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Employment

Georgetown University

Associate Professor (with tenure), McCourt School of Public Policy, 2012–present.

Associate Professor (by courtesy), Department of Government, 2012–present.

Affiliated Faculty, Massive Data Institute, 2013–present (Executive Board, 2018–2022).

Faculty Liaison, Institute of Politics and Public Service, 2016–present.

Affiliated Faculty, Lab for Globalization and Shared Prosperity, 2022–present.

Affiliated Faculty, Georgetown Democracy Initiative, 2026–present.

Assistant Professor, Georgetown Public Policy Institute (since 2013 renamed the McCourt School of Public Policy), 2005–2012.

Education

Princeton University

PhD, Department of Politics, 2006.

MA, Department of Politics, 2003.

Tufts University

BA in Political Science, *magna cum laude*, Highest Thesis Honors, 2000.

Peer Reviewed Books

- Budak, Ceren, Jonathan M. Ladd, Josh Pasek, Lisa O. Singh, and Michael W. Traugott. 2026 (accepted and forthcoming). *American Presidential Campaigns in the Attention Economy*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press (Elements in Campaigns and Elections Series).
- Bode, Leticia, Ceren Budak, Jonathan M. Ladd, Frank Newport, Josh Pasek, Lisa O. Singh, Stuart N. Soroka, and Michael W. Traugott. 2020. *Words that Matter: How the News and Social Media Shaped the 2016 Presidential Election*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

  Subject of an "Authors Meet Critics" roundtable at the 2022 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2012. *Why Americans Hate the Media and How It Matters*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

  Winner of the 2013 *Goldsmith Book Prize* from Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy for the book "that best fulfills the objective of improving democratic governance through an examination of the intersection between the media, politics and public policy."

  Winner of the 2012 *Donald McGannon Award* for Social and Ethical Relevance in Communications Policy Research for the "most notable book addressing issues of communications policy."

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Arceneaux, Kevin, Martial Foucault, Kalli Giannelos, Jonathan Ladd, and Can Zengin. 2024. "Facebook Increases Political Knowledge, Reduces Well-Being and Informational Treatments Do Little to Help." *Royal Society Open Science* 11 (10).
- Gillion, Daniel Q., Jonathan M. Ladd, and Marc Meredith. 2020. "Party Polarization, Ideological Sorting and the Emergence of the U.S. Partisan Gender Gap." *British Journal of Political Science* 50 (4): 1217–1243.
- Croco, Sara E., Elizabeth Suhay, Rachel Blum, Lilliana Mason, Hans Noel, Jonathan Ladd, Michael M. Bailey. 2019. "Student Run Exit Polls 101." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52 (2): 361–366.
- Hopkins, Daniel J. and Jonathan M. Ladd. 2014. "The Consequences of Broader Media Choice: Evidence from the Expansion of Fox News." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 9 (1): 115–135.
- Ladd, Jonathan M., and Gabriel S. Lenz. 2011. "Does Anxiety Improve Voters' Decision Making?" *Political Psychology* 32 (2): 347–361.

  Part of a three-article workshop discussing our previous article, "Reassessing the Role of Anxiety in Vote Choice."
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2010. "The Role of Media Distrust in Partisan Voting." *Political Behavior* 32 (4): 567–585.

  Winner of the *Westview Press Award* for best graduate student paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2006.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2010. "The Neglected Power of Elite Opinion Leadership to Produce Antipathy toward the News Media: Evidence from a Survey Experiment." *Political Behavior* 32 (1): 29–50.
- Ladd, Jonathan M., and Gabriel S. Lenz. 2009. "Exploiting a Rare Communication Shift to Document the Persuasive Power of the News Media." *American Journal of Political Science* 53 (2): 394–410.

  Used as a teaching example in Chapter 13 of Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, and Anthony Fowler. 2021. *Thinking Clearly with Data: A Guide to Quantitative Reasoning and Analysis.* Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

  Successfully replicated in Anthony Fowler, and Kisoo Kim. 2022. "An Information-Based Explanation for Partisan Media Sorting." *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 34(4): 499–526, and in Jens Hainmueller. 2012. "Entropy Balancing for Causal Effects: A Multivariate Reweighting Method to Produce Balanced Samples in Observational Studies." *Political Analysis* 20(1): 25–46.

  Reprinted as Chapter 30 in *Political Knowledge*, eds. Jeffrey Friedman and Shterna Friedman. 2012. New York, NY: Routledge, pp. 320–346.

  Reprinted as Chapter 2 in *Media Power in Politics, 6th Edition*, ed. Doris A. Graber. 2011. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press, pp. 19–32.
- Ladd, Jonathan M., and Gabriel S. Lenz. 2008. "Reassessing the Role of Anxiety in Vote Choice." *Political Psychology* 29 (2): 275–296.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2007. "Predispositions and Public Support for the President during the War on Terrorism." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 71 (4): 511–538.

Papers Under Review at Peer Reviewed Journals

- Arceneaux, Kevin, Can Zengin, and Jonathan M. Ladd. 2026. "The Minimal Political and Social Effects of Facebook." Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. Previous versions of this paper were presented at research workshops at Aarhus University, Columbia University, Georgetown University, IE University, SNPSA, and Yale University, and at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

- Zengin, Can, Jonathan M. Ladd, Kalli Giannelos, Martial Foucault, and Kevin Arceneaux. 2026. "The Modest Consequences of Social Media for Major Political Communication Processes: Evidence from a Field Experiment in France." Previous versions were presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, and at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Cologne, Germany.

Book Chapters

- Pasek, Josh, Lisa O. Singh, Yifang Wei, Stuart N. Soroka, Jonathan M. Ladd, Michael W. Traugott, Ceren Budak, Leticia Bode, and Frank Newport. 2020. "Attention to Campaign Events: Do Twitter and Self-Report Metrics Tell the Same Story?." In *Big Data Meets Survey Science: A Collection of Innovative Methods*, eds. Craig A. Hill, Paul P. Biemer, Trent D. Buskirk, Lilli Japec, Antje Kirchner, Stas Kolenikov, and Lars E. Lyberg. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, pp. 193–216.
- Ladd, Jonathan M., and Alexander R. Podkul. 2020. "Sowing Distrust of the News Media as an Electoral Strategy." In *Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion*, eds. Bernard Grofman, Liz Suhay, and Alex Trechsel. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, pp. 427–454.
- Ladd, Jonathan M., and Alexander R. Podkul. 2019. "Distrust of the News Media as a Symptom and a Further Cause of Partisan Polarization." In *New Directions in Media and Politics, Second Edition*, ed. Travis N. Ridout. New York, NY: Routledge, pp. 54–79.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2013. "The Era of Media Distrust and Its Consequences for Perceptions of Political Reality." In *New Directions in Media and Politics*, ed. Travis N. Ridout. New York, NY: Routledge, pp. 24–44.

Major Public Datasets Created

- Kates, Sean, Jonathan M. Ladd, and Joshua A. Tucker. 2022. "2018-2021 American Institutional Confidence Poll Complete Panel Dataset."
- Kates, Sean, Jonathan M. Ladd, and Joshua A. Tucker. 2018. "2018 American Institutional Confidence Poll."
- Gillion, Daniel Q., Jonathan M. Ladd, and Marc Meredith. 2018. "Historic Presidential Approval and Party Identification Cumulative File."

Other Academic Writing

Reports for Think Tanks, Foundations or Professional Associations

- Pasek, Josh, Andrew Mercer, Ariel Edwards-Levy, Scott F. Clement, Ruth Igielnik, Jonathan Ladd, Emily Swanson, Jeff Horwitt, Charles Franklin, Chris Jackson, Kabir Khanna, Matthew Knee, Angela X. Ocampo, Tasha Philpot, Elliott Morris, and Samara M. Klar. "An Evaluation of the 2024 General Election Polls." 2025. A Report of the Task Force on 2024 Pre-Election Polling, American Association for Public Opinion Research.
- Kates, Sean, Jonathan M. Ladd, and Joshua A. Tucker. 2023. "How Americans' Confidence in Technology Firms Has Dropped: Evidence from the Second Wave of the American Institutional Confidence Poll." Research report in the series on "The Economics and Regulation of Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies," for the Center on Regulation and Markets, The Brookings Institution.
- Singh, Lisa, Michael Traugott, Leticia Bode, Ceren Budak, Pamela E. Davis-Kean, Ramanathan Guha, Jonathan Ladd, Zeina Mneimneh, Quynh Nguyen, Josh Pasek, Trivellore Raghunathan, Rebecca Ryan, Stuart Soroka, Laila Wahedi. 2020. "Data Blending: Haven't We Been Doing This for Years?" A white paper by the Massive Data Institute, Georgetown University.

- Ladd, Jonathan M., Joshua A. Tucker, and Sean Kates. 2018. "The 2018 American Institutional Confidence Poll: The Health of American Democracy in an Era of Hyper Polarization." A report by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Baker Center for Leadership & Governance at Georgetown University.
- Ladd, Jonathan M., and Alexander R. Podkul. 2018. "The Spread of Inaccurate Political Information In the Era of Distrusted News Media." A white paper prepared for the Knight Commission on Trust, Media and Democracy, a project of the Aspen Institute and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.
- Ladd, Jonathan M, with Alex Podkul. 2018. "The Spread of Inaccurate Political Information in the Era of Distrusted News Media." A white paper for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.
- Ladd, Jonathan M., and Joshua A. Tucker 2017. "Review of Data Available to Measure the Health of Democracy and Menu of Future Options for Improved Measurement Efforts in the United States." A report by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Other Major Public Research Reports

- Jensen, Brad, Lisa Singh, Pamela Davis-Kean, Katharine Abraham, Paul Beatty, Leticia Bode, Duen Horng Chau, Tina Eliassi-Rad, Rich Gonzalez, Rebecca Hamilton, In Song Kim, Theresa Kuchler, Jonathan Ladd, Kristina Lerman, Maggie Levenstein, Zeina Mneimneh, Quynh Camthi Nguyen, Josh Pasek, Trivellore Raghunathan, Rebecca Ryan, Stuart Soroka, Mahlet Tadesse, and Michael Traugott. 2021. "Analysis and Visualization Considerations for Quantitative Social Science Research Using Social Media Data." *PsyArXiv Preprints*. July 28.
- Budak, Ceren, Stuart Soroka,Lisa Singh, Michael Bailey, Leticia Bode, Nitesh Chawla, Pamela Davis-Kean, Munmun De Choudhury, Richard De Veaux, Ulrike Hahn, Brad Jensen, Jonathan Ladd, Zeina Mneimneh, Josh Pasek, Trivellore Raghunathan, Rebecca Ryan, Noah A. Smith, and Michael Traugott. 2021. "Modeling Considerations for Quantitative Social Science Research Using Social Media Data." *PsyArXiv Preprints*. May 17.
- Mneimneh, Zeina, Josh Pasek, Lisa Sing, Rachel Best, Leticia Bode, Elizabeth Bruch, Ceren Budak, Pamela Davis-Kean, Katharine Donato, Nicole Ellison, Andrew Gelman, Erica Groshen, Libby Hemphill, William Hobbs, Brad Jensen, George Karypis, Jonathan Ladd, Amy O'Hara, Trivellore Raghunathan, Philip Resnik, Rebecca Ryan, Stuart Soroka, Michael Traugott, Brady West, and Stefan Wojcik. 2021. "Data Acquisition, Sampling, and Data Preparation Considerations for Quantitative Social Science Research Using Social Media Data." *PsyArXiv Preprints*. March 15.
- Ladd, Jonathan, Rebecca Ryan, Lisa Singh, Leticia Bode, Ceren Budak, Frederick Conrad, Elizabeth Cooksey, Pam Davis-Kean, Keenan Dworak-Fisher, Deen Freelon, Dan Hopkins, Brad Jensen, Ken Kelley, Renee Miller, Zeina Mneimneh, Josh Pasek, Trivellore Raghunathan, Carole Roan Gresenz, Sudeepta Roy, Stuart Soroka, and Michael Traugott. 2020. "Measurement Considerations for Quantitative Social Science Research Using Social Media Data." *PsyArXiv Preprints*. December 23.
- Singh, Lisa, Leticia Bode, Pamela Davis-Kean, John Abowd, Tanya Berger-Wolf, Ceren Budak, Guangqing Chi, Andy Guess, Jennifer Hill, Adam Hughes, Brad Jensen, Frauke Kreuter, Jonathan Ladd, Margaret Little, Zeina Mneimneh, Kevin Munger, Josh Pasek, Trivellore Raghunathan, Rebecca Ryan, Stuart Soroka, and Michael Traugott. 2020. "Study Designs for Quantitative Social Science Research Using Social Media." *PsyArXiv Preprints*. July 1.

Book Reviews

- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2012. Review of *When Politicians Attack: Party Cohesion in the Media* by Tim J. Groeling (Cambridge University Press, 2010). *Public Opinion Quarterly* 76 (1): 182–192.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2011. Review of *War Stories: The Causes and Consequences of Public Views of War* by Matthew A. Baum and Tim J. Groeling (Princeton University Press, 2010). *Political Communication* 28 (2): 245–247.

- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2008. Review of *When the Press Fails: Political Power and the News Media from Iraq to Katrina* by W. Lance Bennett, Regina G. Lawrence and Steven Livingston (University of Chicago Press, 2007). *Perspectives on Politics* 6 (3): 601–602.

Work in Progress

- *Support for Democracy Amid the Crisis of Confidence* (with Sean Kates and Joshua A. Tucker). This project is based on the American Institutional Confidence Poll, a panel survey that has so far interviewed the large national panel of Americans in 2018, 2021, and 2023.
  We presented several working papers based on work for this project. These include:

  "There Is Only One Question: Diffuse Institutional Confidence in a Polarized America." Paper presented at the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

  "Which Institutions are Polarized and Unpolarized in the Public Mind?" Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

  "Why Congress and the Press Have Become Less Popular Since the 1970s, But Other Institutions Have Not." Paper presented at the Festschrift Conference Honoring the Career of Douglas Arnold, Princeton University, May 17, 2019.

  "A Report on the 2018 American Institutional Confidence Poll." A paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

- Writing an inviting book chapter: "Political Polarization and Media Trust." In *Handbook on Trust and the Media*, eds. Peter Jakobsson, and Fredrik Stiernstedt. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Fellowships and Other Research Positions

Guest Researcher, Centre for Political Research, Sciences Po Paris, Summer 2022 and Summer 2023.
Nonresident Senior Fellow, Governance Studies Program, Brookings Institution, 2014–2020.
Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, Summer 2018.
Dissertation Prize Fellow, Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars (currently named the Prize Fellowship in Social Sciences), Princeton University, 2003–2005.
Research Assistant for Larry M. Bartels, 2001–2003.
Research Assistant for Adam J. Berinsky, 2000–2002.

Awards

Goldsmith Book Prize, Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, for the academic book "published in the United States in the last 24 months that best fulfills the objective of improving democratic governance through an examination of the intersection between the media, politics and public policy," 2013.
Donald McGannon Award for Social and Ethical Relevance in Communications Policy Research, Donald McGannon Communication Research Center, Fordham University, for the "most notable book addressing issues of communications policy in the previous year," 2012.
Finalist for the Frank Luther Mott—Kappa Tau Alpha Journalism & Mass Communication Research Award, Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society for Journalism and Mass Communication, for the "best research-based book about journalism or mass communication published each year," 2012.
Honorable Mention for the E. E. Schattschneider Award for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of American government, American Political Science Association, 2006.
Westview Press Award for the Best Graduate Student Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2006.

Competitive Grants

Competitive External Grants

Project Liberty Grant through Sciences Po Paris, titled "Incentivizing Good Digital Governance: Toward a Healthier and More Ethical Online Public Sphere." (Principal Investigators: Kevin Arceneaux, Martial Foucault and Kalli Giannelos, Co-Investigator: Jonathan Ladd.) €430,000, 2022–2023.

National Science Foundation "Convergence Accelerator" Grant, titled "The Future of Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences." (Principal Investigators: Ceren Budek, Pamela Davis-Kean, Zeina Mneimneh, Rebecca Ryan and Lisa Singh.) I am named in the grant as "Senior Personnel" on the project and am co-organizer (with Rebecca Ryan) of 1 of our 5 funded conferences, titled "Measurement and Feature Engineering." NSF grant numbers: #1934925 and #1934494. $1.1 million, 2019–2022.

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Grant, titled "An Open-Ended Format Survey on Trust in American Institutions and Support for Democratic Norms in the United States." (Principal Investigators: Jonathan Ladd and Joshua Tucker.) $124,877 from the Knight Foundation, matched internally by $76,250 from Georgetown University's Baker Center for Leadership & Governance, 2017–2018.

University of Michigan Institute for Data Science (MIDAS) Grant, titled "A Social Science Collaboration for Research on Communication and Learning Based upon Big Data" to fund for 3 years the Michigan-Georgetown research group "Social Science and Social Media Collaborative (S3MC)" (Principal Investigators: Michael Traugott and Trivellore Raghunathan; Co-Principal Investigators: Leticia Bode, Ceren Budak, Pamela Davis-Keane, Jonathan Ladd, Zeina Mneimneh, Josh Pasek, Rebecca Ryan, Lisa Singh and Stuart Soroka.) $1.3 million from the University of Michigan, matched internally by $200,000 from Georgetown University's Massive Data Institute, 2017–2020.

Society for Political Methodology Travel Grants, to support travel to its Annual Summer Meeting, 2004 and 2005.

Mellon Foundation Summer Grant, to support methodological studies at the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2001.

Competitive Internal Grants (at Georgetown Except Where Noted)

Georgetown Tech & Public Policy Program Grant for "The Effects of Social Media on Overall Media Use, Misinformation Acceptance, Happiness, and Social Connectedness During a Presidential Campaign." (Principal Investigator: Jonathan Ladd, Co-Principal Investigator: Kevin Arceneaux) $168,000, 2024–2025.

Competitive Summer Academic Grant, Office of the Provost. Summer salary, 2016, 2022, 2026.

Competitive Annual Research Grant, Office of the Provost, for "A Proposed 2023 Survey on Americans' Reactions to Economic and Informational Globalization." $8,000, 2022.

Summer Collaborative Research Award (for research with a PhD student), Department of Government. Summer funding for a PhD student while working on a project with the professor, 2016, 2019, 2022.

Senior Faculty Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. One extra semester of research sabbatical, Spring 2021.

Georgetown Massive Data Institute Seed Grant for "Reinterviewing Respondents to Track Change in Assessments of Confidence in U.S. Institutions," $30,000, 2019.

Competitive Grants-In-Aid, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. $2,000 each, Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2015 and Fall 2019.

Dissertation Research Grant, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace & Justice, Princeton University. $5,000, 2003.

Invited Research Presentations

Boston University, Department of Political Science (2015)
Brigham Young University, Department of Political Science (2018)
Columbia University, Department of Political Science (2015 and 2025)
Facebook, Inc., User Experience Research Team, Menlo Park Headquarters (2018)
Harvard University, Department of Government (2013)
Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (2018)
Princeton University, Department of Politics (2019)
Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (2013)
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Center for European Studies (2017)
Sciences Po Paris, Centre for Political Research (2022 and 2023)
Tufts University, Department of Political Science (2017)
University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science (2018)
University of Iowa, Department of Political Science (2020)
University of Maryland, College Park, Department of Government & Politics (2013)
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan Institute for Data Science (MIDAS) (2019)
University of North Carolina, Greensboro, University-Wide Lecture Series (2014)
University of Virginia, Department of Politics (2017)
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Political Science (2020)

Professional Service

Editorial Service

Editorial Board: *American Politics Research* (2016–present), *Political Behavior* (2015–2019).
Associate Editor: *Research & Politics*, 2013–2017.

Service to Political Science Organizations

Chair, Best Book Award Selection Committee, Experimental Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2024–2025.
Chair, **Carey McWilliams Award Selection Committee**, honoring "a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics," American Political Science Association, 2024–2025.
Task Force on 2024 Pre-Election Polling, American Association for Public Opinion Research, 2024–2025.
Best Paper in American Politics Award Selection Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2024.
Executive Council, Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) Section of the American Political Science Association, 2018–2020. (Member of the Bylaw Revision Committee of the Executive Council, 2019.)
Faculty Advisory Board, Centennial Center, American Political Science Association, 2017–2020.
President, National Capital Area Political Science Association, 2018–2019.
Chair, **Best Dissertation Award Selection Committee**, Experimental Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2016.
Selection Committee for Short Courses, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2015.

Conference Program Committee Member

Mass Media Division Program Chair, Midwest Political Science Association, 2017, 2020 and 2025.
Political Communication Division Program Chair, American Political Science Association, 2010.

Conference Discussant

American Political Science Association (2006, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2024)
Midwest Political Science Association (2008, 2015, 2016, 2021, 2024)
Syracuse University Book Conference for Emily Thorson (2019)
Dartmouth College American Politics Experiments Conference (2016)
Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting (2011)

Conferences and Workshops Organized in DC

"Measurement, Data Curation and Feature Engineering in Studying Social Media" (co-organizer with Rebecca Ryan). Funded by the NSF "Convergence Accelerator" grant, "The Future of Quantitative Research in Social Science," September 24-15, 2020 at Georgetown University.

"Political Psychology APSA Pre-Conference" (co-organizer with Dan Hopkins, Cara Wong, and Joanne Miller). Sponsored by the Political Psychology Section of the American Political Science Association, August 28, 2019 at Georgetown University.

"Crisis of Confidence: Understanding Why Americans Have Lost Faith in Our Institutions" (primary organizer). Annual LEAD Conference sponsored by the McCourt School of Public Policy, March 19, 2018 at Georgetown University.

DC American Politics Workshop (One Day Conference), Sponsored by the National Capital Area Political Science Association. Hosted by Jonathan Ladd at Georgetown University on June 4, 2014, June 7, 2017, and January 9, 2023.

Government Expert Testimony

One of three outside experts invited to provide public testimony on an initial draft of the Federal Communication Commission's report, "Review of the Literature Regarding Critical Information Needs of the American Public." Washington, DC. June 26, 2012.

Courses Taught Since 2013

McCourt School, Graduate

Statistical Methods for Policy Analysis (core course in MPP)
The Politics of Policymaking (core course in MPP)
Political Polling

McCourt School, Undergraduate

Political Analysis for Public Policy (core course in major)

Dept of Govt, Graduate

Analysis of Political Data
American Govt PhD Seminar: Mass-Level Political Behavior
American Govt PhD Seminar: Research Design

Dept of Govt, Undergraduate

The U.S. Political System (subfield intro class)
Introduction to Modern Polling
Seminar: Problems in the U.S. Electoral System
Seminar: Polling and Public Opinion

Thesis/Dissertation Advising

Dissertation Committee Member (year of defense): Benjamin Burnley (2025), Patrick McSweeney (2024) Tranae Hardy (2023), Deborah Groen (2023), Ikuma Ogura (2022), Christopher Schorr (2020), Caitlin Vaughn (2019), Alexander Podkul (2019), Sandy James (2018, Chair), Rachel Blum (2016), Holly Boux (2016), Andrea Mayer (2016), Daniel Cox (2015), Shirley Adelstein (2015), David Knight (2014, Chair), Christine Kim (2014), Carin Robinson (2008).

Primary thesis advisor in the Govt Dept Undergraduate Honors Program for 9 students, 3 of whom won the Department's Best Thesis Award, and 2 of whom also won Pi Sigma Alpha's Best Undergraduate Thesis Award for the best political science thesis in the United States.

Selected Columns for a Popular Audience

Since 2012, I have written over 50 columns and substantial blog posts interpreting politics for a popular audience in a variety of outlets. A complete list is available here: https://www.jonathanmladd.com/columns–blog-posts.html. Below is a selected list:

- Kates, Sean. Jonathan M. Ladd, and Joshua Tucker. 2022. "Since 2018, Republicans Have Lost Confidence In U.S. Institutions." *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage Blog). Dec. 30.
- Kates, Sean, Jonathan Ladd, Joshua Tucker, and Jan Zilinsky. 2022. "Is the FBI Impartial? Over Half of Republicans Say 'No.' Allegations of Political Biases in Law Enforcement Can Hurt Democracy." *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage Blog). Sept. 15.
- Hetherington, Marc, and Jonathan Ladd. 2020. "Destroying Trust in the Media, Science, and Government Has Left America Vulnerable to Disaster." The Brookings Institution (FixGov Blog). May 1.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2019. ''The Senate Is a Much Bigger Problem Than The Electoral College." *Vox.com*. April 9.
- Kates, Sean. Jonathan Ladd, and Joshua Tucker. 2018. "Should You Worry about American Democracy? Here's What Our New Poll Finds." *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage Blog). Oct. 24.
- Ladd, Jonathan M, with Alex Podkul. 2018. ""Why Inaccurate Political Information Spreads: And Why Partisanship Makes It Difficult for People to Accept Corrections." *Medium* page of the Knight Commission on Trust, Media and Democracy. March 6.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2017. "Negative Partisanship May Be the Most Toxic Form of Polarization." *Vox.com*. June 2.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2016. "Trump's Only Significant Campaign Skill Is Manipulating the Media. But He's Great At It." *Vox.com*. Sept. 26.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2016."Ideological Mobilization Helps Parties, Unless It Overpowers Them." *Vox.com*. May 19.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2016. "Donald Trump Is Sloppy About Policy Details, But Precise at Managing Party Factions." *Vox.com*. April 11.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2016. "The New Republic Lost the Battle Over American Liberalism." *Vox.com*. Jan. 13.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2014. "Gerrymandering Is a Useless Concept. Redistricting Is a Choice Among Values." Mischiefs of Faction Blog. May 22.
- Ladd, Jonathan M. 2012. "Why Don't People Trust the Media Anymore?" The Monkey Cage Blog (now renamed "Good Authority"). April 25.

Georgetown University Service

Complete list of committee service and other administrative positions available upon request.

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