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Employment

University of Miami Political Science Department
Professor, 2021–Present; Associate, 2014–2021; Assistant, 2007–2014

Current Administrative Appointments

Academic Ombudsperson, May 2026–Present

Current Fellowships

Cooper Fellow, University of Miami, awarded May 2025.
Lifetime Fellow, Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, awarded October 2020.

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Arizona, 2007
M.A. Political Science, University of New Hampshire, 2003
B.A. Political Science, Plymouth State College, 2000

Books

American Conspiracy Theories with Joseph Parent (2014), Oxford University Press. Reviewed by *LSE Review*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Studies Review, Critical Review, Perspectives on Politics*, *American Journal of Psychology, Scientific American.*

The People's News: Media, Politics, and the Demands of Capitalism (2014), New York University Press. Reviewed by *Political Science Quarterly*, *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly, Journalism, Perspectives on Politics,* and *Choice.*

Textbooks

Conspiracy Theories: A Primer 2nd Edition, with Adam M. Enders (2023) New York: Rowman & Littlefield. Translated into Italian.

Conspiracy Theories: A Primer, (2020) New York: Rowman & Littlefield. (Reviewed by *The Independent Review, The Gospel Coalition, Ethics & Culture, Philosophyandsociety.com,* and *Choice).* Translated into Japanese.

Edited Volume

Conspiracy Theories and the People Who Believe Them, (2018) Ed. Joseph Uscinski, New York: Oxford University Press. Reviewed by *The American Historical Review, The Times Literary Supplement, LSE Review of Books, Skeptic Magazine*, *Insight Turkey*, *Reason Magazine*. Top 10 researched books on Oxford Scholarship Online 2019.

Academic Essays: Articles (71), Chapters (14), Policy Reports (2)

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82. Uscinski, Joseph and Asheley Landrum, "Conspiracy Theory Communication and Its Effects," (2025), in the *Oxford Handbook of Media Psychology*, Oxford University Press.

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80. Littrell, Shane, Amanda Diekman, Michelle Seelig, Kamal Premaratne, Stefan Wuchty, Daniel Verdear, Casey Klofstad, Joseph Uscinski, "Belief in Science-Related Conspiracy Theories," (2025) *Journal of Social Issues*.

79. Enders, Adam, Casey Klofstad, Joseph Uscinski, "Violence and Conspiracy Theory Beliefs," (2024) *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*.

78. Meyer, Marco, Adam Enders, Casey Klofstad, Justin Stoler, Joseph Uscinski, "Using an AI-powered 'street epistemologist' chatbot and reflection tasks to diminish conspiracy theory beliefs," (2024) *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*.

77. Enders, Adam, Shane Littrell, Casey Klofstad, Joanne Miller, Jan Zilinsky, Yannis Theocharis, and Joseph Uscinski, "Left-Right Political Orientations Are Not Systematically Related to Conspiracism," (2024) *Advances in Political Psychology*.

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64. Uscinski, Joseph E., (2023) "What Are We Doing When We Research Misinformation?" *Political Epistemology*.

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60. Enders, Adam, and Joseph E. Uscinski, (2022) "What's the Harm?" *Lies and the Law*, *Knight First Amendment Institute*.

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41. Smallpage, Steven, Hugo Drochon, Joseph E. Uscinski and Casey Klofstad. "Who Are the Conspiracy Theorists: Demographics and Conspiracy Theories" (2020) for the *Routledge Handbook of Conspiracy Theories*, Butter, M., & Knight, P. (Eds.), Routledge: New York.

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37. Touchton, Michael, Casey Klofstad, Jon West, and Joseph E. Uscinski, (2020) "Whistleblowing or Leaking? Public Opinion toward Assange, Manning, and Snowden," *Research & Politics*.

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30. Gaston, Sophie, Joseph Uscinski. Henry Jackson Society (2018) "Out of the Shadows: Conspiracy Thinking and Immigration" (London, UK).

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28. Uscinski, Joseph, "Covering Dubious Ideas in Real Time" (2018) in *Conspiracy Theories and the People Who Believe Them*, ed. Joseph E. Uscinski, Oxford University Press, New York.

27. Smallpage, Steven, Adam Enders, and Joseph E. Uscinski, (2017) "The Partisan Contours of Conspiracy Theory Beliefs" *Research & Politics*.

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25. Uscinski, Joseph and Ryden Butler (undergraduate). "The Power of Markets: 21st Century U.S. Energy Policy" (2017) in *Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability in the Western Hemisphere*, ed. Remi Piet, Bruce Bagley, and Marcelo R. S. Zorovich, Lexington Books, New York.

24. Uscinski, Joseph E. and Santiago Olivella, (2017), "The Mediating Impact of Conspiracy Attitudes on Climate Change Opinions" *Research & Politics*.

23. Uscinski, Joseph., Karen Douglas, and Stephan Lewandowsky (2017) "Climate Change Conspiracy Theories" *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Climate Science*.

22. Edelson, Jack, Alexander Alduncin, Christopher Krewson, James A. Sieja, and Joseph E. Uscinski (2017) "The Effect of Conspiratorial Thinking and Motivated Reasoning on Belief in Election Fraud" *Political Research Quarterly*.

21. Uscinski, Joseph E. (2017) "The Study of Conspiracy Theories" *Argumenta – The Journal of Analytic Philosophy*.

20. Uscinski, Joseph E., Casey Klofstad, and Matthew D. Atkinson (2016) "What Drives Conspiratorial Beliefs? The Role of Informational Cues and Predispositions" *Political Research Quarterly*.

19. Uscinski, Joseph. "Star Wars and the Executive Branch" (2016), in *Science Fiction and American Politics*, eds. Michael Allen and Justin Vaughn, Routledge: New York.

18. Uscinski, Joseph E., (2015) "The Epistemology of Fact Checking (Is Still Naïve): Rejoinder to Amazeen," *Critical Review*.

17. Atkinson, Matthew, Christopher B. Mann, Santiago Olivella, Arthur Simon, and Joseph E. Uscinski, (2014) "(Where) Do Campaigns Matter? The Impact of National Party Convention Location." *Journal of Politics*.

16. Atkinson, Matthew, Maria Deam (undergraduate), and Joseph Uscinski, (2014) "What's a Dog Story Worth?" *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

15. Uscinski, Joseph E., (2014) "Placing Conspiratorial Motives in Context: The Role of Predispositions and Threat" *Psychological Reports*.

14. Uscinski, Joseph and Ryden Butler (undergraduate), (2013), "The Epistemology of Fact Checking," *Critical Review*.

13. Uscinski, Joseph and Casey Klofstad (2013), "Determinants of Representatives' Votes on the Flake Amendment to End National Science Foundation Funding of Political Science Research," *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

12. Simon, Arthur and Joseph Uscinski (2012), "Prior Experience Predicts Presidential Performance" *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

11. Uscinski, Joseph. "Gendering the Presidency without Gender in the Presidency," (2012), *Gender, Popular Culture, and Presidential Politics*, eds. Lilly Goren and Justin Vaughn: University Press of Kentucky.

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8. Uscinski, Joseph and Arthur Simon (2011), "Partisanship as a Source of Presidential Rankings," *White House Studies*.

7. Uscinski, Joseph and Casey Klofstad (2010), "Who Likes Political Science? Examining the Vote on the Coburn Amendment." *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

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4. Uscinski, Joseph (2009), "The Timing of Presidential Cinema," *Social Science Quarterly*.

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2. Sanchez, Gabriel R., Michael S. Rocca and Joseph E. Uscinski (2008), "Descriptive Attributes and Latino Voting Behavior in Congress," *Social Science Quarterly*.

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Book Reviews

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BBC History Magazine, (June 2025) "The Feel of Truth," review of *Ghosts of Iron Mountain: The Hoax that Duped America and its Sinister Legacy* by Phil Tinline.

Fortean Times, (Summer 2025) review of *Conspiracy Theory* by Ian Dunt & Dorian Lynskey.

Fortean Times, (Summer 2019) review of "*Republic of Lies*" by Anna Merlan.

American Journal of Psychology, (2021) with Joseph M. Parent, "Down with Theory and Evidence?" review of *A Lot of People Are Saying: The New Conspiracism and the Assault on Democracy*, by Russell Muirhead and Nancy L. Rosenbaum.

Perspectives on Politics, (2017) review of "*America's Battle for Media Democracy*," by Victor Pickard.

Perspectives on Politics, (2015) book review of "*Secrecy in the Sunshine Era*," by Jason Ross Arnold.

Works in Progress

Book in Progress

"*The People Who Break Things*" with Adam Enders, Casey Klofstad, and Justin Stoler; Prospectus and initial chapters drafted.

Academic Essays - R&R'ed Articles and Chapters

"Denialism and Its Effects," with Adam Enders and Casey Klofstad, for *Mis/Disinformation and Other Epistemic Pathologies*, ed., Mihaela Popa-Wyatt, Cambridge University Press, Granted R&R August 2024.

"The Philosophy and Politics of Conspiracy Theories," Dentith, M., and Joseph Uscinski, preparing for *The Research Handbook on Conspiracy Theories and Society*, eds., David Coady and Marina Tsapos, Edward Elgars Publishing. Granted R&R November 2024.

"Anti-intellectualism and Conspiracy Theories," with Adam Enders, Casey Klofstad, Justin Stoler. Submitted for *Routledge Handbook of Anti-Intellectualism*, December 2025, granted R&R January 2026.

"The Politics of Preppers," with Casey Klofstad, et al. Granted R&R August 2026 at *Social Science Quarterly*.

Academic Essays in Progress

"Shining a Light on Dark Politics," Zilinsky, Jan, Adam Enders, Casey Klofstad, Joseph Uscinski, to be submitted Fall 2026.

"Do Conspiracy Theory Beliefs Form a Monological Belief System?" with Adam Enders, Daniel Verdear, Shane Littrell, Casey Klofstad, Hugo Drochon, Stefan Wuchty; fully drafted, preparing for submission Fall 2026.

"The Predictors of Zika Vaccine Attitudes." Littrell, Shane, Casey Klofstad, Joseph Uscinski, Data analysis complete, drafting for submission in 2026.

"The Psychological and Political Predictors of Supporting and Engaging in Political Violence" Klofstad, Casey, Shane Littrell, Joseph E. Uscinski, Data analysis complete, currently drafting for submission in 2026.

"The Two Authoritarianisms" Klofstad, Casey, Shane Littrell, Joseph E. Uscinski, Data analysis complete, currently drafting for submission in 2026.

"Childhood Trauma and Conspiracy Theories," Joseph Uscinski, Andrew Smolar, Casey Klofstad, Data analysis complete, submission expected 2026.

"The Political Predictors of Vaccine Regret," Mert Can Bayar, Peter Kreko, Casey Klofstad, Adam Enders, Justin Stoler. Analysis complete, Submission expected 2026.

"Attitudes towards Price Gouging Prohibitions, Rent Control, Tariffs, and Minimum Wage Laws," Klofstad, Casey and Joseph E. Uscinski. Data analysis complete. Submission expected Spring 2026.

Awards, Previous External Grants, and Internal Grants

National Science Foundation, Co-PI, ($2,400,000), "Multi-Disciplinary Analyses of the Nature and Spread of Unsubstantiated Information Online," 2021–2025, #2123635, Co-PI, with C. Klofstad, M. Murthi, K. Premaratne, M. Seelig, S. Wuchty; Cancelled by DOGE Summer 2025.

National Institute of Health, ($3,714,492) "LatiNET: Multilevel Social Network Model to Examine and Address SARS-CoV-2 Misinformation in Low-Income Latinx Communities," 2022–2025, R01MD018343, with M. Kanamori (PI), K. Fujimoto, and J. Stoler; Cancelled by Robert Kennedy Jr. Summer 2025.

Bridge Funding Award, University of Miami Office of the Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship, $10,000, August 2023.

U-Link Phase II Year II Renewal Award for interdisciplinary teams on Extremist Conspiracy Theories ($150,000), September 2020, with Casey Kolstad, Manohar Murthi, Kamal Premaratne, Michelle Seelig, Stephan Wuchty, and John Funchion.

U-Link Phase II Award for interdisciplinary teams on Extremist Conspiracy Theories ($150,000), September 2019, with Casey Kolstad, Manohar Murthi, Kamal Premaratne, Michelle Seelig, Caleb Everett, and Stephan Wuchty.

Rapid Response award to study Florida's response to COVID-19, University of Miami, with Casey Klofstad and Justin Stoler ($10,000), April 2020

Award to study response to COVID-19, University of Miami College of Arts & Sciences, with Casey Klofstad and Justin Stoler ($10,000), March 2020

U-Link Phase I Award for interdisciplinary team on Extremist Conspiracy Theories ($32,000), October 2018, with Casey Kolstad, Manohar Murthi, Kamal Premaratne, Michelle Seelig, Caleb Everett, Stephan Wuchty
Dean's Award to study Hurricane Irma, with Casey Klofstad and Jennifer Connolly, ($13,000), 2018

CREST (Centre for Research and Evidence on Security Threats), "Understanding Conspiracy Theories" (£56,272), with Karen Douglas (PI), Aleksandra Chichocka, Farzin Deveri, Robbie Sutton, and Turkay Nefes, 2016
Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority "Purple Iris" Award for Teaching, 2012, 2013

Provost Summer Research Award, University of Miami ($10,500), 2011

Course Development Grant; University of Miami ($2,000), 2012

University Writing Fellow, University of Miami, ($3,000), 2011

Media Experience

Interviewed more than 1,500 times by international, national, and local outlets. Highlights in *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, *Rolling Stone*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *PBS News Hour*, and *CBS Sunday Morning News*.

Op-eds, Blog Posts, Encyclopedia Entries, and Forwards

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71. *Washington Post*, "Voters always imagine fraud. Politicians usually don't go along with it," with Adam Enders, November 12th, 2020.

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69. *The New York Daily News*, "Conspiracy theories have hounded America since the start, just used in new ways," September 6th, 2020.

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67. *The Guardian*, "Is QAnon taking over America? Not so fast," with Adam Enders. August 18, 2020.

66. *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, "Who supports QAnon? Here's what our poll finds," with Casey Klofstad and Justin Stoler, August 3rd, 2020.

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64. *Newsweek*, "Will Black Americans Fear a Vaccine More Than COVID-19?," July 8th, 2020. with Casey Klofstad and Justin Stoler.

63. *Miami Herald*, "Bill Gates created COVID-19, and other conspiracy theories Floridians believe," with Justin Stoler and Casey Klofstad. July 7th, 2020.

62. *Orlando Sentinel*, "Floridians may take it slow as state reopens," with Justin Stoler and Casey Klofstad. July 4th, 2020.

61. *Newsweek*, "The Flynn Decision Fits Right into Trump's Favorite Narrative," June 26th, 2020.

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59. *Washington Post*, "Conspiracy theories run rampant when people feel helpless. Like now," with Adam Enders. May 5th, 2020.

58. *The Atlantic*, "The Coronavirus Conspiracy Theory Boom," with Adam Enders. April 30th, 2020.

57. "Election Night Reporting," in *Voting and Political Representation in America: Issues and Trends*, *2020,* ABC-CLIO, ed. Mark Jones.

56. "Election Conspiracy Theories," in *Voting and Political Representation in America: Issues and Trends, 2020*, ABC-CLIO, ed. Mark Jones.

55. *Newsweek*, "How Do We Escape These Partisan Death Spirals? Devolve More Power to the States," with Joseph M. Parent. January 2020.

54. *POLITICO*, "Americans are more populist, conspiratorial and anti-establishment than we thought," with Adam Enders, November 19th, 2020.

53. *Cambridge University, Bennett Institute for Public Policy*, "Conspiracy theory vs free speech – should we regulate social media?" February, 2019.

52. *Skeptical Inquirer*, "Conspiring for the Common Good," August, 2019.

51. *London School of Economics and Political Science, American Politics and Policy Blog*, "How extremist conspiracy theories about immigration and demographic change can fuel violence" with Casey Klofstad, September 12, 2019.

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24. *LSE EUROPP Blog*, "What does Russia's doping scandal tell us about the nature of political conspiracies?" June 7th, 2016.

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18. *Washington Post*, "The Psychology behind Why People Believe Conspiracy Theories about Scalia's Death. Hint: It Has Something to Do with Partisan Rancor." February 19, 2016. Lead opinion column in the Sunday print edition.

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16. *Open Democracy*, "Why Do People Reject Climate Change?" September 2015.

15. *Tales of Tinfoil*, "Forward," edited by David Gatewood. 2015.

14. *Wszystko Co Najważniejsze* (Polish Magazine; *All that Matters*), "Teorie spiskowe dla każdego/Conspiracy Theories for Everyone" November 2021.

13. *London School of Economics and Political Science, American Politics and Policy Blog*, with Joseph M. Parent, "Partisanship, History, and People's Predispositions for Believing in Conspiracies are Fueling Fears about Ebola," November 10, 2014

12. *Los Angeles Times*, with Joseph M. Parent "Election Conspiracy Theories, An American Staple," and syndicated nation-wide September 11, 2014

11. *Mischiefs of Faction,* with Joseph M. Parent, "The Politics of Conspiracy Theories," September 11, 2014.

10. *Washington Post Monkey Cage* with Joseph M. Parent "Are Republican Leaders More Prone to Conspiracy Theories" September 2, 2014

9. *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, with Alfred Moore and Joseph M. Parent, "Conspiracy Theories Aren't Just for Conservatives," August 21, 2014

8. *Cambridge University CRASSH Centre*, with Joseph Parent, "On Coauthoring" June 15, 2014.

7. *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, (2014), "The FCC Doesn't Need to Invade Newsrooms," 2/25/2014.

6. *London School of Economics and Political Science, American Politics and Policy Blog*, (2013), "The Continued Traction of Kennedy Assassination Theories," 11/21/2013.

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4. *London School of Economics and Political Science, American Politics and Policy Blog*, (2013), "Beliefs in Conspiracies,", 9/17/2013.

3. *London School of Economics and Political Science, EUROPP Blog*, (2013), "Why Are Conspiracy Theories Popular?" 6/26/2013.

2. *University of Virginia Miller Center, Riding the Tiger,* with Arthur Simon (2012), "Prior Experience and the Presidency," 2/28/2012.

1. *CNN Global Public Square*, Parent, Joseph and Joseph Uscinski (2011), "Conspiracy Theories are for Losers," 8/30/2011.

Invited Talks and Presentations

1. University of Cambridge, CRASSH Centre, May 2014.
2. University of Cambridge, CRASSH Centre, September 2015.
3. University of Kent, UK, Psychology Dept., July 2016.
4. Union College, NY. Psychology Dept., October 2016.
5. Washington State University, The Foley Center, February 6th, 2017.
6. The London Fortean Society, Conway Hall, London, July 20, 2017.
7. Skeptics in the Pub, The Caroline of Brunswick, Brighton, UK, July 27, 2017.
8. Goldsmiths University, UK, August 1, 2017.
9. eCost COMPACT University of Tubingen, Germany, July 28, 2017.
10. Pitzer College, October 10, 2017.
11. Manchester College, Indiana, March 1st, 2018.
12. London School of Economics, USAPP Centre, July 26th, 2018.
13. World Press Institute, September 17th, 2018.
14. Center for Scientific Inquiry Convention, October 18th, 2018.
15. World Press Institute, September 22nd, 2019.
16. Skeptics in the Pub, Greenwich, U.K., July 24th, 2019.
17. University of Chicago, March 12th, 2019.
18. Elon University, The Politics of Conspiracies Course, January 22nd, 2020.
19. Religion Media Centre, London, UK, July 1st, 2020.
20. Google, "Conspiracy Theories," July 9th, 2020.
21. Center for Inquiry, July 30th, 2020.
22. Multnomah University, August 6th, 2020.
23. University of Pittsburgh, Science Policy Group, August 19th, 2020.
24. Washington State University, Foley Institute, September 9th, 2020.
25. University of Denver, Political Science Dept., September 16th, 2020.

26. University of Illinois, Chicago, Psychology Dept., September 23rd, 2020.
27. La Salle University, October 29th, 2020.
28. Harris County Democratic Lawyers Association, January 7, 2021.
29. Dwight-Englewood High School, November 20, 2020.
30. University of Rostock, November 14, 2020.
31. Guerilla Science, U.K., April 2021.
32. Young Fabians, U.K., April 2021.
33. Ohio Department of Public Safety, April 15th, 2021.
34. Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, April 2021.
35. McNair Scholars Program, June 2021.
36. National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County New Jersey, May 2021.
37. U.S. Department of State (SUSI), July 2021.
38. Washington Metro Oasis, August 4th, 2021.
39. Humanist Society of Santa Barbara, August 21st, 2021.
40. Plymouth State University, October 12th, 2021
41. University of Cambridge, Skeptics Group, November 17th, 2021
42. University of Evansville, November 10th, 2021
43. University of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School, December 6th, 2021
44. Georgetown, American Government Course, November 17th, 2021
45. Carleton College, Convocation, January 20th, 2022.
46. Stockholm University Knowledge Resistance Workshop, April 7th, 2022
47. Columbia Law School, April 8th, 2022
48. NYU Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute, April 12th, 2022
49. International Centre for Parliamentary Studies, April 20th, 2022
50. Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia, April 21st, 2022
51. World Press Institute, April 26th, 2022
52. University of New Hampshire, History Class on Vaccines, April 28th, 2022
53. Mount Sanai, Holocaust Round Table, May 5th, 2022
54. Petoskey District Library, May 10th, 2022
55. ICPSR Blacklock Lecture, June 28th, 2022
56. Greenwich Skeptics in the Pub, Davy's Wine Cellar, July 5th, 2022
57. Beijing Foreign Studies University, August 16th, 2022
58. Marshall University, September 1st, 2022
59. German Analytical Philosophy Association, Sept. 16th, 2022
60. CSICon, October 20th, 2022
61. Bard Center for Hate, February 1, 2023
62. Florida Atlantic University, February 10, 2023
63. World Press Institute, April 2023.
64. Hanley Democracy Center, April 27, 2023
65. Capital District Humanist Society, June 11, 2023
66. Social Epistemology Network, September 11, 2023.

67. Union College, September 28, 2023.
68. Budapest Forum, Central European University, October 12, 2023.
69. Ludovika University of Public Service, Budapest, October 13, 2023.
70. Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, October 14, 2023.
71. Skeptics in the Pub, Greenwich, London, July 3, 2024.
72. Collegio Carlo Alberto, Torino Italy, September 18, 2024.
73. World Press Institute, October 14, 2024.
74. University of Wisconsin, Cancer Conference, October 18, 2024.
75. University of California-Davis, Brad Jones' Graduate Seminar, October 31, 2024.
76. Hanley Democracy Center, November 21, 2024.
77. St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, January 13, 2025.
78. McMaster University, Canada, Spark Talk, January 24, 2025.
79. Northern Illinois University, February 6, 2025.
80. Holocaust Center for Humanity, Seattle, WA, March 11, 2025.
81. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, March 21, 2025.
82. Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa, Italy, June 27, 2025.
83. 7th Annual Nordic Conference on Violent Extremism, September 2025.
84. Temple Adath Yeshurun Speaker Series, October 2025.
85. Calliope Lectures in Trust and Information Research, March 2026.
86. Science of Polarization and Misinformation Series, Ohio State, April 2026.
87. Notre Dame Rooney Center, Keeping the Republic, May 21, 2026
88. Skeptics in the Pub, Greenwich, London, July 13, 2026.
89. Yale University, Program for the Study of Antisemitism, May 4, 2027.
90. The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, Dallas, TX, August 19, 2027.

Teaching Experience - University of Miami

POL 311 Conspiracy Theories and the Public (Junior level)
POL 313 The Constitution (Junior level)
POL 332 Mass Media and Politics (Junior level)
POL 351 Public Opinion (Junior level)
POL 393 British Politics, Co-taught with Boris Johnson (Junior level)
POL 401 The Elections Course (Undergraduate)
POL 595 Freedom and Politics (Undergraduate)
POL 595 Content Analysis (Undergraduate and Graduate)
POL 599 Study Abroad in London (Undergraduate and Graduate)

Graduate Supervision

Dissertation Committee Member, University of Miami, Communications, 2023-2024
Dissertation Committee Member, Brandeis University, Sociology, 2023-2024
Dissertation Committee Member, University of Miami, Sociology, 2022-2023
Master's Project Committee Member, UM Engineering School, 2022
Dissertation Committee Member, NYU, Psychology, 2021-2022
Dissertation Committee Member, University of Illinois-Chicago, Psychology, 2021
Dissertation Committee Member, Miami Business School, 2019-2020
Dissertation Committee Member, International Studies, 2013-2018
Master's Thesis Supervisor, Latin American Studies, 2012
Master's Thesis Committee Member, Marketing, 2011

Academic Service

Guest Advisor for Conspiracy Theory Collection on *Routledge Open Research*, 2023
Editorial Board Member, *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*, 2020 - present
Chair and organizer of "Conspiracy Theory Conference" March 2023
Chair and organizer of "Conspiracy Theory Conference" March 2020 (cancelled)
Chair and organizer of "Conspiracy Theory Conference" March 2015
Executive Board member, Florida Political Science Association, 2012-2015

Departmental and Committee Service

Faculty Board Member, George P. Hanley Democracy Center, 2025-2029
Faculty Fellow, Ibis Residence College, Fall 2024 – Spring 2025
Chair, Public Administration Search Committee, Fall 2023
Political Science Department Social Media Director, Fall 2023-Present
College Council, Member, Spring 2022-Fall 2024
American Politics, Racial Politics, Search Committee, Fall 2021
Chair, Public Policy Search Committee, Fall 2019
Provost's Search Committee for Chair of Cuba Studies, 2017-2019
American Politics Search Committees, Fall 2018, Summer 2012, Fall 2008
Faculty Fellow, Hecht Residence College, Spring 2018 – Spring 2019
Dean's Committee to Reach Outside of Coral Gables, Fall 2017
Comparative Politics Hiring Committee Fall 2015, Fall 2016
Redesigned Political Science Department Website 2015
Digital Humanities Task Force 2014-2016
Chair, Internal Review Committee for Communication Ph.D. Program 2012
Political Science/International Studies Ph.D. Program Committee 2011-2012