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Education

Yale University: Ph.D., Political Science, 1998-2005.

Williams College: B.A., Mathematics and Philosophy, 1993-1997.

Positions

University of Notre Dame, Assistant Professor, Political Science, 2005 – present.

Awards

“Scalable Protocols” paper selected as one of “100 Seminal Papers from the last 100 years of journal publishing by Oxford University Press.”

APSA section award for best dissertation in political psychology, 2005.

Miller Prize for best article published in *Political Analysis*, 2005.

Refereed Publications

Arceneaux, Kevin and David W. Nickerson. Forthcoming. “Negative and Positive Campaign Messages: Evidence from Two Field Experiments.” *American Politics Research*.

Farrar, Cynthia, Donald P. Green, Jennifer Green, David W. Nickerson, and Steven Shewfelt. Forthcoming. “How Much Do Discussion Partners’ Pre-Existing Views Affect One’s Own Political Attitudes? Results from Two Randomized Field Experiments.” *Political Psychology*.

Arceneaux, Kevin and David W. Nickerson. 2009. “Correctly Modeling Certainty with Clustered Treatments: A Comparison of Methods” (with Kevin Arceneaux). *Political Analysis* 17(2):177-190.

Arceneaux, Kevin and David W. Nickerson. 2009. “Who is Mobilized to Vote? A Re-Analysis of Seven Randomized Field Experiments.” *The American Journal of Political Science* 53(1):1-16.

Nickerson, David W. 2008. “Is Voting Contagious? Evidence from Two Field Experiments,” *American Political Science Review* 102(February):49-57.

Nickerson, David W. 2007. “Does Email Boost Turnout?” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 2(4):369-379.

Nickerson, David W. 2007. “The Ineffectiveness of E-vites to Democracy: Field Experiments Testing the Role of E-mail on Voter Turnout,” *Social Science Computer Review* 25(4):494-503.

Nickerson, David W. 2007. “Quality is Job One: Volunteer and Professional Phone Calls,” *American Journal of Political Science* 51(2):269-282.

Nickerson, David W. 2006. “Hunting the Elusive Young Voter,” *Journal of Political Marketing* 5(3):47-69.

- Nickerson, David W. 2006. "Volunteer Phone Calls Can Increase Turnout." *American Politics Research* 34(3):271-292.
- Nickerson, David W., Ryan F. Friedrichs, and David C. King. 2006. "Partisan Mobilization Experiments in the Field: Results from a Statewide turnout experiment in Michigan," *Political Research Quarterly* 34(1):271-292.
- Nickerson, David W. 2005. "Scalable Protocols Offer Efficient Design for Field Experiments," *Political Analysis* 13(3):233-252.
- Winner of the Miller Prize for best work appearing in *Political Analysis*.
 - Selected as one of "100 Seminal Papers from the last 100 years of journal publishing by Oxford University Press."
- Green, Donald P., Alan S. Gerber and David W. Nickerson. 2003. "Getting Out the Vote in Local Elections: Results from Six Door-to-Door Canvassing Experiments," *Journal of Politics* 65(4):1083-1096.
- Gerber, Alan S., Donald P. Green and David Nickerson. 2001. "Testing for Publication Bias in Political Science," *Political Analysis* 9(4):385-392.

Unrefereed Publications

- Nickerson, David W. 2009. "The Impact of Email Campaigns on Voter Turnout: Evidence from a Field Experiment," in *Politicking On-line: The Transformation of Election Campaign Communications*. Panagopolous, Costas, eds. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- Nickerson, David W. 2008. "Experimental Approaches to the Diffusion of Norms," in *Social Capital: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. Bartkus, Viva & Jim Davis, eds. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Press.
- Nickerson, David W. 2005. "Partisan Mobilization Using Volunteer Phone Banks and Door Hangers," *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 601:10-27.
- Garrett, Geoffrey and David W. Nickerson. 2005. "Globalization, Democracy, and Government Spending in Middle Income Countries" in *Politics Matters: Globalization and the Welfare State in Cross Regional Comparison*, edited by Miguel Glatzer and Dietrich Rueschemeyer. Pittsburgh University Press.

Working Papers

- "The Link Between Registration and Turnout."
- "Don't Talk To Strangers: Experimental Evidence Of The Need For Targeting".
- "Reciprocity and U.S. Public Opinion on Torture" (with Patrick Flavin).
- "An Evaluation of Regression Discontinuity Techniques using Field Experiments as a Benchmark"
- "Friends Don't Make Friends Vote: A Social Networks Field Experiment."

Grants

\$12,226 Pilot Funds from ISLA for “Racial Priming and Framing in Policy Evaluation”

\$215,000 research grant from Young Voter Strategies, George Washington School of Political Management, 2006, co-principal investigator with Elizabeth Bennion.

\$83,000 research grant from Young Voter Strategies, George Washington School of Political Management, 2006.

\$35,000 research grant from Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, Fall 2005, principal investigator.

\$20,000 research grant from Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, Fall 2004, principal investigator.

Presentations (last two years)

“How (and How Not) to Study Voter Registration”. Paper presented at ISPS@40, Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 14-15, 2008.

“Results from a Multi-Campus Voter Registration Field Experiment” (with Elizabeth Bennion). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28 – September 1, 2008.

“Can Voter Turnout Contaminate Neighborhoods?” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, Ann Arbor, MI, July 9-12, 2008.

“Harvard Networks in Political Science” Conference at the Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA, June 13-14, 2008.

“External Validity and Experimentation.” Paper presented at “Experiments in Political Science” conference, Mission Inn, Riverside, CA, May 2, 2008.

“How (and how not) to Study Voter Registration Experimentally.” Invited presentation at the Applied Statistics Workshop, Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences, Harvard University, January 30, 2008.

“Attitudinal Contagion Among Freshmen Roommates.” Invited presentation at Washington University, October, 5, 2007; Northwestern University, October, 26, 2007; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, November 14, 2007; the University of California at Berkeley, November 28, 2007.

“Measuring Interpersonal Influence.” Invited presentation for Research in Quantitative Political Science Seminar, Columbia University, September 20, 2007.

“Partisan Stability in Social Networks.” Invited presentation at the University of Illinois, August 2, 2007.

“An Evaluation of Regression Discontinuity Techniques using Experiments as a Benchmark.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, State College, PA, July 18-21, 2007.

“Don’t Talk to Strangers: Experimental Evidence of the Need for Targeting.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007.