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RESEARCH INTERESTS American Politics; Party Systems and Long-Term Partisan Change; Mass Partisanship and Ideology; Public Opinion; U.S. Congress and Political Representation; Race & Ethnic Politics; Politics of Gender and Sexuality; Political Psychology; Political Sophistication; Religion and Politics; Political Decision-Making and Heuristics

EDUCATION **Indiana University**, Bloomington, IN

Ph.D., Political Science (**currently ABD; expected graduation: May 2021**)

- Fields: American Politics, Theory & Methods (*passed comprehensive exams in both fields*)
- Outside Minor: Psychology

Duke University, Durham, NC

A.M., Political Science, 2012

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

B.A., Political Science; Certificate (minor), Integrated Liberal Studies, 2010

- Senior Honors Thesis: *The Institutionalization of Pre-Nomination Presidential Primary Debates in the United States, 1948-1984* (thesis directed by Professor Byron E. Shafer)
- Member, Pi Sigma Alpha (political science honors society)

DISSERTATION *Voting in Groups, Thinking Like Ideologues: The Paradox of Partisan Conflict in the United States*

- Chair: Edward G. Carmines
- Committee Members: William T. Bianco, Marjorie R. Hershey, Christopher D. DeSante, Bernard L. Fraga

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS Bianco, William T. and **Eric R. Schmidt**. 2020. “Congressional Credit-Claiming for COVID-19 Assistance: How Home Styles Adapt to Local Context.” *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 1(4): 631-644. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1561/113.00000025>

Carmines, Edward G. and **Eric R. Schmidt**. 2020. “Prejudice and Tolerance in U.S. Presidential Politics: Evidence from Eight List Experiments in 2008 and 2012.” *P.S.: Political Science & Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096520000876>

Schmidt, Eric R. 2018. “The Influence of Religious Political Sophistication on U.S. Public Opinion.” *Political Behavior* 40(1): 21-53. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-017-9390-z>

Bianco, William T. and **Eric R. Schmidt**. 2017. "Knowing What We Are Getting: Evaluating Scientific Output on the International Space Station." *Social Science Quarterly* 98(4): 1151-1159. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12468>

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

Carmines, Edward G., **Eric R. Schmidt**, and Matthew R. Fowler. Forthcoming. "Clarifying our Populist Moment(s): Left-Wing and Right-Wing Populism in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." In *The Palgrave Handbook of Populism*, ed. Michael Oswald. London: Palgrave MacMillan.

Carmines, Edward G. and **Eric R. Schmidt**. 2018. "Critical Elections, Partisan Realignment, and Long-Term Electoral Change in American Politics." Published at *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. Available <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199756223/obo-9780199756223-0246.xml>

Carmines, Edward G., Michael W. Wagner, and **Eric R. Schmidt**. 2018. "Issue Evolution." In *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*, ed. Samuel J. Best and Richard L. Clark. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group.

Carmines, Edward G. and **Eric R. Schmidt**. 2020. "Analyzing the Evidence: Is the Public as Polarized as Congress?" Chapter insert for *American Government: Power and Purpose*, 16th edition, ed. Theodore J. Lowi, Benjamin Ginsberg, Kenneth Shepsle, and Stephen Ansolabehere. New York: W.W. Norton and Company.

Carmines, Edward G. and **Eric R. Schmidt**. 2017. "A Discussion of Katherine J. Cramer's *The Politics of Resentment: Rural Consciousness in Wisconsin and the Rise of Scott Walker*." Contribution to book review symposium. *Perspectives on Politics* 15(2): 527-528. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592717000299>

WORKING PAPERS

"Cognitive Misers are Ideologues: Party Policy – Not Group Composition – is Easier for Citizens to Understand"

"Voting in Groups, Thinking Like Ideologues: Toward an Improved Group Model of Mass Politics in the United States"

"Ideological Discretion and Cue-Taking in the American Electorate"

IN PROGRESS

Voting in Groups, Thinking Like Ideologues: The Paradox of Partisan Conflict in the United States. Book manuscript.

PROFESSIONAL
PRESENTATIONS

Indiana University American Politics Workshop, 2020. "Voting in Groups, Thinking Like Ideologues: The Paradoxes of Partisan Conflict in the United States."

Indiana University American Politics Workshop, 2020. "The Parties We Know For Sure: Partisans Confidently Ascribe Issue (But Not Group) Stereotypes to the Opposition."

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019. "Are a Group-Centric and an Ideological Public One and the Same? Evidence from Observational and Experimental Data."

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019. "Clarifying our Populist Moment(s): Operational and Symbolic Populism in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election" (*with Edward G. Carmines and Matthew R. Fowler*).

Indiana University American Politics Workshop, 2018. “Democracy for Cautious Optimists: Questioning the (Alleged) Pathologies of Sophisticated and Unsophisticated Voters.”

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018. “The Two Faces of Populism” (*with Edward G. Carmines and Matthew R. Fowler*).

Indiana University American Politics Workshop, 2018. “The Two Faces of Populism” (*with Edward G. Carmines*).

Indiana University American Politics Workshop, 2018. “Neither Ideological nor Non-Ideological? Some Thoughts from the Margins of Ideology Research in U.S. Public Opinion.”

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017. “Presidential Litmus Tests: Voter Discomfort with African American, Gay, Mormon, and Muslim Presidential Candidates” (*with Edward G. Carmines*).

Indiana University American Politics Workshop, 2017. “Presidential Litmus Tests: Voter Discomfort with African American, Gay, Mormon, and Muslim Presidential Candidates” (*with Edward G. Carmines*).

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016. “(Religious) Knowledge Matters: Survey Evidence for Clergy Influence on Parishioners’ Political Attitudes.”

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016. “(Religious) Knowledge Matters: Survey Evidence for Clergy Influence on Parishioners’ Political Attitudes.”

Indiana University American Politics Workshop, 2015. “(Religious) Knowledge Matters: Survey Evidence for Clergy Influence on Parishioners’ Political Attitudes.”

Indiana University Political Science Graduate Student Colloquium, 2015. “Racialized Ego Threat: Experimental Evidence for a New Variant of Intergroup Threat Theory.”

Duke University Graduate Student Colloquium, 2012. “Single-Minded Seekers or Moderate Religionists? Untangling the Effect of Legislators’ Religious Affiliations on Congressional Voting Behavior.”

Southern Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, 2011. “Party Over Pulpit: Voter Defiance of Denominational Positions on the Iraq War.”

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2010. “Electoral Margin and Party Pressure: Marginality Theory Reconsidered” (*with Ruoxi Li*).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor-of-Record

- *POLS Y353: The Politics of Gender and Sexuality* (Fall 2020; *online course*)
- *POLS Y103: Introduction to American Politics* (Summer 2019)

Associate Instructor

- *POLS Y315: Political Psychology and Socialization* (Fall 2020, *online course*; Instructor, Dr. Edward Carmines)
- *POLS Y315: Political Psychology and Socialization* (Fall 2018; Instructor, Dr.

Edward Carmines)

- POLS Y103: *Introduction to American Politics* (Summer 2018, *online course*; Instructor, Dr. William Bianco)
- POLS Y315: *Political Psychology and Socialization* (Fall 2017; Instructor, Dr. Edward Carmines)
- POLS Y103: *Introduction to American Politics* (Summer 2017, *online course*; Instructor, Dr. William Bianco)
- POLS Y576: *Political Data Analysis II (Graduate Level)* (Spring 2017; Instructor, Dr. William Bianco)
- POLS Y103: *Introduction to American Politics* (Fall 2016; Instructor, Matthew Kuchem)
- POLS Y103: *Introduction to American Politics* (Summer 2016, *online course*; Instructor, Dr. William Bianco)
- POLS Y221: *Introduction to Law* (Spring 2016; Instructor, Dr. Jacek Dalecki)
- POLS Y100: *Introduction to American Political Controversies* (Fall 2015; Instructor, Dr. Jacek Dalecki)
- POLS Y103: *Introduction to American Politics* (Summer 2015, *online course*; Instructor, Dr. William Bianco)

ONLINE
LEARNING

Canvas; Kaltura; Zoom (*expert knowledge of all three platforms for online learning*)

ASSISTANTSHIPS
& RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Center on American Politics, August 2020 - present

Project Manager, Indiana Political Analysis Workshop (IPAW) (*in collaboration with the Environmental Resilience Institute and Hoosier Resilience Index*), Summer 2020

Research Assistant, Center on American Politics, July 2017-July 2019

Research Assistant, Dr. Matthew Hayes, Summer 2015

Research Assistant, Dr. William Bianco, July 2014-July 2015

Graduate Research Assistant, Drs. John Aldrich and David Rohde (*Duke University Center for Political Institutions and Public Choice*), 2010-2012

Editorial Assistant, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (for Dr. David Canon, University of Wisconsin), July 2009-July 2010

HONORS,
GRANTS
& AWARDS

Outstanding Associate Instructor, Department of Political Science (\$500); AY 2019

College of Arts of Sciences Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$20,000); AY 2019-2020

John V. Gillespie Memorial Scholarship (\$2000); May 2018

- Presented annually to “outstanding graduate students who have demonstrated superior analytical abilities and research skills in positive political theory, mathematical modeling, or the use of quantitative methods to the study of political phenomena.”

Center on American Politics Research Grant (\$500); May 2018

- For “Democracy for Cautious Optimists: Political Sophistication, Policy Attitudes, and Group-Centrism in U.S. Public Opinion”

Katherine C. Greenough Fellowship (\$500); August 2017

Department of Political Science (IU) Best Graduate Student Paper (\$500); May 2017

- For “The Influence of Religious-Political Sophistication on U.S. Public Opinion,” published in *Political Behavior*

Center on American Politics Research Grant (\$500); May 2017 (shared with Matthew R. Fowler)

- For “Assessing the Reliability and Validity of a New Index of Populist Attitudes in the United States”

Warner O. Chapman Summer Fellowship (\$4,000); May 2015, May 2016, May 2017

Graduate and Professional Student Government Conference Travel Grant (\$500); January 2016

Indiana University Graduate Fellowship (\$18,000); September 2014 - May 2015

Summer Fellowship, Center for Political Institutions and Public Choice; Duke University, \$2,000 (June 2011, June 2012)

SERVICE

Moderator, online panel (November 2020) on *Mathematics and Politics: Conundrums of Representative Democracies*; panel organized by the IU College of Arts and Sciences to promote public outreach to IU alumni during the 2020 presidential election.

Reviewer: *Political Behavior, Journal of Politics, Politics and Religion*

Project Manager, Cooperative Congressional Election Study (*Center on American Politics’ team module*), 2017-2020

Coordinator, Indiana University American Politics Workshop, 2017-2018; 2020.

Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018.

Panelist, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016. Panel commemorating the fifteenth anniversary of *Christian Clergy in American Politics*, ed. Sue S.M. Crawford and Laura R. Olson.

Panel Chair, Southern Association for Public Opinion Research, 2011.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

SOFTWARE

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REFERENCES

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