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Lecturer in Political Methodology

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Harvard University

2026

GOV 50: Data Science for the Social Sciences, GOV 51: Data Analysis and Politics, & GOV 2018: Applied Machine Learning (PhD Class)

Instructor

INTERCOLLEGIATE CONSORTIUM OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL RESEARCH (ICPSR)

2025–

Causal Machine Learning for Observational and Experimental Research

Co-Founder of the Democracy and Political Violence Collaborative

WITH [GAL BITTON](#) & [JACK T. RAMETTA](#)

First meeting: Pre-APSA Conference at Harvard University (9/2/26)

Publications

- [7] Izatt, Hilary[‡] & Sam Fuller (2025) **Attitudes Surrounding Fairness and Competition in Sports Predict Choices to Partisan Gerrymander**. *Political Behavior*.
- [6] Fuller, Sam, Nicolás de la Cerda[‡], & Jack T. Rametta[‡] (2025) **Affect, Not Ideology: The Heterogeneous Effects of Partisan Cues on Policy Support**. *Political Behavior*.
- [5] Fuller, Sam, Will Horne[‡], James Adams, & Noam Gidron (2022) **Populism and the Affective Partisan Space in Nine European Publics: Evidence from a Cross-National Survey**. *Frontiers in Political Science*. 1–12.
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpos.2022.984238>.
- [4] Fuller, Sam, Sara Kazemian[‡], Carlos Algara[‡], Daniel J. Simmons[‡] (2022) **Assessing the Effectiveness of COVID-19 Vaccine Lotteries: A Cross-State Synthetic Control Methods Approach**. *PLoS One*. 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0274374>.
★ Research reprinted in *U.S. National Library of Medicine Center for Biotechnology Information PubMed Archive*.
- [3] Kazemian, Sara[‡], Sam Fuller, & Carlos Algara[‡] (2021) **The Role of Race and Scientific Trust on Support for COVID-19 Social Distancing Measures in the United States**. *PLoS One*. 1–23. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0254127>.
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- [2] Algara, Carlos[‡], Sam Fuller, Christopher D. Hare, & Sara Kazemian[‡] (2020) **The Interactive Effects of Scientific Knowledge & Gender on COVID-19 Social Distancing Compliance**. *Social Science Quarterly*. 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12894>.
- [1] Algara, Carlos[‡], Sam Fuller, & Christopher D. Hare (2020) **The Conditional Effects of Scientific Knowledge & Gender on Support for COVID-19 Government Containment Policies in a Partisan America**. *Politics & Gender*. 1–10.
[doi:10.1017/S1743923X20000458](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X20000458).
★ Research reprinted as part of the Public Health Emergency COVID-19 Initiative, *U.S. National Library of Medicine: National Institutes of Health*.

[‡] Denotes graduate student and junior faculty colleague co-author.

Research in Progress

FORTHCOMING

[1] Fuller, Sam, Jack T. Rametta[‡], & Christopher D. Hare (under advance contract with the Experimental Political Science Cambridge Elements Series) **Advanced Machine Learning for Experiments in the Social Sciences**. *Working Draft Linked*.

UNDER REVIEW

[1] Fuller, Sam, Jack T. Rametta[‡], & Alexa Federice[‡] (at AJPS) **“What Predicts Support for Political Violence? Results from a Machine Learning Meta-Reanalysis”**. *July 2026*.

[2] Fuller, Sam, Neil S. Williams[‡], & Jack T. Rametta[‡] (at BJPS) **“The Changing Landscape of Democratic (Dis)Satisfaction: Results from the American National Election Study 1996–2024”**. *July 2026*.

[3] Liu, Tzu-Ping & Sam Fuller (at BJPS) **“Policy or Partisanship? How Polarization Biases Valence Evaluations in the U.S., U.K., and Taiwan”**. *July 2026*.

[4] Fuller, Sam & Jack T. Rametta[‡] (at JOP) **“Leaving Money on the Table: A Monte-Carlo Study Comparing Causal Forest and Standard Regression Models for Experiments”**. *June 2026*.

[5] Jack T. Rametta[‡] & Sam Fuller (at PA) **“Are Random Forests Still ‘Good Enough’? Tabular Prior-Data Fitted Networks for Predictive and Causal Tasks”**. *July 2026*.

[6] Fuller, Sam, Alexa Bankert, & Tabitha Lamberth[‡] (at Political Psychology) **“More Than a Feeling: Theoretical and Empirical Gaps Between Out-Party Affect and Negative Partisanship”**. *July 2026*.

WORKING PAPERS

[1] Rametta, Jack T.[‡] & Sam Fuller (Manuscript Presented at 2023 MPSA Annual Meeting) **The Balance Permutation Test: A Machine Learning Replacement for Balance Tables**. *Working Paper*.

[2] Fuller, Sam & Hilary Izatt[‡] (Presented at the New England Area Political Psychology Meeting) **“The Heterogeneous Influence of Democratic Attitudes and Electoral Advantage on Election Policy Attitudes”**. *Working Paper*.

[4] Fuller, Sam & Ryan Enos (Presented at the Social and Moral Norms, Political Violence, and Threats to Democracy Workshop at Nuffield College, Oxford University) **“Incivility Spirals”**. *Working Paper*.

[5] Fuller, Sam & Jack T. Rametta[‡] (Manuscript Presented at 2024 MPSA Annual Meeting) **The Dangers of Calculating Conditional Effects: A Reevaluation of Barber and Pope (2019)**. *Working Paper*.

[6] Algara, Carlos[‡], Sam Fuller, & Jack T. Rametta (Manuscript Presented at SPSA 2026) **“Rational Voting in the Age of Ideological Polarization & Responsible Parties: Examining Presidential Elections from 1972–2020”**. *Working Paper*.

Education

University of California, Davis

PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

- American Public Opinion and Political Psychology; Political Methodology
- **Committee:** *Christopher Hare, James Adams, Lauren Young, Alexa Bankert*
- **Dissertation:** Advances in Machine Learning for Experimental Research

Berry College

B.S. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE & ECONOMICS

Additional Positions

Harvard Digital Labs for the Social Sciences

DIRECTOR2026–

- Overseeing the lab including hiring, panel management, and an update to its recruitment procedures.

Harvard CAPS-Harris Poll

ACADEMIC LEAD2024–

- Question design and oversight as well as project management of collaborative and supplementary surveys.

CBS News Decision Desk

AI/ML RESEARCH CONSULTANT2025

- Consulting on integrating machine learning and AI into the data analysis process for CBS News' Decision Desk.

Edison Research

CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION ANALYST2024

- Worked election night to call U.S. Congressional races for Edison Research.

Cooperative Congressional Election Study: University of Georgia Module

CO-INVESTIGATOR2022–2023

- Survey research collaboration with Dr. Alexa Bankert (Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Georgia).

Study of Immigration Incarceration on (Mental) Health Outcomes

CO-INVESTIGATOR2023–

- Writing and data analysis collaboration with Caitlin Patler (Department of Sociology, UC Davis, Goldman School of Public Policy UC Berkeley).

Invited Talks

Northwestern University

- Causal Machine Learning for Political Science, (POL 490: Machine Learning in Political Science)Mar. 2026

Michigan State University

- Radical Competitive Partisanship: The How and Why of Partisan Support for Antidemocratic Actions and Political Violence, (Department of Political Science Speaker Series)Oct. 2025

University of Georgia

- Radical Partisanship, Antidemocratic Attitudes, and Support for Political Violence, (Department of Political Science Speaker Series)Sep. 2025

Berry College

- A Constitution in Crisis? Partisan Attitudes Towards Antidemocratic Behavior and Political Violence, (Constitution Day Speaker)Sep. 2025

Binghamton University

- The Prolific Relationship Between Age and Support for Political Violence: The Results of a Meta-Reanalysis, (Political Science Research Workshop)Jan. 2025

Conference Presentations

Affective Polarization Mini-Conference, MPSA

- Annual Meeting, (Presenter & Discussant)2025–2027

Nuffield College, University of Oxford

- Social and Moral Norms, Political Violence, and Threats to Democracy Workshop, (Presenter & Discussant)2025

Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth)

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel)2020

American Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel)2021, 2024–2026

Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth)

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2020

Midwest Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2019, 2022–2026

Western Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2023

Southern Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2026

Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB)

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2023, 2024

NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference

- Annual Meeting, (Poster Presentation) 2024

UCLA COMPASS Graduate Student Conference

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2018

Teaching

University of Michigan: ICPSR Summer Program

- **Instructor**, Topical Workshop, *Causal Machine Learning for Observational and Experimental Research* (2025, 2026)
- TA, 4-Week Workshops, *Machine Learning: Applications in Social Science Research* (2019–2026)
- TA, 1-Week Workshops, *Machine Learning: Applications in Social Science Research* (Summer 2020)

Harvard University

- **Teaching Fellow**, Spring Semester, *Race in American Society* (2026)
- **Teaching Fellow**, Fall Semester, *Political Psychology* (2025)

University of California, Davis

- TA, Winter Quarter, *Elections and Voting Behavior* (2018)
- TA, Spring Quarter, *The Legislative Process* (2018)
- TA, Spring Quarter, *The Scientific Study of Politics* (2020)

Service

- 2026 **Organizer**, Politics, Behavior, and Geography Lab (Harvard University)
- 2025 **Mentor**, Visiting Undergraduate Researcher (Harvard University)
- 2019–21 **Student Co-founder & Organizer**, Political Science Methods Series (UC Davis)
- 2021–22 **Mentor**, UC Davis Undergraduate Research Training & Mentorship Program
- 2018–24 **Graduate Student Peer Mentor**, Department of Political Science, UC Davis
- 2018–20 **Graduate Student Leadership Committee**, Department of Political Science, UC Davis

Grants & Awards

- 2024 **Grant for Democracy and Political Violence Conference**, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
- 2024 **Hardin Award for Conference Travel**, UC Davis Department of Political Science
- 2023 **Conference Travel Grant**, Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) Conference
- 2023 **Conference Travel Grant**, UC Davis Graduate Student Association
- 2022 **Department Research Award**, UC Davis Department of Political Science
- 2021 **Conference Travel Grant**, UC Davis Graduate Student Association
- 2021 **Faculty-Student Summer Collaborative Research Fellowship**, UC Davis Department of Political Science (Collaboration with James Adams)

References

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