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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, 2016-present
John Marshall Harlan Associate Professor of Politics

Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, 2010-2016
Assistant Professor of Politics

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 2010
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 2008-2009
Instructor, Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, Ph.D. Political Science, 2010
Major fields: American Politics, Political Theory
Minor field: International Relations

Dissertation title: "Understanding the 'New Nativism': Causes and Consequences for Immigration Policy Attitudes in the United States"

Dissertation committee: Rene R. Rocha (co-chair), Caroline J. Tolbert (co-chair), David P. Redlawsk, Tracy Osborn, Mary E. Campbell

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, M.A. Political Science, 2007

Utah State University, Logan, Utah, B.A. Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*, 2006
Major fields: American Politics, Political Theory
Minors: International Studies, Spanish

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Books, Book Chapters, or Contributions to Edited Volumes

Knoll, Benjamin R. and Jana Riess. "Changing Religious and Societal Attitudes of Mormon Millennials in Contemporary American Society." Forthcoming in *Global Mormonism: Prospects*

and Concerns for an International Religion in the Twenty-First Century, eds. R. Gordon Shepherd, A. Gary Shepherd, and Ryan Cragun. Palgrave MacMillan.

Riess, Jana and Benjamin R. Knoll. 2020. "Social Science Perspectives on Gender and Mormon Orthodoxy." In *The Routledge Handbook of Mormonism and Gender Studies*, Routledge.

Knoll, Benjamin R. and Cammie Jo Bolin. 2019. "Religious Communication and Persuasion." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion*, Oxford University Press. doi: [10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.995](https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.995)

Knoll, Benjamin R. and Jana Riess. 2019. "The Next Mormons Survey." In *The Next Mormons: How Millennials are Changing the LDS Church* by Jana Riess. Oxford University Press.

Knoll, Benjamin R. and Cammie Jo Bolin. 2018. *She Preached the Word: Women's Ordination in Modern America*. Oxford University Press.

- Nominated for the 2019 Distinguished Book Award by the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Journal Articles

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2016. "The Political Behavior of 'Unhyphenated Americans': An Individual-Level Analysis of Causes and Consequences." *Social Science Quarterly* 97(3): 668-681.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2016. "Learning by Doing: Mentoring Group-Based Undergraduate Research Projects in an Upper-Level Political Science Course." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 49(1):forthcoming.

Knoll, Benjamin R., Tyler J. O'Daniel, and Brian Cusato. 2015. "Physiological responses and political behavior: Three reproductions using a novel dataset." *Research and Politics* 2(4): 1-6.

Rene R. Rocha, Benjamin R. Knoll, and Robert Wrinkle. 2015. "Immigration Enforcement and the Redistribution of Political Trust." *Journal of Politics* 77(4): 901-913.

Knoll, Benjamin R. and Jordan Shewmaker. 2015. "'Simply un-American': Nativism and Support for Health Care Reform." *Political Behavior* 37(1): 87-108.

Knoll, Benjamin R., David P. Redlawsk and Howard Sanborn. 2014. "Response to 'Framing Unauthorized Immigrants: The Effects of Labels on Evaluations,' by Ommundsen, et al. (2014)" *Psychological Reports* 115(3): 1-5.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2013. "Assessing the effect of social desirability on nativism attitude responses." *Social Science Research* 42(6): 1587-1598.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2013. "Implicit Nativist Attitudes, Social Desirability, and Immigration Policy Preferences." *International Migration Review* 47(1): 1-34.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2012. "When Plato Meets Popkin: Combining Political Philosophy and Empirical Content in the Classroom." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 45(4): 748-752.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2012. "¿Compañero o Extranjero? Anti-Immigrant Nativism among Latino-Americans." *Social Science Quarterly* 93(4): 911-931.

Knoll, Benjamin R., David P. Redlawsk, and Howard B. Sanborn. 2011. "Framing Labels and Immigration Policy Attitudes in the Iowa Caucuses: 'Trying to Out-Tancredo Tancredo?'" *Political Behavior* 33(3): 433-454.

Rocha, Rene R., Thomas Longoria, Robert D. Wrinkle, Benjamin R. Knoll, J.L. Polinard, and James P. Wenzel. 2011. "Ethnic Context and Immigration Policy Preferences among Latinos and Anglos." *Social Science Quarterly* 92(1): 1-19.

Osborn, Tracy, Scott D. McClurg, and Benjamin R. Knoll. 2010. "Voter Mobilization and the Obama Victory." *American Politics Research* 38(2): 211-232.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2009. "And Who is My Neighbor? Religion and Immigration Policy Attitudes." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 48(2):313-331.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2009. "¿Amigo de la Raza? Re-examining Determinants of Latino Support in the U.S. Congress." *Social Science Quarterly* 90(1): 176-192.

Other Scholarly Publications

Ferguson, John E. III, Benjamin R. Knoll, and Jana Riess. 2018. "The Word of Wisdom in Contemporary American Mormonism: Perceptions and Practice." *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 51(1): 1-38.

Knoll, Benjamin R. and Jana Riess. 2017. "'Infected With Doubt': An Empirical Overview of Belief and Non-Belief in Contemporary American Mormonism." *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 50(3): 39-78.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2016. "Youth Suicide Rates and Mormon Religious Context: An Additional Empirical Analysis." Invited article published in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 49(2): 25-50.

Barker, Michael, Daniel Parkinson, and Benjamin Knoll. 2016. "The LGBTQ Mormon Crisis: Responding to the Empirical Research on Suicide." Invited article published in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 49(2): 1-24.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2015. Invited book review of *Mitt Romney, Mormonism, and the 2012 Election* by Luke Perry. *New England Journal of Political Science* 8(1): 154.

Knoll, Benjamin R. and Natalie E. Pope. 2014. "'Preparing Their Lands and Their Arms Against the Time of Battle': A Neoconservative Interpretation of the Book of Mormon." *SquareTwo* 7(3): <http://squaretwo.org/Sq2ArticleKnollPopeNeoConLDS.html>.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2014. Invited book review of *One Family Under God: Immigration Politics and Progressive Religion in America* by Grace Yukich. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 53(1): 223-224.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2013. Invited book review of *Showdown in the Sonoran Desert: Religion, Law, and the Immigration Controversy* by Ananda Rose. *Journal of Church and State* 55(4): 818-820.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2010. Invited book review of *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and American Politics*, edited Corwin E. Smidt, Lyman A. Kellstedt, and James L. Guth. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 49(3): 569-571.

Knoll, Benjamin R. 2008. "Congress: Votes and Amendments (Cloning/Embryos)." In *The Encyclopedia of Stem Cell Research*, ed. Clive Niels Svendsen and Allison D. Ebert. Newberry Park: Sage Publications.

Conference Presentations

"The polarizing effect of geography on the religious lives of former Mormons in the United States," paper presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, October 25-27, 2019.

"Leaving the Fold: Demographic and Contextual Predictors of Former Mormons in the United States," with John E. Ferguson III and Jana Riess, paper presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 25-28, 2018.

"Explaining Gender Empowerment Through Descriptive Clerical Representation," with Cammie Jo Bolin, paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 6-9, 2017.

"The Effect of Clergywomen and Female Leadership on Religious Behavior and Attitudes," with Cammie Jo Bolin, paper presented at the 2016 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion conference, Atlanta, Georgia, October 27-30, 2016.

"Faith and Doubt in Contemporary American Mormonism: A Quantitative Empirical Perspective," paper presented at the Salt Lake Sunstone Symposium, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 27-30, 2016.

"Explaining American Preferences for Descriptive Gender Representation in Religious Institutions," with Cammie Jo Bolin, paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2016.

"Navigating the Landscape of Online Mormonism," with Brian Dillman and Thomas Hatton, panel presented at the Sunstone Kirtland Symposium, Kirtland, Ohio, October 17, 2015.

"A Tale of Two Candidates: Eric Cantor, Mitch McConnell, and the 2014 Republican Primaries," with Kit Thomas and Caroline Snell, paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 15-19, 2015.

"The 'Unhyphenated American' Phenomenon: An Individual-Level Analysis of Causes and Consequences," poster presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, DC, August 28-31, 2014.

"Physiological Responses and Partisanship: A Comparison of Partisans, Independents, and 'Independent-Leaners'", with Tyler O'Daniel and Brian Cusato, paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-6, 2014.

- “A Neoconservative Interpretation of the Book of Mormon”, with Natalie E. Pope, paper presented at the Mormon History Association Conference, Layton, Utah, June 6-9, 2013.
- “Immigration Enforcement and Political Orientations among Foreign and Native Born Latinos”, with Rene R. Rocha and Robert Wrinkle, paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Hollywood, California, March 28-30, 2013.
- “It’s Not Just Immigration Anymore: Nativism and Support for Health Care Reform”, with Jordan Shewmaker, paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 30-September 2, 2012.
- “Assessing the Effect of Social Desirability on Nativism Attitude Responses”, paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, Washington, September 1-4, 2011.
- “Automatic Nativist Preferences, Social Desirability, and Immigration Policy Preferences”, paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, D.C., September 2-5, 2010.
- “¿Compañero o Extranjero? Nativism and Immigration Policy Attitudes among Latino-Americans”, paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 22-25, 2010.
- “Disentangling the Attitude from the Behavior: Toward a Multi-Stage Model of Nativism and Immigration Policy Preferences”, poster presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Toronto, Canada, September 3-6, 2009.
- “America for Americans: A Broad Look at the Determinants of Nativism in the American Public”, paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 1-4, 2009.
- “Aliens Among Us: Framing Labels and Immigration Policy Attitudes”, with Howard Sanborn and David Redlawsk, paper presented at the Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 8-10, 2009.
- “Re-examining the Effects of Race and Ethnicity on International Conflict”, paper presented at the Great Plains Political Science Conference, Cedar Falls, Iowa, September 27, 2008.
- *Award: “Best Graduate Student Paper”*
- “‘And Who is My Neighbor?’ Religion and Attitudes toward Immigration Policy”, paper presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 03, 2008.
- Also presented at the James F. Jakobsen 2008 conference, sponsored by The University of Iowa Graduate Student Senate and The Graduate College, Iowa City, Iowa, March 29, 2008.
 - *Award: “Second Place: Social Sciences and Education Division”*
 - Also presented at the 2008 Symposium on Religion and Politics, sponsored by the Paul Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 25, 2008.

“Beyond Counterterrorism: Rhetoric, 9/11, and Exclusionary Policies Targeting Undocumented Latinos in the United States”, paper presented at the annual International Studies Association conference, Chicago, Illinois, March 03, 2007.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Centre College: Introduction to American Politics; Introduction to Political Analysis; Public Opinion and Voting Behavior; Political Parties, Campaigns, and Elections; Political Communication; U.S. Congress; U.S. Presidency, Race, Religion, and Politics; Introduction to Comparative Politics; Introduction to Political Ideologies; State and Local Politics; Politics of Movies and Television; Modern Political Philosophy; Advanced Special Topics (research course); Mexican Politics and Society; American Presidency, American Political Thought

University of Iowa: Local Politics (both in-class and as a distance education course); Political Psychology; Public Policy (teaching assistant); Introduction to Political Theory (teaching assistant); Introduction to American Politics (teaching assistant)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Service

Co-editor, *Journal of the Mormon Social Science Association*, 2019-present

Editorial Board member, *Social Science Quarterly*, 2019-present

President of the Board of Directors, Kentucky Conservation Committee, 2019-present

Board of Directors member, Kentucky Conservation Committee, 2017-2019

Principal Grant Administrator, 2013-2017. “Reaching Across All Disciplines: Broadening the Opportunities for Undergraduate Research Participation” at Centre College.

- Responsible for principal administration of a \$600,000 grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation.
- Responsible for designing advertisement and implementation strategies for the various grant parameters (working groups, travel funds, new courses, etc.).
- Responsible for assessing effectiveness of grant initiatives and preparing metrics to report to benefactor institution.

President, Kentucky Political Science Association, 2016-2017

- Sponsored and organized the March 2017 annual conference of the Kentucky Political Science Association at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.
- Fulfilled other duties as needed.

Reviewer, 2019: *American Politics Research*, *Rural Sociology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Social Science Research*, *Publius: A Journal of Federalism*, *American Political Science Review*, *Political Behavior*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, *Oxford University Press (book manuscript review)*

Reviewer, 2018: *American Politics Research*, *Social Science Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Migration Review*

Reviewer, 2017: *Politics and Religion, Social Science Quarterly, American Politics Research, International Migration, Presidential Studies Quarterly*

Reviewer, 2016: *Political Behavior, Politics and Religion, Journal of Politics, Social Science Quarterly, Journal of Women, Politics & Policy, American Politics Research, Political Research Quarterly*

Reviewer, 2015: *Research and Politics, Politics and Religion, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, International Migration Review, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Urban Affairs, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Social Science Research, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, American Political Science Review*

Reviewer, 2014: *Political Behavior, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Social Science Research, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, American Political Science Review, Michigan Sociological Review, American Politics Research, PS: Political Science and Politics, Political Psychology, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*

Reviewer, 2013: *American Journal of Political Science, Social Science Quarterly, PS: Political Science and Politics, Political Behavior, American Politics Research, Public Opinion Quarterly, Psychological Reports, Political Research Quarterly, American Political Science Review*

Reviewer, 2012: *American Journal of Political Science, Political Behavior, Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review, American Politics Research, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Psychological Reports, Rural Sociology, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly*

Reviewer, 2011: *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Rural Sociology, Political Research Quarterly, American Journal of Political Science*

Reviewer, 2010: *Oxford University Press, American Politics Research, Social Science Quarterly, Review of Religious Research, Political Behavior, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Psychology, American Journal of Political Science, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

Reviewer, 2009: *Social Science Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

Reviewer, 2008: *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

Section Chair: “Religion and Politics,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 16-19, 2020.

Section Chair: “Religion and Politics,” Southern Political Science Association Conference, Austin, Texas, January 17-19, 2019.

Panel Chair/Discussant: “Religion and Partisan Identification,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 6-9, 2017.

Roundtable Chair and Participant: “Prospects for the Trump Administration,” Kentucky Political Science Association Conference, Danville, Kentucky, March 3-4, 2017.

Roundtable Participant: “Early Career at Research Institutions: Getting and Keeping a Research-intensive Faculty Position”, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2016.

Panel Discussant: “Religion, Identity, and Political Engagement”, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2016.

Panel Chair/Discussant: “The Politics of Ethnic and Religious Minority Groups”, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 15-19, 2015.

Panel Chair: “Undergraduate Research #2”, Kentucky Political Science Association Conference, Somerset, Kentucky, March 6-7, 2015.

Panel Discussant: “The Politics of Immigrants’ Integration and Local Reception”, American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, DC, August 28-31, 2014.

Panel Chair: “Attitudes Toward Out-Groups”, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-6, 2014.

Panel Discussant: “Race, Religion, and Politics”, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-6, 2014.

Panel Chair/Discussant: “Graduate Research 2: Political Theory”, Kentucky Political Science Association Conference, Morehead, Kentucky, March 7-8, 2014.

Panel Discussant: “Public Opinion Survey Research”, Kentucky Political Science Association Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, March 1-2, 2013.

Panel Chair/Discussant: “Race, Religion, and American Politics”, American Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 30-September 2, 2012.

Panel Chair/Discussant: “Race, Religion, and Politics”, American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, Washington, September 1-4, 2011.

Panel Chair: “Race, Religion, and American Politics”, American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, D.C., September 2-5, 2010.

Panel Chair: “African American Political Participation”, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 22-25, 2010.

Panel Discussant: “American Politics II” (undergraduate poster session), Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 22-25, 2010.

Panel Chair/Discussant: “American Politics: Voting Behavior”, Great Plains Political Science Conference, Cedar Falls, Iowa, September 27, 2008.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.