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EDUCATION

Indiana University - Bloomington

PhD - Political Science

Expected 2021

- Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics

- Minor: Psychology

University of Illinois-Chicago

MA - Political Science

May 2015

American University of Beirut

MA - Economics

May 2012

Université Saint Joseph

BA - Economics

May 2010

DISSERTATION

Refugee Resettlement in American Public Opinion: The Role of Prejudice, Humanitarianism and Media Framing

Co-Chairs: Edward Carmines, Bernard Fraga

Committee: Eileen Braman, Christopher DeSante

PEER REVIEWED WORKS

Nassar, R. (2020). Framing Refugees: The Impact of Religious Frames on U.S. Partisans and Consumers of Cable News Media, *Political Communication*, DOI: 10.1080/10584609.2020.1723753

Nassar, R. (2020). Threat, Prejudice, and White Americans' Attitudes toward Immigration and Syrian Refugee Resettlement. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics*, 5(1), 196-220.

Carmines E., Nassar R. "How Social Desirability Bias Affects Immigration Attitudes in a Hyper-Polarized Political Environment" (Forthcoming at *Social Science Quarterly*)

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Carmines E., Nassar R. "Comparing Stereotypes Across Racial and Partisan Lines: A Study in Affective Polarization " (Invited to revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*)

Nassar R., "American Attitudes toward Immigration: The Effects of Religious Salience, Prayer, and Religious Attendance"

Nassar R. "Gender Differences in American Representatives' Rhetoric on Immigration"

WORKING PAPERS

Nassar R. "Humanitarian Frames and Americans' Attitudes toward Syrian Refugee Resettlement"

Nassar R. "Political Attitudes among the Religious Nones"

PRESENTATIONS

Junior Americanist Workshop Series, 2021, "Humanitarian Frames and Americans' Attitudes toward Syrian Refugee Resettlement"

American Association for Public Opinion Research, 2020, "American Attitudes toward Immigration: The Effects of Religious Salience, Prayer, and Religious Attendance" (Paper not presented due to Covid-19)

American Association for Public Opinion Research, 2020, "Framing Refugees: The Impact of Religious Frames on U.S. Partisans and Consumers of Cable News Media" (Paper not presented due to Covid-19)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2020, "American Attitudes toward Immigration: The Effects of Religious Salience, Prayer, and Religious Attendance" (Paper not presented due to Covid-19)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2019, "Give Us You Huddled Masses? How Economic Threat Moderates the Effects of Anti-Muslim Prejudice in Shaping White Refugee Policy Preferences"

Indiana University American Politics Workshop, 2019, "Media Consumption and Preferences for Refugee Resettlement in the United States"

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018, "Whites' Attitudes toward Syrian Refugee Resettlement: The Impact of Religious Frames and Partisan Media Rhetoric"

Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, 2018, "Attitudes Toward Syrian Refugees: The Compounded Effects of Economic and Cultural Threat"

Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Institute, 2018, "Media frames and attitudes toward refugees"

University of Florida 5th Conference on Immigration to the US South: Immigration Reform and Beyond?, 2014 "The Effects of Economic Measures on the Perception of Immigrants as a Material Threat"

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2013, "Illegals Everywhere: Explaining the Paradox of Innumeracy in the American Immigration Debate"

American University of Beirut, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, 2011, "Climate Change and Development Philosophy", (with Marcus Marktanner)

TEACHING

Instructor of Record (Indiana University)

- POLS Y321: The Media and Politics (Summer 2020)
- POLS Y316: Public Opinion and Participation (Spring 2019)

Associate Instructor (Indiana University)

- POLS Y103: Introduction to American Politics (Spring 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, Instructor: Dr. William Bianco)
- POLS Y352: Holocaust and Politics (Fall 2018, Instructor: Dr. Jacob Bielasiak)
- POLS Y100: American Political Controversies (Fall 2017; Instructor: Dr. Jacek Dalecki)
- POLS Y324: Gender and Politics (Fall 2016, Instructor: Dr. Eileen Braman)

Associate Instructor (University of Illinois)

- POLS 201: Political Data Analysis (Spring 2014, Instructor: Dr. Ryan Maness)
- POLS 184: Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2013, Instructor: Dr. Katharine Floros)
- POLS 200: Methods of Political Science (Fall 2014, Instructor: Dr. Robert Bruhl)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Dr. Petia Kostadinova, Fall 2014

Research Assistant, Dr. Ramzi Mabsout, Spring 2012

Research Assistant, Dr. Marcus Marktanner, Spring 2011

HONORS, GRANTS & AWARDS

College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Indiana University (\$25,000), 2020-2021
AAPOR Student Travel Award, American Association for Public Opinion Research (\$800), March 2020 (conference canceled due to Covid-19)
Center on American Politics Travel Award, Indiana University (\$500), March 2020
John V. Gillespie Memorial Scholarship, Indiana University (\$400), May 2019
Latino Caucus Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (\$500), May 2019
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$300), January 2018
Center on American Politics Research Grant (\$500), May 2018, August 2018
Indiana University Graduate Fellowship (\$18,000), 2015
Milton Rakove Memorial Fund Award (\$500), University of Illinois-Chicago, February 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
International Society of Political Psychology
Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research
American Association for Public Opinion Research

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Graduate Student Officer, Council for APSA Migration and Citizenship Section (2018-2020)

Reviewer: American Political Science Review, Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics

SKILLS

Statistical Software: STATA, R, SPSS
Survey Platforms: Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk
Other programming: L^AT_EX
Languages: Arabic (native), French (fluent), Spanish (moderate)