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Positions

Stanford University   *Stanford, California*
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Political Science   *July 2019 - present*
- Faculty mentors: Douglas Rivers, Morris Fiorina, and David Brady

Education

University of California, Merced (UC Merced)   *Merced, California*
PhD in Political Science   *Aug. 2014 - Aug. 2019*
- Dissertation: Information and Party Brands
  - Advisor: Brad L. LeVeck
  - Committee: Brad L. LeVeck (Chair), Nathan W. Monroe, Stephen P. Nicholson, Alexander G. Theodoridis
  - Emphasis: Political Behavior, Institutions, and Methodology

Stanford University   *Stanford, California*
Certificate in International Management   *June 2015 - Aug. 2015*

University of California, Davis (UC Davis)   *Davis, California*
B.S. in Psychology (Mathematics) and Managerial Economics   *Sept. 2010 - June 2014*
- Minor: Statistics
- Honors Thesis: Impact of Aircraft Accidents on Consumers' Willingness to Fly

Interests

Methodological
Experiments; Survey Sampling, Design, and Analysis (Methodology); Causal Inference; Bayesian Statistical Inference; Statistical Methodology; Statistical Inference; Spatial Models; Instrumental Variables; Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Multivariate Statistical Models; Mathematical Statistics; Behavioral Game Theory; Data Science; Large Datasets

Substantive
Information; Judgement and Decision-Making; Heuristics and Knowledge; Cognitive Processes; Polarization; Political Behavior; Public Opinion; Civic Engagement; Legislative Politics; Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics

Publications

1. LeVeck, Brad L. and Stephanie A. Nail. (2016). "Evidence for a scale invariant relationship between the incumbency advantage and the nationalization of US House elections 1866–2014." *Research and Politics* 3(4): 1-4.

2. Goggin, Stephen N., Stephanie A. Nail, and Alexander G. Theodoridis (2020). "Partisanship and Political Cognition." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Political Decision Making* ed. David R. Redlawsk.

Working Papers

1. Nail, Stephanie A. (2019). "How Much Will Voters Pay for a 'Bit' of Information?" *Job Market Paper, Dissertation Paper*. ** UCM Department of Political Science Top Graduate Student Paper (2019) ** *(Under review)*.

2. Nail, Stephanie A. (2017). "Strategic Agenda Setting and Election Timing in the U.S. House." *Dissertation Paper*. ** UCM Department of Political Science Best Graduate Student Paper (2016) **

3. Nail, Stephanie A. (2017). "Disjoint Delegations: Disentangling the Effect of Party Label on Inference." *Dissertation Paper*. ** UCM Department of Political Science Best Graduate Student Paper (2017) **

4. LeVeck, Brad L. and Stephanie A. Nail. (2019). "The Informational Value of Party Labels and Legislator Voting Records."

5. Nail, Stephanie A. (2018). "Ineffective Attribution Testing: An exploration of individual differences in cognition between Liberals and Conservatives." ** UCM Department of Political Science Best Graduate Student Paper (2018) **

6. Theodoridis, Alexander G., Stephanie A. Nail, and Graham Bullock. (2018). "It's the End of the World as We Know It? Utility for Outcomes and the Structure of Opinion on Climate Change."

7. Fortunato, David, Matthew L. Hibbing, and Stephanie A. Nail. (2018). "Strategic Voting: An Investigation of Preferences and Voting Behavior."

8. Rivers, Douglas and Stephanie A. Nail. (2019). "Partisan Polarization and Retrospective Voting."

9. Rivers, Douglas and Stephanie A. Nail. (2020). "Survey Estimation in Election Surveys with Selection Bias."

Book Projects

1. Rivers, Douglas, David Brady, Morris P. Fiorina, and Stephanie A. Nail. (2020). *Partisan Polarization Book Project*

Honors & Awards

INTERNAL

2019	**UCM Department of Political Science Best Graduate Student Paper Award**, UC Merced – Apple iPad	*Merced, California*
2019	**UCM Department of Political Science Teaching Award**, UC Merced – Apple Watch	*Merced, California*
2019	**Political Science Skill Building and Research Fellowship**, UC Merced (Summer 2019) – $2,363	*Merced, California*
2019	**Political Science Skill Building and Research Fellowship**, UC Merced (Winter 2019) – $2,000	*Merced, California*
2018	**UCM Department of Political Science Best Graduate Student Paper Award**, UC Merced – $500	*Merced, California*
2018	**Political Science Skill Building and Research Fellowship**, UC Merced (Summer 2018) – $2,000	*Merced, California*
2018	**Political Science Skill Building and Research Fellowship**, UC Merced (Winter 2018) – $2,800	*Merced, California*
2017	**UCM Department of Political Science Best Graduate Student Paper Award**, UC Merced – $500	*Merced, California*
2017	**Political Science Skill Building and Research Fellowship**, UC Merced (Spring / Summer 2017) – $5,525	*Merced, California*
2016	**UCM Department of Political Science Best Graduate Student Paper Award**, UC Merced – $500	*Merced, California*
2016	**Political Science Skill Building and Research Fellowship**, UC Merced (Spring / Summer 2016) – $1,100	*Merced, California*
2015	**Political Science Skill Building and Research Fellowship**, UC Merced (Spring / Summer 2015) – $6,500	*Merced, California*
2015	**Political Science Skill Building and Research Fellowship**, UC Merced (Fall 2015) – $3,573	*Merced, California*

EXTERNAL

2019	**PolMeth XXXVI Acceptance Award**, Society for Political Methodology – $1,325	*Boston, Mass.*
2018	**PolMeth XXXV Acceptance Award**, Society for Political Methodology – $1,300	*Provo, Utah*
2017	**PolMeth XXXIV Acceptance Award**, Society for Political Methodology – $1,375	*Madison, Wisconsin*

Presentations

2020 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) — *San Francisco, California*
PAPER PRESENTATION (PANEL) (VIRTUAL) — *September 2020*
- "Partisan Polarization and Retrospective Voting" (co-authored with Douglas Rivers)

2020 Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth XXXVII) — *Toronto, Canada*
PAPER PRESENTATION (POSTER) (VIRTUAL) — *July 2020*
- "Ineffective Attribution Testing: An exploration of individual differences between Liberals and Conservatives"

2020 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) — *Los Angeles, California*
PAPER PRESENTATION (PANEL) (VIRTUAL) — *May 2020*
- "Strategic Agenda Setting and Election Timing in the U.S. House"

2020 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) — *Chicago, Illinois*
PAPER PRESENTATION (PANEL) (VIRTUAL) — *April 2020*
- "Partisan Polarization and Retrospective Voting" (co-authored with Douglas Rivers)

2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth XXXVI) — *Boston, Massachusetts*
PAPER PRESENTATION (POSTER) — *July 2019*
- "Disjoint Delegations: Disentangling the Effect of Party Label on Inference"

2019 Annual Southern California Political Behavior Conference — *Riverside, California*
PAPER PRESENTATION (PANEL) — *April 2019*
- "How Much Will Voters Pay for a 'Bit' of Information?"

2019 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) — *San Diego, California*
PAPER PRESENTATION (PANEL) — *April 2019*
- "How Much Will Voters Pay for a 'Bit' of Information?"
- "It's the End of the World as We Know It? Utility for Outcomes and the Structure of Opinion on Climate Change"

2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) — *Chicago, Illinois*
PAPER PRESENTATION (PANEL) — *April 2019*
- "How Much Will Voters Pay for a 'Bit' of Information?"
- "It's the End of the World as We Know It? Utility for Outcomes and the Structure of Opinion on Climate Change"

2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) — *Boston, Massachusetts*
PAPER PRESENTATION (PANEL) — *August 2018*
- "How Much Will Voters Pay for a 'Bit' of Information?"
- "Strategic Voting: An Investigation of Preferences and Voting Behavior"

2018 Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth XXXV) — *Provo, Utah*
PAPER PRESENTATION (POSTER) — *July 2018*
- "How Much Will Voters Pay for a 'Bit' of Information?"

2018 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) *Chicago, Illinois*
PAPER PRESENTATION (PANEL) *April 2018*
- "How Much Will Voters Pay for a 'Bit' of Information?"

2018 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) *San Francisco, California*
PAPER PRESENTATION (PANEL) *March 2018*
- "The Informational Value of Party Labels and Legislator Voting Records." (co-authored with Brad L. LeVeck)
- "How Much Will Voters Pay for a 'Bit' of Information?"

2018 Annual Southern California Political Behavior Conference *Riverside, California*
PAPER PRESENTATION (CONFERENCE PRESENTATION) *March 2018*
- "Disjoint Delegations: Disentangling the Effect of Party Label on Inference"

2018 NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference *New York, New York*
PAPER PRESENTATION (POSTER) *February 2018*
- "How Much Will Voters Pay for a 'Bit' of Information?"

2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) *San Francisco, California*
PAPER PRESENTATION (PANEL) *Sept. 2017*
- "Disjoint Delegations: Disentangling the Effect of Party Label on Inference"

2017 Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth XXXVI) *Madison, Wisconsin*
PAPER PRESENTATION (POSTER) *July 2017*
- "The Informational Value of Party Labels and Legislator Voting Records" (co-authored with Brad L. LeVeck)

2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) *Chicago, Illinois*
PAPER PRESENTATION (PANEL) *April 2015*
- "Strategic Agenda Setting and Election Timing in the U.S. House"

UC Davis 25th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference *Davis, California*
HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION (POSTER) *April 2014*
- "The Impact of Aircraft Accidents on Consumers' Willingness to Fly"

Experience ─────────────────────────────────

RESEARCH

Postdoctoral Research Fellow *Stanford, California*
STANFORD UNIVERSITY *July 2019 - present*
- Faculty mentors: **Dr. Douglas Rivers**, **Dr. Morris Fiorina**, and **Dr. David Brady**

Research Practicum *Merced, California*
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED (UC MERCED) *Aug. 2015 - July 2019*
- Under the direction of **Dr. Brad L. LeVeck**.

Graduate Student Researcher *Merced, California*
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED (UC MERCED) *Aug. 2014 - Jan. 2018*
- Under the direction of **Dr. Daniel de Kadt** (Summer 2017 - Winter 2017/8).
- Under the direction of **Dr. Jessica Trounstine** (Summer 2016).
- Under the direction of **Dr. Nathan W. Monroe** (Aug. 2014 - May 2015).

Lead Undergraduate Research Assistant, Human Memory Lab *Davis, California*
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS (UC DAVIS) *June 2013 - Aug. 2014*
- Under the direction of **Dr. Andrew P. Yonelinas**.

TEACHING

Instructor, Judgment and Decision Making *Merced, California*
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED (UC MERCED) *Jan. 2018 - May 2019*
- POLI 153; COGS 170; ECON 153; MGMT 153 (Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Spring 2019)
- ** 2019 UCM Departmental Teaching Award **

Teaching Assistant *Merced, California*
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED (UC MERCED) *Aug. 2014 - Dec. 2018*
- POLI 123: Political Psychology (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)
- ECON 100: Intermediate Microeconomics (Spring 2017)
- POLI 10: Statistical Inference (Spring 2016, Fall 2016)
- POLI 1: Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2015)

Skills ──────────────────────────────────────

Programming R, Python, STATA, SAS, SQL, LaTeX, R Packages
Version Control R Markdown, Github

Professional Activities

Reviewer
- *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Research and Politics*

Member
- *Midwest Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology*

Certificates

STANFORD UNIVERSITY *Palo Alto, California*
Fundamentals of Data Science *August 2020*
- *Mathematical Optimization*
- *Machine Learning*
- *Deep Learning*
- *Deep Learning for Natural Language Processing*