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COLORADO COLLEGE  
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**EDUCATION**     **2013 Ph.D.**, POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

- Dissertation: *The Liberal Paradox*
- Committee: James A. Stimson (chair), Pamela J. Conover, Frank R. Baumgartner, John Aldrich, Kevin T. McGuire
- Major field: American Politics; Minor field: Methodology

**2010 M.A.**, POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

**2008 M.A.**, POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

**2004 B.A.**, POLITICAL SCIENCE, WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY (PI SIGMA ALPHA)

**ACADEMIC POSITION**     **2014 – present.** Colorado College, Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science.

**COURSES TAUGHT**     American Government & Politics, Public Policymaking, Ideology in America, Methods in Political Science, Congress

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**     Macro behavior and longitudinal issues: ideology, public opinion, and policy mood

Political psychology: ideological identification, media and politics

Methodology: quantitative and experimental methods

**PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS**     **POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW**, 2013 – 2014. Washington University in St. Louis. Research position in the Center for Empirical Research in the Law (with Andrew D. Martin).

**GRADUATE SCHOOL FELLOW**, Fall 2012 – Spring 2013. UNC Dissertation Completion Award. Departmental Nominee. University-wide competition awardee.

**LEAD GRADUATE ASSOCIATE**, Fall 2010 – Summer 2012. National Science Foundation Project. *Developing Policy-Specific Measures of Public*

*Opinion*. Under the direction of James A. Stimson and Frank R. Baumgartner.

**PUBLISHED  
WORK**

Coggins, K. Elizabeth and James A. Stimson. "On the Dynamics of Ideological Identification: The Puzzle of Liberal Identification Decline." Forthcoming in *Political Science Research Methods*.

Unah, Isaac & K. Elizabeth Coggins. 2013. "When Governors Speak up for Justice: Punishment Politics and Mass Incarceration in the United States." *Journal of Political Sciences & Public Affairs*. Volume 1, 1-12.

Yates, Jeffrey & K. Elizabeth Coggins. 2009. "The Intersection of Judicial Attitudes and Litigant Selection Theories." *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy*. Volume 29, 263-299.

**COMMENTARY**

Coggins, K. Elizabeth Gregory Laski. "The Power of Dialogue." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. <http://www.chronicle.com/article/The-Power-of-Dialogue/241272?cid=wcontentgrid>

**WORKING  
PAPERS**

*The Liberal Paradox*. Book manuscript in preparation.

"Beyond the Thermostat: A Theory of Public Opinion Change."

"How Liberals & Conservatives See Each Other." With Pamela J. Conover.

"Media, Race, and the Liberal Label." With Andrew Post (Colorado College undergraduate).

**CURRENT  
RESEARCH  
PROJECTS**

"Dimensions of Ideological Identification."

"How Americans Sort Groups Ideologically."

**HONORS &  
AWARDS**

**DEAN'S FACULTY-STUDENT COLLABORATIVE GRANT**. Summer 2017. \$4000 award funding summer research fellow.

**SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISIONAL RESEARCH GRANT**. Fall 2016. \$2370 award for software and travel.

**SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISIONAL RESEARCH GRANT**. Summer 2016. \$2800 award funding summer research assistant.

**BLUE KEY HONOR SOCIETY AWARD**. Spring 2016. Awarded annually by the student organization to one faculty member for "significant effort and time devoted to students, campus, and the city of Colorado Springs."

**SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISIONAL RESEARCH GRANT**. Summer 2015.

\$4000 award funding summer research assistant, software purchase, and conference travel.

**DISSERTATION COMPLETION FELLOWSHIP.** Fall 2012 – Spring 2013. Competitive university-wide award funding a year of research, including tuition, fees, and stipend. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**LEAD GRADUATE ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT.** Fall 2010 – Summer 2012. *Developing Policy-Specific Measures of Public Opinion.*

**UHLMAN SUMMER GRANT.** Summer 2010. Competitive departmental summer funding for research projects.

**OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD.** University of Georgia. 2007. University-wide award given to the top ten percent of all teaching assistants serving at the University of Georgia.

**OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT.** University of Georgia. Spring 2007. Award given to one political science TA with the highest overall student evaluation scores.

**ACADEMIC  
SERVICE**

Reviewer for *Political Behavior*.

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*.

Reviewer for *American Politics Research*.

**INVITED  
TALKS**

Political Science Department at University of Colorado at Boulder. “On the Dynamics of Ideological Identification.” April 2015.

**CONFERENCE  
& WORKSHOP  
PARTICIPATION**

“ICPSR Summer Five Day Workshop: Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data.” May 2016. Chapel Hill, NC.

“Examining the Dynamic Ideological Stereotypes and Moral Foundations of the words ‘Liberal’ and ‘Conservative’ in the National Media.” Presented at the 2016 Midwest Political Science Conference. Chicago, IL. With Andrew Post.

“How Liberals and Conservatives See Each Other, Part II.” Presented at the 2016 Annual Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

“How Liberals and Conservatives See Each Other.” Presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Conference. Chicago, IL. With Pamela J. Conover.

“The Liberal Paradox.” Presented at the 2013 Political Methodology Conference. Charlottesville, VA.

“Beyond the Thermostat: Lessons from Policy-Specific Public Opinion.” Presented at the 2013 New Faces in Political Methodology Conference. State College, PA.

“Framing Liberalism.” Presented at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Conference. Chicago, IL. With James A. Stimson and Melinda N. White.

“On the Centrality of Ideological Identifications.” Presented at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Conference.” With James A. Stimson and Brice Acree.

“Absolute and Relative Opinion Change.” Presented at the 2012 Comparative Policy Agendas Conference. Reims, France. With James A. Stimson, Mary Layton Atkinson, and Frank R. Baumgartner.

“The Vanishing Liberal.” Presented at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. With James A. Stimson.

“Developing Policy-Specific Conceptions of Mood.” *Policy Agendas* Short Course at the 2011 American Political Science Conference. Seattle, WA. With James A. Stimson.

“Mood and Agendas.” Presented at the 2011 Comparative Policy Agendas Conference. Catania, Italy. With James A. Stimson, Frank R. Baumgartner, and Mary Layton Atkinson.

“Mood and Agendas: Developing Policy-Specific Conceptions of Mood.” Presented at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Conference. Chicago, IL. With James A. Stimson, Frank R. Baumgartner, and Mary Layton Atkinson.

“Interest Group Rhetoric and the Framing of Supreme Court Nominees.” Presented at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Conference. Chicago, IL. With Richard L. Vining.

“The Movable Middle.” Presented at the 2010 State Politics and Policy Conference. Springfield, IL.

“The Politics of Punishment: Evaluating Political, Instrumental, and Rhetorical Explanations of Incarceration Rates.” Presented at the 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. With Isaac Unah.

“Negative Advertising in Senate Elections.” Presented at the 2010 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

“Explaining Interest Group Positions on Supreme Court Nominees: Evidence from Group Communications.” Presented at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. With Richard L. Vining.

“Negative Advertising, Efficacy, and Vote Choice in U.S. Senate Elections.” Presented at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. With Thomas Carsey.

“An Integrated Approach to Judicial Decision Making in the State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the 2009 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Discussant and Panel Chair. “Amicus Curiae and Interest Group Influence.” 2009 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

“Judicial Ideology and the Selection of Disputes.” Presented at the 2008 Journal of Law & Policy Conference. Washington University, St. Louis. With Jeffrey Yates.

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