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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**2015 - Present**      **Assistant Professor of Political Science**  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

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## EDUCATION

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- 2015**    **Ph.D. in Political Science**  
Rice University, Houston, Texas  
Dissertation title: “Genetic Links among Ideology, Cognitive Style, Big Five Personality, and Executive Functions”  
Committee: John Alford (chair), Rick Wilson, Randy Stevenson, Randi Martin, and Robert Krueger
- 2011**    **M.A. in Political Science**  
Rice University, Houston, Texas
- 2008**    **M.A. in Social Science**  
University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois  
Thesis title: “Mapping the Frontiers of Justice: An Evolutionary Psychology Approach to Capabilities”  
Advisor: Eric Oliver
- 2007**    **B.A. with Honors in Political Science, First Class Honors**  
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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American politics, political psychology, political behavior, biology and politics, implicit cognitive processes and politics

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## PUBLICATIONS

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- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Friesen, A. (forthcoming). The Higher Power of Religiosity over Personality on Political Ideology. *Political Behavior*.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Jung, S. (forthcoming). The Biology of Political Decision-Making. In D.P. Redlawsk (Ed.) *Oxford Encyclopedia of Political Decision Making*.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (in press). Conservative Larks, Liberal Owls: The Relationship between Chronotype and Political Ideology. *Journal of Politics*. (<https://doi.org/10.1086/705927>)
- Vitriol, J., **Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, & Farhart, C. (2018). Implicit Candidate Traits in the 2016 Presidential Election: Replicating a Dual-Process Model of Candidate Evaluations. *Electoral Studies*, 54: 261-268.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Vitriol, J., & Farhart, C. (2018). Implicit Candidate-Trait Associations in Political Campaigns. *Political Psychology*, 39(1): 177-195.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Krueger, R. (2017). The Role of Genes and Environments in Linking the Need to Evaluate with Political Ideology and Political Extremity. *Social Justice Research*, 30(4): 381-407.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Friesen, A. (2017). Genes and Politics. In S.A. Peterson & A. Somit (Eds.) *Handbook of Biology and Politics*, Elgar Publishing.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Ludeke, S., & Krueger, R. (2016). The Role of Cognitive Style in the Link between Genes and Political Ideology. *Political Psychology*, 37(6): 761-776.
- Friesen, A. & **Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (2015). Do Political Attitudes and Religiosity Share a Genetic Path? *Political Behavior*, 37(4): 791-818.
- Chen, P.G., Appleby, J., Borgida, E., Callaghan, T.H., Ekstrom, P., Farhart, C.F., Housholder, E., Kim, H., **Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Lavine, H., Luttig, M.D., Mohanty, R., Rosenthal, A., Sheagley, G., Smith, B.A., Vitriol, J.A., & Williams, A. (2014). The Minnesota Multi-Investigator 2012 Presidential Election Panel Study. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 14(1): 78-104.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Hedrick, J. (2013). An Introduction to Implicit Attitudes in Political Science Research. *PS: Political*

#### **SELECTED WORKING PAPERS**

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Friesen, A., **Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, & Gothreau, C. Political Taste: Exploring how perception of bitter substances may reveal risk tolerance and political preferences.

Jung, S. & **Ksiazkiewicz, A.** Dual Citizenship and State Attachment.

**Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Friesen, A. Slimy worms or sticky kids: How caregiving tasks and traditional gender roles challenge the gender gap on disgust response

**Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Britzman, K., & Cho, J. The Politics of Early Birds and Night Owls on Twitter.

**Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Britzman, K., and Theodoridis, A. Sophistication without Introspection: Voters May Know More Than They Know.

**Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Klemmensen, R., Dawes, C., Christensen, K., McGue, M., Krueger, R., & Nørgaard, A. The Role of Genes and Environments in the Stability of Political Interest and Ideology: Evidence from Twin Panel Studies in Denmark and the United States.

**Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Krueger, R. Genes Link the Need to Evaluate with Political Interest and Participation.

**Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Miller, A. Implicit Sleep Attitudes, Political Ideology, and Personality.

**Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Rajala, B. Executive Functions and Political Ideology.

**Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & van Ditmars, M. Life Events and Political Preferences: Gene-Environment Interactions in Twins.

**Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Weigel, Z. Does Daylight Saving Time Affect Political Attitudes?

Ludeke, S., **Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, & Krueger, R. Accounting for the development of links between authoritarianism and geographic location using panel and genetic analyses.

Ludeke, S., **Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, DeYoung, C, & Krueger, R. Political ideology and psychopathology.

Miller, A. & **Ksiazkiewicz, A.** Chrononormativity: A New Construct with Implications for Social Norms and Prejudice

Risbridger, J. & **Ksiazkiewicz, A.** Sleep Loss and Voter Turnout.

Sawyer, K., & **Ksiazkiewicz, A.** Nonviolent Protest, State Repression, and the Genetics of Resilience.

van Ditmars, M., & **Ksiazkiewicz, A.** The gender gap in political interest: interplay of genes and gendered socialization?

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#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

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**Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (2018). Review of “Does Altruism Exist?” by David Sloan Wilson. *Politics and the Life Sciences*, 37(1): 143-145.

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#### **RESEARCH REPORTS**

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Loftis, M., **Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, & Stein, R. (2011). Report on the Effects of Houston-area Red Light Monitoring Cameras. Report for James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University.

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#### **GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING**

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Registered reports on psychophysiology, cognition, and political differences special issue from Association for Politics and the Life Sciences **(\$1,500), June 2019**

Registered reports on disgust and political attitudes special issue from Association for Politics and the Life Sciences **(\$1,500), November 2018**

Establishing an Illinois Twin Project from UIUC Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Initiative **(\$20,000), May 2017**

Dissertation Improvement Grant from Rice University Social Sciences Research Institute **(\$5,000), May 2012**

Crowdfunding for dissertation research via the SciFund Challenge, **(\$2,650), May 2012**

Mini-Grant from Rice University Social Sciences Research Institute (with John Alford and James Hedrick), **(\$1,500), April 2012**

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## INVITED TALKS

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- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (July 2019). Implicit Processes: Next Steps in Political Psychology Research. Invited talk at the Politics, Physiology, & Cognition: Advances in Theory and Method workshop in Montreal.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (July 2019). Introduction to Implicit Processing for the Study of Politics. Invited talk at the Politics, Physiology, & Cognition: Advances in Theory and Method workshop in Montreal.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (August 2017). Conservative Early Birds and Liberal Night Owls: Examining How Chronotype Relates to Political Attitudes and Behaviors. Invited talk at the Political Psychology Pre-Conference at the American Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Friesen, A.** (December 2016). Religiosity, Openness, Ideology: Comparing Twin Studies in Australia and the U.S. Invited talk in Social, Personality, and Organizational Psychology Brown Bag at UIUC Psychology.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A., Vitriol, J., & Farhart, C.** (October 2016). Implicit Candidate-Trait Associations in Political Campaigns. Invited presentation at Personality, Party Leaders, and Election Campaigns Workshop in St. John's, Newfoundland.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (2015, December). The Role of Cognitive Style in the Link between Genes and Political Ideology. Invited talk at the Social, Personality, and Organizational Psychology Brown Bag in the Department of Psychology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (2015, November). Genopolitics: A very brief overview. Invited talk at the Institute for Genomic Biology (Genomics Behavior, Economics, and Policy group) at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- Chen, P., Housholder E., Sheagley G., & **Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (2013, April). Motivated Reasoning, Selective Exposure, and Cognitive Style in Information Search and Attitude Formation. Invited talk at The Blake School in Minneapolis, MN and at the Symposium on the 2012 Minnesota Multi-Investigator Panel Study at the University of Minnesota.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A., Vitriol, J., & Farhart, C.** (2013, April). Stability, Reliability, and Unique Effects of Implicit and Explicit Political Attitudes in the 2012 Presidential Election. Invited talk at The Blake School in Minneapolis, MN and at the Symposium on the 2012 Minnesota Multi-Investigator Panel Study at the University of Minnesota.

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## TEACHING AWARDS AND COURSES TAUGHT

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UIUC Department of Political Science Award for Excellence in Graduate Education, 2017-18

Biology and Politics (graduate level; **Spring 2018**)

Introduction to Biology and Politics (**Spring 2017, Fall 2017**)

Introduction to Political Behavior (**Fall 2015, Fall 2016**)

Introduction to Political Science (Spring 2016, **Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019**; also adapted to an online only format with Kostas Kourtikakis)

Junior Honors Seminar (Fall 2017)

Political Psychology (**Fall 2018**)

Note: Bolded courses included on UIUC List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students

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## RESEARCH POSITIONS

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Visiting researcher, Minnesota Center for Twin and Family Research at the University of Minnesota, 2012 –2015

Visiting researcher, Center for the Study of Political Psychology at the University of Minnesota, 2012 – 2015

Research assistant, John Alford at Rice University, 2009 – 2015

Co-investigator, Minnesota Multi-investigator Panel Study at the University of Minnesota, 2012 –2013

Research consultant, Houston Police Department (Robbery Division), 2011 –2012

Research assistant, Lanny Martin at Rice University, 2010 –2011

Research assistant, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre at the University of Alberta, 2008 –2009

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## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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Computational Genomics Course, UIUC (2018)

International Workshop on Statistical Genetic Methods for Human Complex Traits, CU Boulder (2015)

Detecting Causal Relationships in Complex Social Science Data Short Course, American Political Science Association

Conference (2014)

How to Engage Your Students Short Course, American Political Science Association Conference (2013)

Unpacking the Black Box of Causality Short Course, American Political Science Association Conference (2013)

International Workshop on Statistical Genetics and Methodology of Twin and Family Studies, CU Boulder (2012)

Dynamic Process Tracing Short Course, American Political Science Association Conference (2011)

Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University (2010)

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- van Ditmars, M. & **Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (July 2019). The gender gap in political interest: interplay of genes and gendered socialization? Presentation at the International Society of Political Psychology Conference.
- Friesen, A., **Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, & Gothreau, C. (April 2019). Political Taste: Exploring how perception of bitter substances may reveal risk tolerance and political preferences. Presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Sawyer, K., & **Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (September 2018). Nonviolent Protest, State Repression and the Genetics of Resilience. Presentation at the American Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & van Ditmars, M. (September 2018). Life Events and Political Preferences: Gene-Environment Interactions in Twins. Presentation at the American Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Britzman, K., & Theodoridis, A. (April 2018). Sophistication without introspection? Voters may know more than they know. Presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Jung, S., & **Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (April 2018). Dual Citizenship and State Attachment. Presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (July 2017). Physiological Responses to Threat and Disgust: Revisiting Their Connections with Political Ideology. Presentation at the International Society of Political Psychology Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (April 2017). Conservative Early Birds and Liberal Night Owl? Chronotype and Political Ideology. Presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Friesen, A. (September 2016). Religiosity, Openness, Ideology: Comparing Twin Studies in Australia and the U.S. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference.
- Ludeke, S., **Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, & Krueger, R. (July 2016). Accounting for the development of links between authoritarianism and geographic location using panel and genetic analyses. Presentation at the European Conference on Personality.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Krueger R. (July 2016). Genes link the need to evaluate with ideological and partisan extremity. Paper presented at the International Society for Political Psychology Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Grady, C. (April 2016). Person-first Language and Affective Polarization. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Krueger, R. (2016, January). Attitudinal and Partisan Extremity Share Genetic Links with Need to Evaluate. Paper swap at the 2016 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Political Psych Pre-Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** & Friesen, A. (2015, April). Religiosity, openness, and bedrock principles: three distinct genetic relationships with social ideology. Paper presented at the 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (2015, April). Cognitive style as a Mediator between Genes and Politics. Presentation at the 2015 Hendrick's Symposium on "Psychology, Biology, and Political Attitudes" at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Ludeke, S., & Krueger, R. (2014, August). Two Distinct Paths from Genes to Ideology: Personality and Psychological Needs. Paper presented at the 2014 American Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Vitriol, J., & Farhart, C. (2014, April). Implicit Processes in the 2012 US Presidential Election. Paper presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Norgaard, A., **Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Dawes, C., Hatemi, P., & Klemmensen R. (2014, April). The Role of Genes & Environments in the Stability of Political Interest & Ideology: Evidence from Twin Panel Studies in Denmark and the United States. Paper presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.**, Krueger, R., & Alford, J. (2013, April). The Genetics of Political Attitude Change. Paper presented at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

- Ksiazkiewicz, A., Krueger, R., & Alford, J.** (2013, January). The Genetics of Political Attitude Change. Poster presented at the 2013 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Political Psych Pre-Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Krueger R.** (2012, August). Genetic Variation in Political Participation: A Replication and Extension. Poster prepared for 2012 American Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Hamilton C.** (2012, August). Telling Left from Right: The Implicit Association of Directions and Colors with Parties. Poster prepared for 2012 American Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Hedrick, J.** (2012, June). Implicit Attitudes Toward Highly Skilled and Low-skilled Immigration. Paper presented at the 2012 Canadian Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (2012, April). Sophistication without Introspection: Voters May Know More Than They Know. Paper presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (2012, January). Sophistication without Introspection? Poster presented at the 2012 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Political Psychology Pre-Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Hedrick, J.** (2012, January). Getting Answers without Asking Questions: The Practicality of an Auditory IAT. Paper presented at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (2011, April). Partisan Hearts, Biased Minds: The Implicit Associations Underlying Partisanship and Sophistication. Paper presented at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Hedrick, J.** (2011, April). Getting Answers without Asking Questions: The Practicality of an Auditory IAT. Paper presented at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A.** (2011, March). Partisan Hearts, Biased Minds: The Implicit Associations Underlying Partisanship and Sophistication. Paper presented at the 2011 Southwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Ksiazkiewicz, A. & Hedrick, J.** (2011, March). Getting Answers without Asking Questions: The Practicality of an Auditory IAT. Paper presented at the 2011 Southwest Political Science Association Conference.

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#### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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University of Illinois Senate senator, 2018-20  
Graduate Affairs Committee member, 2018-19  
Departmental Climate Committee member, 2017-19  
Advisory Committee member, 2016-18  
Awards Committee member, 2016-17  
Visioning Committee member, 2016-17  
Citizen Politics Concentration Committee chair, 2016-17  
Quantitative Analysis Concentration Committee member, 2016-17  
Internship Committee member, 2015-16

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#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Section Chair for Biology, Genetics, and Neuroscience, International Society of Political Psychology 2020 Conference  
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Politics, 2017 - 2018  
Editorial Assistant, American Journal of Political Science, 2009 –2014  
Newsletter Co-Editor (with G. Scott Morgan 2011-12, Oriane Sarrasin 2012-13), International Society of Political Psychology Junior Scholars Committee, 2011 – 2013  
Co-editor (with James Hedrick), Symposium on Implicit Attitudes in Political Science Research in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 46(3): 525-555, July 2013  
Co-organizer (with James Hedrick), Working Group on Implicit Attitudes in Political Science Research, American Political Science Association Conference, 2011  
Co-Organizer (with Matt Loftis and Jaclyn Kettler), American and Comparative Politics Workshop at Rice University, 2010 – 2011  
Co-Organizer (with Matt Loftis), Political Science Research Cooperation Internship Program at Rice University, 2010 –2011  
Reviewer for American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political

Psychology, Political Behavior, Electoral Studies, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Politics and the Life Sciences, Behavior Genetics, Twin Research and Human Genetics, and Social Justice Research

Grant reviewer for the Economic and Social Research Council (UK)

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#### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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Edsall, T. (2014). How much do our genes influence our political beliefs? *The New York Times*, July 8, 2014.  
<http://nyti.ms/1mxhC29>

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#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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American Political Science Association (and Political Psychology section)

Association for Politics and the Life Sciences

International Society of Political Psychology

Midwest Political Science Association