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Academic Positions

University of Virginia 06/2019-present

- ★ Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy (primary)
- ★ Assistant Professor of Politics (joint appointment, by courtesy)
- ★ Assistant Professor of Education, Curry School of Education (joint appointment, by courtesy)

Brigham Young University 09/2017-06/2019

- ★ Assistant Professor of Political Science

Princeton University 09/2016-07/2017

- ★ Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP)

Education

Ph.D. in Public Policy, Duke University 2016

- ★ Dissertation: “Making Good Citizens: Approaches to Increase Civic Participation”
- ★ Committee: D. Sunshine Hillygus, Helen “Sunny” Ladd, Jacob Vigdor, Nick Carnes

M.A. in Public Policy, Duke University 2013

B.A. in Political Science, Brigham Young University 2011

Research

Peer-Reviewed Book

[1] John B. Holbein and D. Sunshine Hillygus. “Making Young Voters: Converting Civic Attitudes into Civic Action” (2020). New York, NY: *Cambridge University Press*

- ★ Reviewed in: [LA Review of Books](#), [Perspectives on Politics](#)
- ★ Select Media Coverage: [\[New York Times\]](#) [\[Forbes\]](#) [\[Vice\]](#) [\[The Conversation\]](#) [\[PolitiFact\]](#) [\[The74\]](#) [\[Education Week\]](#) [\[NY Daily News\]](#) [\[CQ Roll Call\]](#)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

[19] Michael Barber and John B. Holbein. "The Participatory and Partisan Impacts of Mandatory Vote-by-Mail" *Science Advances* 6, no. 35 (2020): eabc7685

★ Featured in *Science Magazine*

[18] Hans Hassell, John B. Holbein, and Matthew Baldwin. "Mobilize for Our Lives? School Shootings and Democratic Accountability in U.S. Elections" *American Political Science Review*. Vol. 114, no. 4 (2020): 1375-1385

★ Best Paper in Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Award for the best paper presented at the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting [American Political Science Association; 2020]

[17] Steven Pfaff, Charles Crabtree, Holger L. Kern, and John B. Holbein. "Do Street-Level Bureaucrats Discriminate Based on Religion? A Large-Scale Correspondence Experiment among American Public School Principals" Forthcoming, *Public Administration Review* (in press)

[16] Matt Easton and John B. Holbein. "The Democracy of Dating: How Political Affiliations Shape Relationship Formation." Forthcoming, *Journal of Experimental Political Science* (in press)

[15] Hans Hassell, John B. Holbein, and Matt Miles. "There is No Liberal Media Bias in the News Political Journalists Choose to Cover." *Science Advances*, 6, no. 14 (2020): eaay9344.

[14] Akee, Randall, William Copeland, John B. Holbein, and Emilia Simeonova. "Human Capital and Voting Behavior across Generations: Evidence from an Income Intervention." *American Political Science Review*, 116, no. 2 (2020): 609-616.

★ Best Paper in Political Behavior Award for the best paper in political behavior presented at the Midwest Political Science Association's Annual Meeting [Midwest Political Science Association, 2018]

[13] Dynes, Adam and John B. Holbein. "Noisy Retrospection: The Effect of Party Control on Policy Outcomes" *American Political Science Review*, 114, no. 1 (2020): 237-257.

[12] Holbein, John B. and Marcos Rangel. "Does Voting Have Upstream and Downstream Consequences? Regression Discontinuity Tests of the Transformative Voting Hypothesis" *The Journal of Politics* Vol. 82, no. 4 (2020)

[11] Schafer, Jerome and John B. Holbein. "When Time Is of the Essence: A Natural Experiment on How Time Constraints Influence Elections" *The Journal of Politics* 82, no. 2 (2020): 418-432

[10] Holbein, John B., D. Sunshine Hillygus, Matthew A. Lenard, Christina Gibson-Davis, Darryl V. Hill, and. "The Development of Students' Engagement in School, Community, and Democracy" *British Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 50, no. 4 (2020): 1439-1457

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- [9] Fraga, Bernard and John B. Holbein. "Measuring Youth and College Student Voter Turnout." *Electoral Studies* 65, no. 3 (2020)
- [8] Holbein, John B., Jerome Schafer, and David Dickinson. "Insufficient Sleep Reduces Voting and Other Prosocial Behaviors." *Nature Human Behaviour* 3, May (2019): 492-500.
- [7] Carnes, Nicholas and John B. Holbein. "Do Public Officials Exhibit Social Class Biases when they Handle Casework? Evidence from Multiple Correspondence Experiments" *PLOS ONE* 14, no. 3 (2019).
- [6] Holbein, John B. and Hans J.G. Hassell. "When Your Group Fails: The Effect of Race-Based Performance Signals on Citizen Voice and Exit" *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 29, no. 2 (2019): 268–286.
- ★ Beryl A. Radin Award for the best article in *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* [Public Management Research Association, 2019]
- [5] Holbein, John B. "Childhood Skill Development and Adult Political Participation." *American Political Science Review* 111, no. 3 (2017): 572-583.
- [4] Holbein, John. & Helen Ladd. "Accountability pressure: Regression discontinuity estimates of how No Child Left Behind influenced student behavior." *Economics of Education Review* 58 (2017): 55-67
- [3] Ladd, Helen F., Charles T. Clotfelter, and John B. Holbein. "The Growing Segmentation of the Charter School Market in North Carolina" *Education Finance and Policy* 12, no. 4 (2017): 536-563
- [2] Holbein, John B. "Left Behind? Citizen Responsiveness to Government Performance Information." *American Political Science Review* 110, no. 2 (2016): 353-368.
- [1] Holbein, John B. and D. Sunshine Hillygus. "Making Young Voters: The Impact of Preregistration on Youth Turnout." *American Journal of Political Science* 60, 2 (2016): 364-82.

Working Papers

- [6] Charles Crabtree, John B. Holbein, and J. Quin Monson. "Americans Are Just as Racially Biased as Their Elected Representatives" *Revise and Resubmit, Nature*
- [5] John B. Holbein, Marcos Rangel, Rael Moore, and Michelle Croft. "Are Voting Experiences Transformative? Expanding Upon and Meta-Analyzing the Evidence" *Under Review*
- [4] Michael Barber and John B. Holbein. "410 Million Voting Records Show That Minority Citizens, Young People, and Democrats Are at a Profound Disadvantage at the Ballot Box" *Under Review*

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- [3] John B. Holbein, Catherine Bradshaw, B. Kal Munis, Jill Rabinowitz and Nicholas Ialongo. "Early Child Interventions Durably Increase Adult Voter Turnout." *Under Review*
- [2] Charles Crabtree, John B. Holbein, and Quin Monson. "Physicians, Politicians, and the Public Prescribe Differential Access to Life-Saving Medical Treatments Based on COVID-19 Patients' Race and Religion" *Under Review*
- [1] Julia B. Christensen, John B. Holbein, and Cecilia Mo. "National Service Powerfully Increases Youth Political Participation."

Select Other Publications

- [20] Pfaff, Steven, Charles Crabtree, Holger Kern, and John B. Holbein. 2020. "U.S. school principals discriminate against Muslims and atheists, our study finds" *Washington Post* (September 11)
- [19] Barber, Michael J. and John B. Holbein. 2020. "Plain facts about vote-by-mail: It doesn't advantage either party" *New York Daily News* (August 31)
- [18] Holbein, John B. 2020. "Expert Report: League of Women Voters of Va., et al., v. Va. Bd. Of Elections, et al., No. 6:20-cv-00024"
- [17] Hassell, Hans, John B. Holbein, Matthew Miles, Kevin Reunig. 2020. "Claims of ideological bias among the media may be overblown: Research shows that ideological bias among media outlets is largely nonexistent" *Salon* (May 19)
- [16] Hassell, Hans, John B. Holbein, Matthew Miles, Kevin Reunig. 2020. "Claims of ideological bias among the media may be overblown" *The Conversation* (May 18).
- [15] Hassell, Hans, John B. Holbein, Matthew Miles. 2020. "Journalists may be liberal, but this doesn't affect which candidates they choose to cover." *Washington Post* (April 10).
- [14] Holbein, John B. and D. Sunshine Hillygus. 2020. "Young People Want to Vote. So How Do We Get Them to The Polls?" *Forbes* (April 7).
- [13] Hassell, Hans, John B. Holbein, Matthew Miles. 2020. "There's No Liberal Bias in What the Media Chooses to Cover." *Data for Progress* (April 7)
- [12] Holbein, John B. 2020. "Expert Report: Priorities USA et. al. v. Benson, No. 19-000191-MZ"
- [11] Holbein, John B. 2020. "Why Many Young People Don't Vote – And How to Fix That" *American Political Science Association* (March 16).
- [10] Holbein, John B. 2020. "Why so few young Americans vote." *The Conversation* (Mar. 11)
- [9] Fraga, Bernard, John B. Holbein, and Chris Skovron. 2018. "Using Nationwide Voter Files to Study the Effects of Election Laws" *MIT Election Lab Report* (July 27).

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- [8] Simeonova, Emilia, Randall Akee, John B. Holbein, William E. Copeland, E. Jane Costello. 2018. “Low voter turnout? Increasing household income may help” *VoxEu, CEPR* (July 15).
- [7] Holbein, John B. 2016. “How No Child Left Behind encourages more affluent parents to flee poorly performing schools.” *USAPP, American Politics and Policy, LSE* (November 7).
- [6] Holbein, John B. 2015. “New research has uncovered a surprising factor that helps people vote. And it involves marshmallows.” *Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog* (October 4).
- [5] Holbein, John B. and D. Sunshine Hillygus. 2015. “How preregistration can help increase youth voter turnout.” *USAPP, American Politics and Policy, LSE* (April 27).
- [4] Holbein, John B. and D. Sunshine Hillygus. 2015. “Expert Report: United States District Court Middle District of North Carolina Civil Action No. 1:13-CV-00660-TDS-JEP (M.D.N.C.) League of Women Voters of North Carolina, et al. v. North Carolina, et al.”
- [3] Holbein, John B. and D. Sunshine Hillygus. 2015. “How to get young people to vote? Register them before they turn 18” *Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog* (January 13).
- [2] Carnes, Nicholas and John B. Holbein. 2013. “Are Politicians Prejudiced against the Poor?” *Scholar’s Strategy Network Basic Facts Brief* (January).
- [1] Holbein, John B, Andre Baksh, Jin Dai. 2011. “The History of the Utah Tax Code” *Utah State Tax Commission Economics & Statistical Unit Research Publication* (June).

Grants [Total: \$806,289]

- ★ NEO Philanthropy, New Venture Fund [**\$132,500**], “Youth Movements in the 2018 Midterms and Beyond: Impacts and Prospects for Permanence” [Co-PI] (with Tova Wang, Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, Johnnie Lotesta, Jerusha Conner, and Matt Davis) 2019-2021
- ★ National Science Foundation, Political Science Program, Grant SES-1657821 [**\$335,690**], “Making Young Voters: Policy Reforms to Increase Youth Turnout” [Co-PI] (with D. Sunshine Hillygus, Darryl V. Hill, and Matthew A. Lennard) 2017-2019
- ★ National Science Foundation, Political Science Program, Grant SES-1416816 [**\$249,999**], “Education, Engagement, and Well-being among Adolescents” [SI] (with D. Sunshine Hillygus and Christina Gibson-Davis) 2014-2016
- ★ Brigham Young University Mentored Environment Grant [**\$40,000**], "Audit the Public: Leveraging Large-Scale Audit Experiments to Ascertain How Levels of Racial Bias Among U.S. Citizens Correspond to Levels of Bias in their Elected Officials" [PI] 2019
- ★ Brigham Young University Mentored Environment Grant [**\$20,000**], "Making Young Voters: Using Big Data to Understand How to Increase Youth Voter Turnout" [PI] 2018

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- ★ Research Opportunities in Surveys and Experiments, Duke SSRI [**\$1,000**] 2015
 - ★ Bass Instructional Fellowship, Duke University [**\$10,000**] 2016
 - ★ American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Award [**\$500**] 2015
 - ★ William and Janet Hunt Fellowship, Duke University [**\$5,500**] 2015
 - ★ Duke University Research Grant [**\$6,500**] 2014-2015
 - ★ Sanford School of Public Policy Research Grant [**\$3,100**] 2012-2015
 - ★ Office of Research & Creative Activities (ORCA) Undergraduate Research Grant, Brigham Young University [**\$1,500**] 2010-2011

Awards

- ★ Best Paper in Political Behavior Award ["Mobilize for Our Lives? School Shootings and Democratic Accountability in U.S. Elections," (with Hans Hassell and Matthew Baldwin) *American Political Science Association, Elections, Public Opinion, and Elections (EPOVB) Section*, 2020]
- ★ Best Reviewer, *Political Analysis* (2019)
- ★ Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy Excellence in Faculty Research Award (2019)
- ★ Beryl A. Radin Best Article Award for the best article in Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory ["When Your Group Fails: The Effect of Race-Based Performance Signals on Citizen Voice and Exit," (with Hans Hassell) *Public Management Research Association*, 2019]
- ★ Best Paper in Political Behavior Award ["Family Income and the Intergenerational Transmission of Voting Behavior: Evidence from an Income Intervention," (with Randall Akee, William Copeland, and Emilia Simeonova) *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2018]
- ★ Harrell Rodgers Graduate Student Award [*Midwest Political Science Association/Policy Studies Organization*, 2015]

Invited Presentations

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- ★ Dartmouth College (2021)
 - ★ University of Texas (2020)
 - ★ Brennan Center for Justice (2020)
 - ★ UVA Alumni Association (2020)
 - ★ Furman University (2020)
 - ★ Oxford/Nuffield College (2020)
 - ★ Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series (AOPSSS), Tokyo Foundation/Waseda University (2020)
 - ★ Pew Research Center (2020)
 - ★ UVA Department of Developmental Psychology (2020)
 - ★ EdPolicyWorks (2020)
 - ★ Dartmouth College, Quantitative Social Sciences (2020)
 - ★ Students Learn Students Vote Coalition (2020)
 - ★ The Civics Center [2x] (2020)
 - ★ American Constitution Society [2x] (2020)
 - ★ Duke University (2020)
 - ★ University of California, Berkeley (2020)
 - ★ University of Toronto (2020)
 - ★ McGill University/Université de Montréal (2020)
 - ★ Youth-Nex (2020)
 - ★ Southern Political Science Association (2020)
 - ★ Coalition for National Science Foundation/American Political Science Association's Congressional Exhibition (2019)
 - ★ Youth Research Group, AFLCIO (2019)
 - ★ University of Kentucky—Martin School of Public Policy and Administration (2019)
 - ★ Society for Political Methodology, POLMETH (2018)
 - ★ University of Virginia—Batten, Politics, and Curry Faculty Workshop (2017, 2018)
 - ★ Harvard Kennedy School—Political Economy Workshop (2017)
 - ★ Princeton University—CSDP (2017)
 - ★ American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2012-2019)
 - ★ Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2011-2021)
 - ★ Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Meeting (2013-2017)
 - ★ Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration (2017, 2018)
 - ★ Boston University (2015)
 - ★ Brigham Young University (2015)
 - ★ Columbia University—School of International and Public Affairs (2015)
 - ★ University of Chicago—Harris School of Public Policy (2015)
 - ★ University of Tennessee (2015)
 - ★ Tufts University (2015)
 - ★ Rand Corporation (2015)

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- ★ Brookings Institution—Governance Studies/Brown Center (2015)
 - ★ Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Meeting (2015)
 - ★ Center for the Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research Annual Meeting (2015)
 - ★ American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting (2015)
 - ★ Brigham Young University (2015, 2016, 2017)

Teaching

- ★ The Politics of Public Policy, Undergraduate (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
- ★ The Politics of Public Policy, Graduate (2019, 2020)
- ★ Senior Research Project in Public Policy, Undergraduate (2017, 2018, 2019)
- ★ Causal Inference, Graduate (2013)
- ★ Quantitative Political Methodology, Undergraduate (2009)

Professional Service

Refereeing [Total: 102x]

- ★ American Political Science Review [14x]
- ★ American Journal of Political Science [9x]
- ★ Journal of Politics [18x]
- ★ Journal of Policy Analysis and Management [2x]
- ★ Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory [6x]
- ★ The Review of Economics and Statistics [2x]
- ★ Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences [1x]
- ★ British Journal of Political Science [3x]
- ★ Journal of the European Economic Association [1x]
- ★ Political Analysis [2x, Best Reviewer Award (2019)]
- ★ Political Behavior [4x]
- ★ Political Science Research and Methods [2x]
- ★ Perspectives on Politics [3x]
- ★ Election Law Journal [2x]
- ★ Legislative Studies Quarterly [4x]
- ★ Electoral Studies [2x]
- ★ Public Choice [2x]
- ★ Public Administration [1x]
- ★ Journal of Public Policy [1x]
- ★ Political Research Quarterly [3x]
- ★ American Politics Research [5x]
- ★ PLOS ONE (Guest Editor) [2x]
- ★ Educational Policy [1x]
- ★ Educational Researcher [1x]

- ★ Communication Studies [1x]
- ★ German Politics [1x]
- ★ European Journal of Political Economy [1x]
- ★ Politics and the Life Sciences [4x]
- ★ Politics and Gender [2x]
- ★ Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties [1x]
- ★ Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics [1x]

Public Engagement

- ★ Public Management Research Association Beryl A. Radin Award Committee
- ★ Program committee for the 2022 Southern Political Science Association
- ★ Social Media and Outreach Officer for the Experimental Research Section of the American Political Science Association (2019-2021)
- ★ Executive Committee for the Experimental Research Section of the American Political Science Association (2019-2021)
- ★ Communications Director of the Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) section of the American Political Science Association (2019-2021)
- ★ Executive Committee of the Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) section of the American Political Science Association (2019-2021)
- ★ Expert Witness, League of Women Voters of Va., et al., v. Va. Bd. Of Elections, et al., No. 6:20-cv-00024
- ★ Expert Witness, Priorities USA et al. v. Benson et al., No. 19-000191-MZ
- ★ Expert Witness, United States District Court Middle District of North Carolina Civil Action No. 1:13-CV-00660-TDS-JEP (M.D.N.C.) League of Women Voters of North Carolina, et al. v. North Carolina, et al.
- ★ Research Fellow, North Carolina Family Impact Seminar (2012)
- ★ Research Fellow, Scholars Strategy Network (2012-present)

Department & University Service

Committees/Chairs

- ★ Admissions Committee for Frank Batten School, Graduate and Undergraduate (2020-2021)
- ★ Faculty Sponsor, Frank Batten School Faculty Research Workshop (2020-2021)
- ★ Honors Thesis Coordinator, BYU Political Science Department (2016-2019)
- ★ PhD Program Distinguished Speaker Series Chair, Sanford School of Public Policy (2015)
- ★ Dean Steering Committee, Sanford School of Public Policy (2014)
- ★ Graduate Steering Committee, Sanford School of Public Policy (2014)
- ★ Graduate Curriculum Steering Committee, Sanford School of Public Policy (2014)
- ★ Graduate Professional Development Committee, Sanford School of Public Policy (2013)

Student Advising

Graduate

- ★ Emily Noh (2022, *Dissertation Advisor*, Vanderbilt University Politics Department)
- ★ Richard Burke (2022, *Dissertation Advisor*, University of Virginia Politics Department)

Undergraduate

- ★ Tyler Durfee (2019, *Honors Thesis Advisor*, Brigham Young University)
- ★ David Bates (2018, *Honors Thesis Advisor*, Brigham Young University)
- ★ Eliza Riley (2018, *Honors Thesis Advisor*, Brigham Young University)
- ★ Fred Tan (2018, *Honors Thesis Advisor*, Brigham Young University)
- ★ John Geilman (2018, *Honors Thesis Advisor*, Brigham Young University)
- ★ Louise Paulsen (2018, *Honors Thesis Advisor*, Brigham Young University)
- ★ Reed Rasband (2018, *Honors Thesis Advisor*, Brigham Young University)
- ★ Stephen Hunsaker (2018, *Honors Thesis Advisor*, Brigham Young University)
- ★ Nick Roweton (2017, *Honors Thesis Advisor*, Brigham Young University)

Memberships and Affiliations

- ★ American Political Science Association (APSA; APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior; APSA Experimental Research)
- ★ Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- ★ Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)
- ★ Society for Political Methodology (POLMETH)
- ★ Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration (ESRA)