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Employment

University of Miami Political Science Department
Associate Professor (with tenure), 2014 – Present
Assistant Professor, 2007 – 2014

Formal Education

University of Arizona, 2007
Ph.D. Political Science
Dissertation: The Economics of News Content

University of New Hampshire, 2003
M.A. Political Science

Plymouth State College, 2000
B.A. Political Science

Books

2. *American Conspiracy Theories* with Joseph M. Parent, (2014), New York: Oxford University Press. Reviewed by *LSE Review of Books*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Studies Review*, *Critical Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *Scientific American*
1. *The People's News: Media, Politics, and the Demands of Capitalism* (2014), New York: New York University Press. Reviewed by *Political Science Quarterly*, *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*, *Journalism*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*

Edited Volumes

1. *Conspiracy Theories and the People Who Believe Them*, Editor Joseph E. Uscinski, in production at Oxford University Press.

Academic Journal Articles

23. Smallpage, Steven, Adam Enders, and Joseph Uscinski, (2017) "The Partisan Contours of Conspiracy Theory Beliefs" *Research & Politics* Vol. 4 Issue 4: 2053168017746554.

22. Uscinski, Joseph and Santiago Olivella, (2017), “The Mediating Impact of Conspiracy Attitudes on Climate Change Opinions” *Research & Politics* Vol. 4 Issue 4: 2053168017743105.
21. Uscinski, Joseph, Karen Douglas, and Stephan Lewandowsky (2017) “Climate Change Conspiracy Theories” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Climate Science*.
20. 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*.

Featured in *PsyPost, Vice, Big Think*

19. Uscinski, Joseph E. (Forthcoming, Fall 2017) “The Study of Conspiracy Theories” *Argumenta – The Journal of Analytic Philosophy*.
18. Uscinski, Joseph E., Casey Klofstad, and Matthew D. Atkinson (2016) “What Drives Conspiratorial Beliefs? The Role of Informational Cues and Predispositions” *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 69, No. 1, pp. 55-71.
17. Uscinski, Joseph E., (2015) “The Epistemology of Fact Checking (Is Still Naïve): Rejoinder to Amazeen” *Critical Review*, Vol. 27, No. 2, pp. 243-252.
16. Matthew D. Atkinson, Christopher B. Mann, Santiago Olivella, Arthur Simon, and Joseph E. Uscinski, (2014) “(Where) Do Campaigns Matter? The Impact of National Party Location.” *Journal of Politics* Vol. 76, No. 4, pp. 1045-1058.
15. Atkinson, Matthew, Maria Deam (undergraduate), and Joseph Uscinski, (2014) “What’s a Dog Story Worth?” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 47, No. 4, pg. 819-823.

Featured in *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, The Atlantic, Boston Globe, The Washington Post*

14. Uscinski, Joseph E., (2014) “Placing Conspiratorial Motives in Context: The Role of Predispositions and Threat, A Comment on Bost and Prunier” *Psychological Reports*, Vol. 115, No. 2, pp. 1-6.
13. Uscinski, Joseph and Ryden Butler (undergraduate), (2013), “The Epistemology of Fact Checking,” *Critical Review*, Vol. 25, No. 2, pp. 162-180.
12. 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*, Vol. 46, No. 3.

11. Simon, Arthur and Joseph Uscinski (2012), "Prior Experience Predicts Presidential Performance" *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 42, No. 3, pp. 514-548.

Featured in *New York Times 538 Blog*, *The Economist*, *NewsMax*

10. Uscinski, Joseph (2012), "Smith (and Jones) Go to Washington: Democracy and Vice-Presidential Selection," *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 45, No. 1, pp. 58-66.
9. Uscinski, Joseph and Lilly Goren (2011), "What's in a Name? Gender Bias in the Media during the 2008 Primary Campaign," *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 64, No. 4, pp. 884-896.

Featured in *Bloomberg News*

8. Uscinski, Joseph and Arthur Simon (2011), "Partisanship as a Source of Presidential Rankings," *White House Studies*, Vol. 11, No. 1, pp. 79-92.

Featured in *Washington Times*

Subject of response in same issue of *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*, Vol. 43, No. 4, pp. 701-706.
6. Uscinski, Joseph (2010), "Presidential Cinema: Which Presidents Make It to the Silver Screen?" Special Issue of *White House Studies*: Presenting Presidents: How American Presidents Are Portrayed and Why It Matters, Vol. 10, No. 3, pp. 197-210.
5. Uscinski, Joseph (2009), "When Does the Public's Issue Agenda Affect the Media's Issue Agenda (and Vice-Versa)?" *Social Science Quarterly*, Vol. 90, No. 4, pp. 798-815.
4. Uscinski, Joseph (2009), "The Timing of Presidential Cinema," *Social Science Quarterly*, Vol. 90, No. 3, 687-702.
3. Uscinski, Joseph, Gabe Sanchez, Mike Rocca, and Marina Brenden (undergraduate) (2009), "Congressional Action on the Darfur Genocide," *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 42, No. 3, pp. 489-496.
2. Sanchez, Gabriel R., Michael S. Rocca and Joseph E. Uscinski (2008), "Descriptive Attributes and Latino Voting Behavior in Congress," *Social Science Quarterly*, Vol. 89, No. 2, pp. 392-405.
1. Uscinski, Joseph (2007), "Too Close To Call? Uncertainty and Bias in Election Night Reporting," *Social Science Quarterly*, Vol. 88, No. 1, pp. 51-67.

Book Chapters

5. Atkinson, Matthew, Darin DeWitt and Joseph E. Uscinski, (2017) “Conspiracy Theory in the 2016 Election: Costly Signals or Conventional Wisdom” in *Conventional Wisdom, Parties, and Broken Barriers*, edited by Jennifer C. Lucas, Christopher J. Galdieri, and Tauna S. Sisco, Lexington Books, New York pgs. 163-179.
4. Uscinski, Joseph, Darin DeWitt, and Matthew D. Atkinson. “A Web of Conspiracy? Conspiracy Theory and the Internet” (forthcoming), in *The Brill Handbook of Conspiracy Theory and Contemporary Religion* eds. Egil Asprem, Asbjorn Dyrendal, and David Robinson: Brill.
3. Uscinski, Joseph. “Star Wars and the Executive” (2016), in *Science Fiction and American Politics*, eds. Michael Allen and Justin Vaughn: Routledge.
2. 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, pgs. 3-28.
1. Uscinski, Joseph. “Gendering the Presidency without Gender in the Presidency” (2012), in *Women and the White House: Gender, Popular Culture, and Presidential Politics*, eds. Lilly Goren and Justin Vaughn: University Press of Kentucky. Volume winner of the Susan Koppelman Award for Best Anthology, Multi-Authored, or Edited Work in Feminist Studies in Popular Culture published in 2013.

Books and Articles in Progress

“Understanding Conspiracy Theories” Conditional Accept at *Advances in Political Psychology* with Karen Douglas, Robbie Sutton, Turkey Nefes to be published in January, 2019. Full draft available.

“What Drives People to Believe in Zika Conspiracy Theories?” with Casey Klofstad, Jennifer Connolly, Jonathan West, Granted R&R at *Plos One*.

“Game of Drones: Citizen Preferences for Domestic Drone Use and Regulation” Casey Klofstad, Jennifer Connolly, Jonathan West, Granted R&R at *American Politics Research*.

Klofstad, Casey, Joseph Uscinski, Jennifer Connolly, Jonathan West. “Once Bitten, Twice Shy: Public Preferences for Zika Policy and Responsibility” Granted R&R at *Journal of Public Policy*.

“Conspiracy Theory Politics” Book project with Casey Klofstad. Survey data collection complete.

“The Social and Political Demography of Conspiracy Theories” for the Routledge Handbook of Conspiracy Theory Research.

“Conspiracy Theories in the 2016 Election” for the *Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion* ed. Elizabeth Suhay, Bernie Grofman and Alex Trechsel.

Other Works

36. *Eurozine*, “The election was rigged, the news is fake, and the deep state is out to get us Or, How conspiracy theories are (still) for losers!” Sept. 28th 2017 <http://www.eurozine.com/the-election-was-rigged-the-news-is-fake-and-the-deep-state-is-out-to-get-us/>
36. *CREST – Centre for Research and Evidence on Security Threats*, “Everyone is a conspiracy theorist” May 15, 2017 <https://crestresearch.ac.uk/comment/everyone-is-a-conspiracy-theorist/>
35. *Vox.com*, with Matthew Atkinson and Darren DeWitt, “How conspiracy theories helped power Trump’s disruptive politics” May 2, 2017
34. *London School of Economics and Political Science, American Politics and Policy Blog*, “Much of Trump’s rhetoric could have been pulled from a Bernie Sanders speech” 1/20/2017, <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2017/01/20/president-trumps-inaugural-address-usapp-experts-react/>
33. *Perspectives on Politics*, review of “America’s Battle for Media Democracy,” by Victor Pickard, December, 2016.
32. *Reason Magazine*, “Fake News Freak-out: Are internet conspiracy theories ruining America?” January, 2017.
31. *Orlando Sentinel*, “Arguments against Electoral College stink of sour grapes.” November 30th, 2016. <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-keep-electoral-college-front-burner-113016-20161130-story.html>
30. *Miami Herald*, “The real presidential election is in December when the Electoral College votes” November 7, 2016. <http://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/op-ed/article113171073.html>
29. *POLITICO MAGAZINE*, “The 5 Most Dangerous Conspiracy Theories of 2016” August 22, 2016. <http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2016/08/conspiracy-theories-2016-donald-trump-hillary-clinton-214183>
28. *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, “Will Donald Trump succeed in stoking fears of a media conspiracy?” August 24th, 2016. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey->

age/wp/2016/08/24/will-donald-trump-succeed-in-stoking-fears-of-a-media-conspiracy/?utm_term=.57fa2f12e711

27. *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, “Lots of Americans agree with Donald Trump about ‘rigged elections’” August 8th, 2016. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/08/08/lots-of-americans-agree-with-donald-trump-about-rigged-elections/?utm_term=.30f0d0cad463
26. *London School of Economics and Political Science, American Politics and Policy Blog*, with Christopher B. Mann. “Why holding a presidential nominating convention in a swing state matters” July 25th, 2016. <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2016/07/25/why-holding-a-presidential-nominating-convention-in-a-swing-state-matters/>
25. *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, with Christopher B. Mann, “Will the Cleveland convention help Trump win Ohio? Probably not.” July 15th, 2016. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/07/15/will-the-cleveland-convention-help-trump-win-ohio-probably-not/?utm_term=.f9d6886ef722
24. *London School of Economics EUROPP Blog*, “What does Russia’s doping scandal tell us about the nature of political conspiracies?” June 7th, 2016. <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2016/06/07/russia-doping-political-conspiracies/>
23. *Democratic Audit UK (LSE)*, “It is surprisingly difficult to convince voters of partisan conspiracy theories.” April 4th, 2016. <http://www.democraticaudit.com/2016/04/04/it-is-surprisingly-difficult-to-convince-voters-of-partisan-conspiracy-theories/>
22. *Newsweek and LSE*, “Welcome to the Conspiracy Theory Election.” May 7th, 2016. <http://www.newsweek.com/welcome-conspiracy-theory-election-456654>
21. *Newsweek and LSE*, “Want to Get Elected? Concoct a Conspiracy Theory” June 11, 2016. <http://www.newsweek.com/want-get-elected-concoct-conspiracy-theory-468534>
20. *Newsweek and LSE* “Will Trump Become Conspiracy Theorist in Chief?” April 3rd, 2016. <http://www.newsweek.com/trump-become-conspiracy-theorist-chief-442847>
19. *London School of Economics and Political Science, American Politics and Policy Blog*, “Balancing the presidential ticket may lead to unexpected – and unwanted – outcomes” July 22, 2016. <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2016/07/22/balancing-the-presidential-ticket-may-lead-to-unexpected-and-unwanted-outcomes/>
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. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2016/02/19/the-psychology-behind-why-people-believe-conspiracy-theories-about-scalias-death/>

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16. *Open Democracy*, “Why Do People Reject Climate Change?” 2015.
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/conspiracy/suspect-science/joseph-e-uscinski/why-do-people-reject-climate-change>
15. *Tales of Tinfoil*, Forward, ed. David Gatewood. 2015.
14. *Perspectives on Politics*, review of “Secrecy in the Sunshine Era,” by Jason Ross Arnold, in 2016.
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 Fuelling Fears about Ebola,” November 10, 2014
<http://bit.ly/1GH8PnP>
12. *LA Times*, with Joseph M. Parent “Election Conspiracy Theories, An American Staple,” and syndicated nation-wide September 11, 2014 <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-uscinski-election-fraud-20141103-story.html>
11. *Mischiefs of Faction*, with Joseph M. Parent, “The Politics of Conspiracy Theories,” September 11, 2014 <http://www.mischiefsoffaction.com/2014/09/the-politics-of-conspiracy-theories.html>
10. *Washington Post Monkey Cage* with Joseph M. Parent “Are Republican Leaders More Prone to Conspiracy Theories” September 2, 2014
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/09/02/are-republican-leaders-more-prone-to-conspiracy-theories/>
9. *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, with Alfred Moore and Joseph M. Parent, “Conspiracy Theories Aren’t Just for Conservatives,” August 21, 2014
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/08/21/conspiracy-theories-arent-just-for-conservatives/>
8. *Cambridge University CRASSH Centre Blog*, with Joseph M. Parent (2014). “On Coauthoring” June 15, 2014 <http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/blog/post/of-coauthoring>
7. *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, (2014), “The FCC Doesn’t Need to Invade Newsrooms (Academics Have Already Done It for Them)” 2/25/2014,
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/02/24/the-fcc-doesnt-need-to-invade-newsrooms-academics-have-already-done-it-for-them/>

6. *London School of Economics and Political Science, American Politics and Policy Blog* with Joseph M. Parent (2013), “The Continued Traction of Kennedy Assassination Theories”, 11/21/2013, <http://bit.ly/I1IIxn>
5. *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, with Joseph Parent (2013), “Why So Many Americans Believe Kennedy Assassination Conspiracy Theories” <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2013/11/11/why-so-many-americans-believe-kennedy-assassination-conspiracy-theories/>
4. *London School of Economics and Political Science, American Politics and Policy Blog*, (2013), “Beliefs in Conspiracies Accord with Political Attitudes,”, 9/17/2013, <http://bit.ly/1fQEeDX>
3. *London School of Economics and Political Science, EUROPP Blog*, (2013), “Why Are Conspiracy Theories Popular? There’s More to It than Paranoia,” 6/26/2013, <http://bit.ly/183zmwa>
2. *University of Virginia Miller Center, Riding the Tiger*, with Arthur Simon (2012), “Prior Experience and the Presidency,” 2/28/2012, <http://millercenter.org/blog/prior-experience-and-the-presidency>
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Awards and Grants

CREST (U.K.) “Conspiracy Theories” undisclosed amount. With Karen Douglas.

University of Miami Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority “Purple Iris” Award for Outstanding Contributions in the Classroom, 2012, 2013

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

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

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

Summer Development Grant, 2006; University of Arizona (\$1000)

Departmental and Committee Work

Provost's Search Committee for Chair of Cuba Studies, 2017-2018
Dean's Committee to Reach Outside of Coral Gables, Fall 2017
Comparative Politics Hiring Committee Fall 2015, Fall 2016
Editor (and writer) of Political Science Alumni Newsletter Fall 2015
Redesigned Political Science Department Website 2015
Digital Humanities Task Force 2014-2016
Chair, Internal Review Committee for UM School of Communication Ph.D. Program 2012
Joint Political Science/International Studies Ph.D. Program Committee 2011-2012
American Politics Hiring Committees Fall 2008, Summer 2012

Invited Talks

Manchester College, "Conspiracy Theories are For Losers" March 1st, 2018 North Manchester, Indiana.

Pitzer College Munroe Centre for Social Inquiry "Conspiracy Theories are For Losers" October 10, 2017.

eCost COMPACT Conspiracy Theory Conference at University of Tubingen, Germany, Opening Keynote, "Conspiracy Theories Are for Losers," July 28, 2017.

Goldsmiths University, UK "Conspiracy Theories Are for Losers," August 1, 2017.

Brighton Skeptics in the Pub, The Caroline of Brunswick, Brighton, UK "Conspiracy Theories Are for Losers," July 27, 2017.

The London Fortean Society, Conway Hall, London, UK "Conspiracy Theories Are for Losers," July 20, 2017.

Shadowy Russian Organization, "Conspiracy Theories" UK Parliament and University of Westminster, March 26, 2017.

University of Miami Cane Talk, Washington DC, "Fake News and the Information Environment" March 13th, 2017

Washington State University, The Foley Center, "Conspiracy Theories" February 6th, 2017.

Washington State University, The Foley Center, "Roundtable on Media in the 2016 Election" February 6th, 2017.

West Palm Beach, University of Miami Cane Talk, "Fake News and the Information Environment" January 18th, 2017

University of Kent, UK, Political Psychology Working Group, December 2016. "Conspiracy Theories Are For Losers"

Audrey Finkelstein Alumni Seminar, University of Miami, “Conspiracy Theories” November 2016.

Climate Change Conference University of Miami & FIU Oct. 27, 2016. “Conspiracy Theories”

University of Miami Citizens Board Breakfast October, 2016. “Conspiracy Theories”

Union College, NY. Psychology Dept., “Conspiracy Theories are for Losers”

University of Kent, UK, Psychology Dept., July 2016. “Conspiracy Theories”

Women’s Guild Luncheon, University of Miami, April 4th, 2016. “Conspiracy Theories”

University of Cambridge, CRASSH Centre, September 2015. “The Mediating Impact of Conspiracy Ideation on Climate Change Attitudes”

University of Cambridge, CRASSH Centre, May 2014. “American Conspiracy Theories”

Discipline Service

Manuscript Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Public Integrity*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*, *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*, *Field Methods*, *Psychological Reports*, *The Howard Journal of Communications*, *Political Studies Review*, *Political Behavior*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *Journal of Political Science*, *Democracy & Security*, *Council on Undergraduate Research Quarterly*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Cultural Sociology*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics*, *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Electoral Studies*

Executive Board member, Florida Political Science Association, (2012-2015)

Chair and organizer of “Conspiracy Theory Conference” March 2015. Brought fifty scholars to University of Miami for three day conference.

Teaching Experience

University of Miami

POL 332 Media and Politics
POL 515 Media Content Analysis
POL 351 Public Opinion
POL 313 The Constitution
POL 311 Conspiracy Theories and the Public
POL 400 The 2012 Election Course
POL 491 Immigration: The Current Debate
POL 402 Latino Politics and the Primary
POL 401 The 2016 Election Course

University of Arizona

POL 407 Congress and American Politics
POL 432 Pressure Groups
POL 210 US and Arizona Constitution
POL 323 Modern Political Theory
POL 435 Public Opinion and Behavior

References

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