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), New Orleans, LA: Nov. 13, 2018

GRANTS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

External:

[Andrew Carnegie Fellowship](#), 2022. [\$200,000]

Knight Foundation, 2023: [Signal Akron - A Case Study in Building New Local Journalism](#). [\$45,000]

Hearken & Solutions Journalism Network, 2022-23: [DemocracySOS Evaluation](#) (with Sue Robinson). [\$30,000]

Hayek Fund for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University. 2022. [\$5,000]

Research Support, Center for Media Engagement, University of Texas-Austin. 2019. [\$5,000]

Internal:

Center for Collaborative Knowledge, LSU, 2023: Collaborative Symposium Grant. [\$2,000]

Doris Westmoreland Darden Professorship #5, Manship School, LSU. 2022-23. [\$19,000]

D. Jensen Holliday Professorship, Manship School, LSU. 2018-2023. [\$32,800]

Research Projects on Diversity, Equity, and Media, Manship School, LSU. 2020-2021. [\$3,024]

Darlene and Thomas O. Ryder Professorship #3, Manship School, LSU. 2017-2018. [\$8,000]

Scripps Howard Professorship, Manship School, LSU. 2016-2017. [\$8,000]

Scripps Howard Professorship in Media and Politics, Manship School, LSU (with Ray Pingree, Kathleen Searles, and Nathan Kalmoe). Funding for Political Communication Research Group. 2017-2018. [\$6,000]

George D. Nelson Professorship, Manship School, LSU (with Ray Pingree and Kathleen Searles). Funding for Political Communication Research Group. 2016-2017. [\$6,000]

Dissertation Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania. Used for tuition at the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods. 2010. [\$2,500]

Faculty Travel Grant, LSU. 2017-18 [\$750], 2018-19 [\$750], 2019-20 [\$750], 2022-23 [\$1000].

School of Arts and Sciences Travel Subvention, University of Pennsylvania. 2015. [\$400]

SASgov Travel Grants, University of Pennsylvania. 2012 and 2014. [\$584]

Not funded:

Discourse Initiative Research Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University. 2021. [\$24,372]

Facebook: Misinformation and Polarization Call for Proposals, 2021: [\$90,973.76]

SSRC: Rapid-Response Grants on Covid-19 and the Social Sciences. 2020. [\$4,950] (Note: nominated as alternate)

Tow Center for Digital Journalism, Columbia University. 2019. [\$9,300]

TEACHING AND
ADVISING

Louisiana State University

Undergraduate courses:

Political Communication Research

Media and Policy Processes (in-person and LSUOnline)

Campaigns & Elections

Political Participation & the 2018 Midterms (Honors College)

Media & the 2020 Election

Case Studies in Campaigns & Media

Sports & Mass Communication

Graduate courses:

Public Opinion and Public Affairs

Seminar in Political Behavior

News Media and Governance

Undergraduate advising

Honors thesis chair: Lauren Guillot, 2017 (Winner, *Ogden Honors College Thesis Award*);

Jacques Petit, 2017 (Winner, *LSU Discover Day Tigers Choice Award*); Colin Dailey, 2016.

Graduate advising

Ph.D.: Robyn L. Stiles (Manship); Kirill Bryanov (Manship); Martina Santia (Manship); Tatum Taylor (Political Science); Anthony Ciaramella (Manship); Sarah Carpenter (Manship); Levi Bankston (Wisconsin).

Masters: Murry Goldberg, 2022 (Manship, chair); Allyce Trapp, 2020 (Manship, chair); Jennifer Korth, 2018 (Manship, chair); Sirdaria Williams, 2018 (Manship, chair); Joshua Jackson, 2019 (Manship); Lunden Chenevert, 2017 (Manship).

University of Pennsylvania (as teaching assistant)

Introduction to American Politics (2x), Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, American Foreign Policy.

Certifications and Workshops

SSRC Workshop: Teaching Disinfo Studies in Higher Ed. 2021.

Safe Space Training, Office of Multicultural Affairs, LSU. 2018.

CxC (Communication across the Curriculum) Summer Institute Certificate, LSU. 2016.

Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate, University of Pennsylvania. 2013.

SELECTED
PUBLIC
WRITING

FiveThirtyEight

Live blogs: Iowa caucuses 2020, New Hampshire Primary 2020, Super Tuesday 2020

“Local news coverage is declining – and that could be bad for American politics.” June 2, 2021.

“The 2020 candidates aren’t matching Obamas Iowa ground game (yet).” Dec. 16, 2019.

“Where Clinton is setting up field offices - and where Trump isn’t.” Oct. 7, 2016.

“Trump’s scorning of data may not hurt him, but it’ll hurt the GOP.” May 23, 2016.

“Wisconsin’s local media aren’t as Trump-obsessed as national outlets.” Apr. 5, 2016.

“Sanders’s ground game is good - but it ain’t Obama’s.” Jan. 22, 2016.

“Marco Rubio’s lousy ground game in Iowa will probably cost him votes.” Dec. 17, 2015.

The Boston Globe

“The future of opinion journalism is hyperlocal.” June 16, 2022.

The Washington Post: Monkey Cage Blog

“No, Trump isn’t Teflon. Scandals lower his approval among Republicans if they see the news.”

With Nathan Kalmoe, Kathleen Searles, Mingxiao Sui, Ray Pingree, Brian Watson, Kirill Bryanov, and Martina Santia. Sep. 10, 2019.

The Conversation

“Local newspapers can help reduce polarization with opinion pages that focus on local issues.”
May 27, 2021. *With Matthew Hitt and Johanna Dunaway.*

“46,218 news transcripts show ideologically extreme politicians get more airtime.” *With Jeremy Padgett and Johanna Dunaway.* Feb. 16, 2021.

“When newspapers close, voters become more partisan.” *With Matthew Hitt and Johanna Dunaway.* Feb. 11, 2019.

Mischiefs of Faction

“In 2020, the ground game is all Trump.” Oct. 9, 2020.

“The incredible shrinking Democratic ground game.” Nov. 16, 2017.

Scientific American

“Why losing our newspapers is breaking our politics.” *With Matthew Hitt and Johanna Dunaway.*
Mar. 26, 2019.

Trusting News

“How should journalists talk about polarizing statements by politicians? We tested it.” December 1, 2022.

“Research insights: What we learned testing an anti-polarization checklist with news consumers.”
September 2, 2022.

Nieman Journalism Lab, Harvard University

“Government subsidies to save local news.” Dec. 17, 2021.
“Legislatures will tackle the local news crisis.” Dec. 18, 2020.
“All that campaign cash will make the media’s problems worse.” Dec. 30, 2019.
“The nationalization of political news will accelerate.” Dec. 12, 2018.

The Desert Sun (Palm Springs, CA)

“Survey shows Desert Sun readers approve of local-news-only editorial page in July.” *With Matthew Hitt and Johanna Dunaway.* Aug. 16, 2019.

MEDIA
APPEARANCES
SERVICE TO THE
DISCIPLINE

For an updated list of my media interviews, please click [here](#).

Editorial board member, *Political Communication*. 2020-present.

Joint Publications Committee, ICA/APSA Political Communication Sections. 2020-2023.

2019 APSA Annual Meeting: Program Chair, Political Communication Section.

Panel chair or discussant [** Indicates conference was cancelled/delayed*]

APSA: 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022

MPSA: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020*, 2022

SPSA: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

SPPC: 2020*

APSA Pre-Conference on Political Communication: 2017, 2019

AEJMC Southeast Colloquium: 2016

Invited reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, PNAS, Political Analysis, Journal of Communication, Political Communication, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research & Methods, Journalism, Journalism Studies, New Media & Society, Political Behavior, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Communication Research, Electoral Studies, American Politics Research, Palgrave Communications, International Journal of Press/Politics, Research & Politics, Urban Affairs Review, Local Government Studies, Publius, SAGE Open, Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media

Professional association memberships: APSA, MPSA, SPSA, ICA.

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE

Louisiana State University

Diversity, Equity, and Media Grants committee (chair), 2023.

Coastal Policy Summit Planning Committee, 2022-23.

Manship School Admissions Standards Study Committee, 2022-present.

Co-organizer, Manship School Research Roundtable. 2021-22.

Graduate Committee, Manship School of Mass Communication, 2020-present.

Search Committee in Political Communication, 2015, 2016, 2019.

Search Committee for Manship-Maynard Endowed Chair in Media Diversity, 2018.

Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2018-2019.

Society for Politics, Communication and Law (SPCL) faculty advisor, 2016-2017.

Manship School Diversity Committee, 2015-2016.

Search Committee, Director of the Public Policy Research Lab (PPRL), 2016.

Organizer and Moderator, “Whats the matter with polling?” panel. Nov. 19, 2015.

Research Committee, Department of Political Science, 2015-present.

University of Pennsylvania

Graduate student representative, American politics search committee: 2013.

SASgov Representative for the Political Science Department: 2010-2011.

SPECIALIZED
TRAINING

University of Houston. ICPSR Summer Workshop, Introduction to R. May 14-16, 2018.

University of Washington. Machine Learning, a 4-course specialization on Coursera. Specialization Certificate earned on May 13, 2017.

Northwestern University. Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference. Chicago, IL. 2016.

University of Michigan. ICPSR Summer Program, Ann Arbor, MI. Regression II and Maximum Likelihood Estimation. 2010.

RELEVANT
EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Drs. Alan Wolfe and Erik Owens, Boston College. 2008.

Research Assistant for Drs. Kay Schlozman, Sidney Verba, and Henry Brady, Harvard University. 2007-2008.

STATISTICAL
LANGUAGES

Stata, R, Python, SPSS

REFERENCES

Available upon request.