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Education

- Ph.D. Political Science – University of Houston, *expected 2022*
Dissertation: *Powerlessness and Antiestablishment Political Behavior*
Committee Members: Scott Clifford (Advisor), Elizabeth Simas, Ling Zhu, Scott Savage
- M.A. Political Science – Stony Brook University, State University of New York, 2015
- B.A. Political Science and Philosophy – William Paterson University, 2013

Publications

- Clifford, Scott, Yongkwang Kim, and **Brian W. Sullivan** (2019). “An Improved Question Format for Measuring Conspiracy Beliefs.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 83(4): 690-722.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfz049>
- Ozer, Adam L., **Brian W. Sullivan**, and Douglas S. Van. “Viewed from Different Engels: Differences in Perceptions of Millennial Socialism Between Liberals and Conservatives.” (Accepted for publication at *Political Research Quarterly*)

Working Papers

- Clifford, Scott and **Brian W. Sullivan**. “Are We Measuring or Spreading Conspiracy Beliefs?” [Manuscript development]
- Sullivan, B. W.** “We’re still here”: Do Powerless Americans Endorse Populism? [Manuscript development]
- Sullivan, B. W.** “They’re All Out to Get Me, So I’ll Get Them First”: Lacking Control, Blame, and Conspiracy Theory Beliefs [Manuscript development]
- Sullivan, B. W.** Utilizing Split Matrices When Using Reversed Scored Scales to Improve Survey Reliability. [Manuscript development]

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$20,000), University of Houston, 2021

Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$1,500), University of Houston, 2020

Lineberry Fellowship (\$2,000), University of Houston, 2017

Presidential Graduate Fellowship (\$4,000), University of Houston, 2017

Conference Papers and Panels

The effects of alienation on democracy. Panel founder at the IV ISA Forum of Sociology, International Sociological Association Meeting, Porto Alegre, Brazil. 2020, July.

The powerless and conspiratorial: Why and when powerlessness increases conspiracy theory beliefs in the U.S. Poster presented at the 1st annual Texas American Political Science Conference, Houston, TX. 2019, October.

We're still here: Political alienation and the attraction to populism in the U.S. Panel Founder and paper presented at the 90th Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference, Austin, TX. 2019, January.

Women's reproductive autonomy and alienation: Revisiting the original conceptualization and operationalization of alienation in the 21st century. Paper presented at the 90th Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference, Austin, TX (with Rebecca A. Costantini). 2019, January.

Reassessing measurement in conspiracy belief. Poster presented at the Political Misperceptions Conference, Houston, TX (with Scott Clifford and Yongkwang Kim). 2018, February.

The pathology of radicalism: The psychology of the alienated left. Panel founder and paper presented at the 48th annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA. 2016, November.

The rise of the politically alienated: The relationship between political alienation and non-institutionalized political participation in the U.S. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the APSA Political Psychology Pre-conference, Temple University, PA. 2016, August.

The pathology of radicalism: The psychology of the alienated left. Paper presented at the Self and Society Symposium, Seattle, WA. 2016, August.

The rise of the politically alienated: The relationship between political alienation and non-institutionalized political participation in the U.S. Paper presented at Alienation Theory and Research Conference, Loyola University, Chicago, IL. 2015, August.

Academic Editorial Positions

Contributing Editor, *Logos: A Journal of Modern Society and Culture*, 2015-present

Professional Organization Memberships

Member, Midwest Political Science Association, 2019-present

Member, Southern Political Science Association, 2018-2019

Member, American Sociological Association, 2018-present

Member, Northeastern Political Science Association, 2016

Non-Academic Employment

Associate Editor, Medscape Education (WebMD), 2016-2017

Skills

Adobe Creative Suites, Latex, Microsoft Office, Python, HTML, Java, Qualtrics, R (GNU S), WordPress

References

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