

# Michael W. Sances

Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic Positions

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, July 2022 – present
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, July 2019 – June 2022

University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, August 2015 – July 2019

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, August 2014 – August 2015

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2014

B.A., Political Science, University of Massachusetts, 2006

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

30. Attitudes Toward Police and Police Spending. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 88(2): 431–441. June 2024.
29. Measuring Attentiveness in Self-Administered Surveys. With Adam J. Berinsky, Alejandro Frydman, Michele F. Margolis, and Camilla Valerio. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 88(1): 214–241. March 2024.
28. Legitimate Questions: Public Perceptions of the Legitimacy of US Presidential Election Outcomes. *Research and Politics* 10(4): 1–8. October 2023.
27. Defund My Police? The Effect of George Floyd’s Murder on Support for Local Police Budgets. *Journal of Politics* 85(3): 1156–1160. July 2023.
26. Voters and Donors: Unequal Political Consequences of Fracking. With Hye Young You. *Journal of Politics* 84(3): 1667–1682. July 2022.
25. Presidential Approval and the Inherited Economy. *American Journal of Political Science* 65(4): 938–953. October 2021.
24. State Policy and Mental Health Outcomes under COVID-19. With Andrea L. Campbell. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law* 46(5): 811–830. October 2021.
23. Do District Attorneys Represent Their Voters? Evidence from California’s Era of Criminal Justice Reform. *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 2(2): 169–197. June 2021.

22. Using Screeners to Measure Respondent Attention on Self-Administered Surveys: Which Items and How Many?. With Adam J. Berinsky, Michele F. Margolis, and Christopher Warshaw. *Political Science Research and Methods* 9(2): 430-437. April 2021.
21. Policy Effects, Partisanship, and Elections: How Medicaid Expansion Affected Public Opinion Toward the Affordable Care Act. With Joshua D. Clinton. *Journal of Politics* 83(2): 498-514. April 2021.
20. When Voters Matter: The Limits of Local Government Responsiveness. *Urban Affairs Review* 57(2): 402-427. March 2021.
19. Missing the Target? Using Surveys to Validate Social Media Ad Targeting. *Political Science Research and Methods* 9(1): 215-222. January 2021.
18. Intraparty Polarization in American Politics. With Eric Groenendyk and Kirill Zhirkov. *Journal of Politics* 82(4): 1616-1620. October 2020.
17. Exploitative Revenues, Law Enforcement, and the Quality of Government Service. With Rebecca Goldstein and Hye Young You. *Urban Affairs Review* 56(1): 5-31. January 2020.
16. How Unusual Was 2016? Flipping Counties, Flipping Voters, and the Education-Party Correlation Since 1952. *Perspectives on Politics* 17(3): 666-678. September 2019.
15. Who Participated in the ACA? Gains in Insurance Coverage by Political Partisanship. With Joshua D. Clinton. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law* 44(3): 349-379. June 2019.
14. Ideology and Vote Choice in U.S. Mayoral Elections: Evidence from Facebook Surveys. *Political Behavior* 40(3): 737-762. September 2018.
13. Something for Something: How and Why Direct Democracy Impacts Service Quality. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 13(1): 29-57. April 2018.
12. The Politics of Policy: The Initial Mass Political Effects of Medicaid Expansion in the States. With Joshua D. Clinton. *American Political Science Review* 112(1): 167-185. February 2018.
11. Partisan Differences in Nonpartisan Activity: The Case of Charitable Giving. With Michele F. Margolis. *Political Behavior* 39(4): 839-864. December 2017.
10. Attribution Errors in Federalist Systems: When Voters Punish the President for Local Tax Increases. *Journal of Politics* 79(4): 1286-1301. October 2017.
9. Who Pays for Government? Descriptive Representation and Exploitative Revenue Sources. With Hye Young You. *Journal of Politics* 79(3): 1090-1094. July 2017.
8. Can We Convert Shirkers Into Workers?. With Adam J. Berinsky and Michele F. Margolis. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* 66: 20-28. September 2016.
7. The Distributional Impact of Greater Responsiveness: Evidence from New York Towns. *Journal of Politics* 78(1): 105-119. January 2016.
6. Partisanship and Confidence in the Vote Count: Evidence from U.S. National Elections since 2000. With Charles Stewart. *Electoral Studies* 40: 176-188. December 2015.
5. Closeness Counts: Increasing Precision and Reducing Errors in Mass Election Predictions. With Kai Quek. *Political Analysis* 23(4): 518-533. September 2015.
4. Separating the Shirkers from the Workers? Making Sure that Subjects Pay Attention on Self-Administered Surveys. With Adam J. Berinsky and Michele F. Margolis. *American Journal of Political Science* 58(3): 739-753. July 2014.

3. State Fiscal Policy during the Great Recession: Budgetary Impacts and Policy Responses. With Andrea L. Campbell. *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 650(1): 252-273. November 2013.
2. Is Money in Politics Harming Trust in Government? Evidence from Two Survey Experiments. *Election Law Journal* 12(1): 53-73. March 2013.
1. Disenfranchisement through Divorce? Estimating the Effect of Parental Absence on Voter Turnout. *Political Behavior* 35(1): 199-213. March 2013.

### **Working Papers**

The Politics of Police Reform in the States. June 2024.

When Competence is Conservative: Obstacles to the Electoral Success of Progressive Prosecutors. March 2024.

Trust in the State Vote Count, 2020-2022. With Jesse T. Clarke and Charles Stewart III. December 2023.

Protests and Polarization: How Black Lives Matter Changed Attitudes Toward Police. August 2023.

### **Other Publications**

The Nationalized Politics of Police Reform. *The Forum* 22(1): 71-96. June 2024.

Can Public Policy Influence Public Opinion? Studying Feedback Effects and Elite Influence Using the Affordable Care Act. *Political Science Quarterly* Online First. June 2024.

Review of the Annenberg IOD Collaborative's Democracy amid Crises: Polarization, Pandemic, Protests, and Persuasion. *Perspectives on Politics* 21(4): 1468-1469. December 2023.

The Importance of Issue Representation in a Polarized Congress. With Joshua D. Clinton and Mary Catherine Sullivan. *Accountability Reconsidered: Voters, Interests, and Information in US Policymaking* edited by Charles Cameron, Brandice Canes-Wrone, Sanford Gordon and Greg Huber. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. February 2023.

Review of James E. Campbell's Polarized: Making Sense of a Divided America. *Party Politics* 25(6): 863-864. November 2019.

Constituencies and Public Opinion. With Andrea L. Campbell. *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Social Policy* edited by Daniel Béland, Christopher Howard, and Kimberly J. Morgan. Oxford University Press. December 2014.

Conducting Online Experiments on Mechanical Turk. With Adam J. Berinsky and Kai Quek. *The Experimental Political Scientist* 3(1): 2-6. May 2012.

### **Policy Reports, Opinion Pieces, and Blog Posts**

George Floyd's Murder Decreased Support for Local Police Budgets. *Journal of Politics* blog. June 2023.

How Fracking Increased Inequality in Political Participation. With Hye Young You. *Journal of Politics* blog. February 2022.

Police Budgets on the Ballot before and after George Floyd's Murder. Temple University Public Policy Lab Policy Brief. January 2022.

State Policy, Local Impact: How Policy Choices Will Shape the Financial Future of Pennsylvania School Districts. With William Hartman and Timothy Shrom. Temple University Public Policy Lab Report. July 2021.

Presidential Approval and the Inherited Economy. *American Journal of Political Science* Author Summaries. March 2021.

When Voters Matter: The Limits of Local Government Responsiveness. *Urban Affairs Review* Urban Affairs Forum. December 2020.

Exploitative Revenues, Law Enforcement, and the Quality of Government Service. With Rebecca Goldstein and Hye Young You. *Urban Affairs Review* Urban Affairs Forum. June 2020.

The Missing Medicaid Millions. With Jake Haselswerdt and Sean McElwee. Data for Progress. November 2019.

What happens to police departments that collect more fines? They solve fewer crimes. With Rebecca Goldstein and Hye Young You. *The Monkey Cage*. September 2018.

Cities with more African Americans rely more on fines for revenue. With Hye Young You. London School of Economics USAPP Blog. May 2018.

Republicans give more to charity – but not because they oppose income redistribution. With Michele F. Margolis. London School of Economics Democratic Audit Blog. November 2017.

Republicans Will Be Blamed if Democrats Block ACA Replacement. Utica College Center of Public Affairs and Election Research. March 2017.

Americans have become much less confident that we count votes accurately. With Paul Gronke and Charles Stewart. *The Monkey Cage*. August 2016.

Voter fraud is more believable when your candidate loses. With Charles Stewart. London School of Economics USAPP Blog. February 2016.

The Partisan Trust Gap. *The Monkey Cage*. April 2011.

### **Grants and Awards**

Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Award, Fall 2023

Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Award, Summer 2023

Participant, Causal Inference for Social Impact Lab's Data Challenge, 2022.

Faculty Fellow, Public Policy Lab, Temple University, 2020-2021.

William Penn Foundation, "Impacts of State and Local Fiscal Policy Choices in a Time of Great Dislocations", 2020-2021.

University of Memphis, Junior Scholar Nominee for Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program, 2018.

University of Memphis, Michael Harless Faculty Excellence Award, 2018-2019.

Russell Sage Foundation, Presidential Award, "The Medicaid Expansion's Impact on Partisanship, Repeal Support, and Dyadic Representation" (with Joshua Clinton), 2018-2020.

University of Memphis, Junior Scholar Nominee for Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program, 2017.

University of Memphis, Faculty Research Grant, "American City Elections Study," 2017-2018.

Smart City Research Fellow of the FedEx Institute of Technology, 2016-2017.

FedEx Institute of Technology and City of Memphis, Smart Cities Award, "Using New Technologies to Survey Memphis Residents: Identifying and Responding to Local Concerns," 2016-2017.

American National Election Study, questions on election predictions selected for inclusion on the 2016 ANES Time Series (with Kai Quek).

Russell Sage Foundation, Presidential Award, “Policy Making Politics? The Mass Political Impact of Medicaid Expansions” (with Joshua Clinton), 2016-2018.

Travel Enrichment Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Memphis, 2015.

Lucian Pye Award for best dissertation in the MIT Department of Political Science, 2015.

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2012.

National Science Foundation, Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), “Campaign Finance and Citizen Attitudes Toward Government,” 2011.

## **Teaching**

Temple University

- POLS 2102 American State and Local Politics
- POLS 2503 Evidence and Knowledge
- POLS 3530 Representation and Accountability in the United States
- POLS 3530 Research in State Politics
- POLS 8001 Political Statistics I / Statistics for Public Policy
- POLS 8101 Government in American Society
- POLS 8112 Research in State Politics

University of Memphis

- POLS 1030 American Government Honors
- POLS 3211 State and Local Government
- POLS 3220 U.S. Congress
- POLS 4101 Political Statistics
- POLS 7100 Scope and Methods of Political Science
- POLS 7101 Political Statistics
- POLS 7101 Political Statistics
- POLS 7202 Seminar U.S. Government
- POLS 7204 Representation in American Politics

## **Paid Consultancies**

NBC Universal, Elections Analyst, November 2019-November 2020.

Data for Progress, Data Analyst, July-November 2019.

Apperson Crump PLC, Data Analyst, June-July 2016.

## **Community Outreach**

Key Votes Advisor for Pennsylvania, Project Vote Smart, August 2023-present.

## **Community Presentations**

- “The 2024 Elections and Beyond.” Dissent in America Teach-In, Temple University, February 16, 2024.
- “The Midterm Elections: What Does It All Mean?” Dissent in America Teach-In, Temple University, November 11, 2022.
- “Policy Roundtable - Midterm Elections 2022.” Public Policy Lab, Temple University, October 20, 2022.
- “Local Fiscal Effects of Transitions to State Police Coverage.” Local Government Symposium: Improving Effectiveness and Efficiency in PA Local Government in a Post-COVID World. Local Government Commission of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, October 21, 2021
- “Redistricting 2021.” Dissent in America Teach-In, Temple University, October 22, 2021.
- “Election 2020: Results and Reactions.” Public Policy Lab Panel, Temple University, November 10, 2020.
- “Politics and the Pandemic.” Dissent in America Teach-In, Temple University, September 18, 2020.
- “What’s Next in TN Politics?” Tennessee County Services Association, Memphis, TN, November 3, 2017.

## **Conference and Seminar Presentations**

2024

- Midwestern Political Science Association

2023

- American Political Science Association
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- Election Science, Reform, & Administration Conference

2022

- American Political Science Association
- Midwestern Political Science Association

2021

- “Local Government Symposium: Improving Effectiveness and Efficiency in PA Local Government in a Post-COVID World.” Local Government Commission of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, October 21, 2021 (virtual)
- University of California, Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics (virtual)
- Columbia University American Politics Speaker Series (virtual)
- Political Institutions and Political Economy (PIPE) Collaborative Local Political Economy Symposium, University of Southern California (virtual)

2020

- International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Unite Conference (virtual)
- University of Pennsylvania American Politics Seminar (virtual)

- American Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association

2019

- Yale University American Politics & Public Policy Workshop
- American Political Science Association
- St. Louis Area Methods Meeting (SLAMM!)
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- University of Copenhagen
- Aarhus University

2018

- MIT American Politics Conference
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- First Annual Political Institutions and Political Economy (PIPE) Conference, University of Southern California
- Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law Special Issue on Health and Political Participation Conference

2017

- Russell Sage Foundation/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Conference on the Effects of the Affordable Care Act
- American Political Science Association
- University of California Berkeley Local Political Economy Conference
- State Politics and Policy Conference
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- Vanderbilt University Urban Political Economy Conference
- Southern Political Science Association

2016

- American Political Science Association
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association

2014

- Vanderbilt Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions Seminar
- American Political Science Association

2013

- American Political Science Association
- Yale American Politics Conference
- University of Michigan/AAAPSS Conference on the Great Recession
- Midwestern Political Science Association

2012

- Society for Political Methodology
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- NYU Experimental Political Science Conference
- MIT Political Economy Breakfast

2011

- Society for Political Methodology
- Midwestern Political Science Association

### **Professional Service**

Co-organizer, Local Political Economy APSA Pre-Conference, 2024

Editorial board member, *Political Behavior*, 2023-

Section head, “Representation and Electoral Systems,” 2024 Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting

Reviewer, APSA Spring Centennial Center Research Grants, 2023

Chair, APSA Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Section John Kincaid Best Article Award Committee, 2023

Editorial board member, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, 2021-

Executive Committee member, APSA Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Section, 2020-2022

Reviewer, Accountable Institutions and Behavior Program, National Science Foundation, 2021

Committee member, APSA Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Section Martha Derthick Book Award, 2020

Committee member, APSA Political Psychology Section Best Paper Award, 2019

Section chair, “Crime, Policy, & Social Control,” 2018 Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Politics Research*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Canadian Journal of Political Science*; *Cities*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Criminal Justice Review*; *Economics & Politics*; *Electoral Studies*; *European Journal of Political Economy*; *Health Affairs*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *Japanese Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*;



*Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Public Policy; Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Journal of Urban Affairs; Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly; Papers in Applied Geography; Party Politics; Perspectives on Politics; PLOS ONE; PS: Political Science & Politics; Policy Sciences; Policy Studies Journal; Political Analysis; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Research and Methods; Political Studies; Politics and Governance; Politics & Policy Quarterly; Presidential Studies Quarterly; Public Opinion Quarterly; Publius; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Research and Politics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Social Science Quarterly; Sociological Methods and Research; Sociological Perspectives; State Politics & Policy Quarterly; Swiss Political Science Review; Urban Affairs Review*

## **Departmental and University Service**

### Temple University

- Political Science Graduate Chair, 2024–
- Dissertation Committee Member, Daniel Confalone, 2024–
- Public Policy Lab Advisory Board, 2022–
- American Politics Field Chair, 2022–
- Faculty Senate, 2022–
- Department Contracts and Tenure Committee, Fall 2022.
- American Politics Comprehensive Exam Committee, Fall 2021.
- American Politics Faculty Search Committee, 2021.
- Masters of Public Policy Advisory Committee, 2020.
- Merit Committee, Department of Political Science, 2020.
- Master’s Thesis Committee Member: Megan Beckwith (University of Memphis), 2019–2020.

### University of Memphis

- Master’s Thesis Committee Chair: Emily Fulmer, 2018–2019.
- American Politics Faculty Search Committee, 2018.
- Public Policy Faculty Search Committee, 2018.
- Political Theory Faculty Search Committee, 2017.
- Faculty Senate, 2017–2019.
- Coordinator of Graduate Recruitment, 2016–2017.
- Faculty Evaluator, Undergraduate Works in Progress Symposium, 2016.
- Comparative Politics Faculty Search Committee, 2016.
- School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy PhD Program Committee, 2015–2016.
- Master’s Thesis Committee Member: Brooke Shannon, 2015–2016.