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Academic Positions

Center for American Political Studies, Department of Government

Harvard University

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN PUBLIC OPINION AND SURVEY METHODOLOGY

2024–

With Ryan D. Enos & Stephen Ansolabehere

Education

University of California, Davis

Davis, California

PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2024

- With focus on Political Methodology, American Politics, and Comparative Politics
- **Committee:** *Christopher Hare, James Adams, Lauren Young, Alexa Bankert*
- **Dissertation:** Advances in Machine Learning for Experimental Research

Berry College

Rome, Georgia

B.S. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE & ECONOMICS

2017

- With focus on comparative politics and econometrics

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- [6] Fuller, Sam, Nicolás de la Cerda[‡], & Jack T. Rametta[‡] (2025) **Affect, Not Ideology: The Heterogeneous Effects of Partisan Cues on Policy Support**. *Forthcoming at 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 accepted for *Politics & Gender* as part of the Cambridge Coronavirus Collection
★ Research featured in *Invited 3Streams Blog Post: ‘Does gender explain support for COVID-19 policies?’* (August 26, 2020)
★ 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 Preparation

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*. July 2024.

REVISE & RESUBMIT

[1] Izatt, Hilary[‡] & Sam Fuller (Manuscript Presented at EPOVB 2024) **Attitudes Surrounding Fairness and Competition in Sports Predict Choices to Partisan Gerrymander**. March 2025–R&R at *Political Behavior*.

UNDER REVIEW

[1] Rametta, Jack T.[‡] & Sam Fuller (Manuscript Presented at 2023 MPSA Annual Meeting) **The balance permutation test: A machine learning replacement for balance tables**. January 2025–at *Political Analysis*.

[2] Fuller, Sam & Jack T. Rametta[‡] (Manuscript Presented at 2024 APSA Annual Meeting) **Causal Forest and Doubly Robust Machine Learning for Political Science**. February 2025–at *APSR*.

WORKING PAPERS

[1] Fuller, Sam, Alexa Bankert, & Tabitha Lamberth[‡] (Presented at the Bay Area Political Polarization Workshop, Stanford 2024) “Negative Partisanship – Disdain Towards Out-Party Leaders, Out-Party Supporters, or Both?”. *Working Paper*.

[2] 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*.

[3] Algara, Carlos[‡] & Sam Fuller (Manuscript Presented at EPOVB 2023) “Rational Voting in the Age of Ideological Polarization & Responsible Parties: Examining Presidential Elections from 1972–2020”. *Working Paper*.

[4] Liu, Tzu-Ping[‡] Sam Fuller, & Gento Kato[‡] (Manuscript Proposal Presented at 2020 PolMeth Annual Meeting) “A Linear Algebraic Approach of Bridging Ideological Spaces”. *Working Paper*.

Research Positions

Harvard CAPS-Harris Poll

ACADEMIC LEAD

2024–

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

Cooperative Congressional Election Study: University of Georgia Module

CO-INVESTIGATOR

2022–2023

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

Study of Affective Polarization in 10 European Democracies

CO-INVESTIGATOR

2022

- Analysis of survey research with Dr. James Adams (Professor of Political Science, UC Davis)

Study of Immigration Incarceration on (Mental) Health Outcomes

CO-INVESTIGATOR

2023–Present

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

Research Interests and Expertise

Quantitative: Dimensional scaling & machine learning, general quantitative research methods (design and implementation), survey and experimental designs, causal inference

Substantive: American political behavior, public opinion, and political-psychology, American & Western European affective and ideological polarization

Presentations

Binghamton University

- Political Science Research Workshop, (Invited Talk) 2025

Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth)

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2020

American Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2021, 2024

Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth)

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2020

Midwest Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Western Political Science Association

- Annual Meeting, (Section Panel) 2023

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

Grants & Awards

- 2024 **Hardin Award for Conference Travel (\$500)**, UC Davis Department of Political Science
- 2023 **Conference Travel Grant (\$400)**, Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) Conference
- 2023 **Conference Travel Grant (\$500)**, UC Davis Graduate Student Association
- 2022 **Department Research Award (\$1,500)**, UC Davis Department of Political Science
- 2021 **Conference Travel Grant (\$1,000)**, UC Davis Graduate Student Association
- 2021 **Faculty-Student Summer Collaborative Research Fellowship (\$5,000)**, UC Davis Department of Political Science (Collaboration with James Adams)
- 2021 **Department Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (\$500)**, UC Davis Department of Political Science
- 2019 **Department Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (\$500)**, UC Davis Department of Political Science
- 2018 **Department Travel Grant to UCLA's COMPASS Graduate Student Conference (\$500)**, UC Davis Department of Political Science
- 2017 **Fall Graduate Student Fellowship (\$6,000)**, UC Davis Department of Political Science

Applied Computing & Research Skills

- Software** R (advanced, including data visualization, data management, causal inference, scaling, & machine learning), Qualtrics
- Methodology** Latent variable measurement & scaling, machine learning, causal inference, & experimental design
- Presentation** \LaTeX (advanced, including **Beamer** Presentation, Bibtex, & Poster Presentation), **RMarkdown & Quarto** (advanced, including type-setting, code replication/collaboration, & HTML web development)

Teaching Experience

University of Michigan: ICPSR Summer Program

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

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

- 2019–2021 **Student Co-founder & Organizer**, Political Science Methods Series with JD Mussel & Christopher Hare. Funded through a \$300 yearly grant from the Graduate Student Association.
- 2021–22 **Mentor**, UC Davis Undergraduate Research Training & Mentorship Program (Funded)
- 2018–2024 **Graduate Student Peer Mentor**, Department of Political Science, UC Davis
- 2018–2020 **Graduate Student Leadership Committee**, Department of Political Science, UC Davis

References

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