

# Jay Jennings

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## **Education**

Ph.D. in Political Science, Temple University – Philadelphia, PA

Major Field: American Politics

Advisor: Kevin (Vin) Arceneaux

M.A. in Political Science, American University – Washington, DC

B.A. in Political Science, Houghton College – Houghton, NY

Minors in History and Literature

## **Academic Appointments**

Research Scientist at the Cline Center for Advanced Social Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 2020 to Present

Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Media Engagement, Moody College of Communication. University of Texas at Austin.

Mentor: Natalie (Talia) Stroud

2016 to Present

Part-time since 2020.

## **Journal Articles**

Jennings, Jay and Natalie (Talia) Stroud. 2023. Asymmetric adjustment: Partisanship and correcting misinformation on Facebook. *New Media & Society*, 25(7), 1501–1521.

Masullo, Gina M., Jay Jennings, and Natalie (Talia) Stroud. 2022. “‘Crisis Coverage Gap’: The Divide between Public Interest and Local News’ Facebook Posts about COVID-19 in the United States.” *Digital Journalism*. 1-22.

Epp, Derek and Jay Jennings. 2021. “Inequality, Media Coverage, and Public Attitudes.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*: 84 (3), 629-653.

Haenschen, Katherine and Jay T. Jennings. 2020. “Digital Contagion: Measuring Spillover in an Internet Mobilization Campaign.” *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*. 17 (4), 376-391.

Rubado, Meghan and Jay T. Jennings. 2020. “The Political Consequences of the Endangered Local Watchdog: The relationship between quality local news and political outcomes” *Urban Affairs Review*. 56 (5), 1327-1356.

Haenschen, Katherine and Jay T. Jennings. 2019. “Mobilizing Millennial Municipal Voters with Targeted Internet Advertisements: A Field Experiment.” *Political Communication* 36:357–375.

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- Anspach, Nicolas, Jay T. Jennings, and Kevin Arceneaux. 2019. "A Little Bit of Knowledge: Facebook's News Feed and Self-Perceptions of Knowledge." *Research & Politics*: 6 (1).
- Jarvis, Sharon E. and Jay T. Jennings. 2017. "Republicans Should Vote: Partisan Conceptions of Electoral Participation in Campaign 2016." *American Behavioral Scientist*. Vol 61(6): 633-644.
- Jennings, Jay T. and Meghan E. Rubado. 2017. "Preventing the Use of Deadly Force: The Relationship between Police Agency Policies and Rates of Officer-Involved Gun Deaths." *Public Administration Review* Vol 77(2): 217-226.
- Jennings, Jay T. "Mixed Reactions: How Religious Motivation Explains Responses to Religious Rhetoric." 2016. *Political Research Quarterly* Vol. 69(2) 295–308.
- McLaughlin, J. P. Wolfgang, J.W. Leckrone, J. Gollob, J. Bossie, J. T. Jennings, and M.J. Atherton. 2010. "The Pennsylvania Policy Database Project: A Model for Comparative Analysis." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, Vol 10 (3): 320-336.

## **Grant Funded Projects**

- As Co-PI: "Identifying the Racial and Ethnic Characteristics of Civilians Involved in Police Uses of Lethal Force." \$231,837 from Microsoft. With Scott Althaus, Ajay Singh, Jennifer Robbennolt, and Joe Gallo  
Project amount: Project duration: 2023-2025.
- As Co-PI: "Improving Police Accountability in Illinois by Authoritatively Documenting Police Uses of Lethal Force: The SPOTLITE System" with Scott Althaus, Jennifer Robbennolt, Ajay Singh, and Michael Schlosser.  
\$435,286 from the Joyce Foundation. Project duration: 2023-2025.
- As Co-PI: "Creating a Sustainable and Continuously-Updating Registry of Police Shootings for Every Community in Illinois." With Scott Althaus, Jennifer Robbennolt, and Michael Schlosser. \$74,975 from the University of Illinois Chancellor's Call To Action to Address Racism and Social Injustice Program. Project duration: 2022-2023.
- As Co-PI: "Holding Police Accountable for Systemic Racial Injustice: The Illinois SPOTLITE System" with Scott Althaus, Jennifer Robbennolt, and Michael Schlosser. \$98,477 from the *Call to Action to Address Racism & Social Injustice Research Program* at the University of Illinois. Project duration: 2021-2022.
- As Co-PI: "Newspaper Decline and the Effect on Local Government Coverage" with Meghan Rubado. Sharon Jarvis, PI. \$10,000 from the Knight Foundation. 2019.
- As Co-PI: "What Does Voting Mean? Perceptions, Barriers, and Opportunities." Sharon Jarvis, PI. \$99,985 from the Democracy Fund. 2018-19.
- As Co-PI: "Asymmetric Adjustments: Party Identification and Exposing Fake News." Natalie Stroud, PI. \$15,500 from Annenberg Public Policy Center and the Hewlett Foundation. 2017-2018.
- As Co-PI: "Dallas Votes: Mobilizing Young Municipal Voters in Dallas, TX." Lucy Atkinson, PI. \$220,999 from Boone Family Foundation and the Meadows Foundation. 2017-2018.
- As Co-PI: "Chicago News Landscape" Natalie Stroud, PI. \$135,000 from McCormick Foundation. 2017-2018.

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## **Book Chapters**

Jennings, Jay T., Stefanie Kasperek, and Joseph McLaughlin. 2019. “Pennsylvania Policy Database Project” in *Comparative Policy Agendas*, eds Frank R. Baumgartner, Christian Breunig, and Emiliano Grossman. Oxford University Press.

Jennings, Jay T. Forthcoming in 2019. “Conservative New Media Diets and Trump Support” in *How Right Wing Media and Messaging (Re)Made American Politics*, ed. Sharon E. Jarvis New Agendas book under contract with Routledge, an imprint of the Taylor and Francis group.

Jarvis, Sharon E. and Jay T. Jennings. 2017. “Trump Supporters vs. Republican Voters: How Frustration with the Media Separated the GOP in 2016” in *The Presidency and Social Media*, eds Dan Schilll and John Allen Hendricks. Routledge Press.

## **Working Papers**

“Exposure to Fact-Checks on Facebook: Field Experiments in Four Continents” with Jessica Collier and Natalie (Talia) Stroud.

“Do Tweets About Voter Suppression Impact Efficacy, Trust, Intent to Vote, and Democratic Legitimacy?” with Katherine Haenschen, Bethany Albertson, and Sharon Jarvis.

“The Effects of Racial Representation in the News.” With Emily Van Duyn and Natalie (Talia) Stroud.

## **Public Scholarship**

“SPOTLITE United States Dataset” 2023. Cline Center for Advanced Social Research. Jennings, Jay; Singh, Ajay; Althaus, Scott; Martin, Michael; Bajjalieh, Joseph; and Robbennolt, Jennifer. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

“SPOTLITE Illinois Dataset.” 2022. Cline Center for Advanced Social Research. Jennings, Jay; Singh, Ajay; Althaus, Scott; Martin, Michael; Bajjalieh, Joseph; Robbennolt, Jennifer and Schlosser, Michael. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

“Newspaper Decline and the Effect on Local Government Coverage” with Meghan Rubado. Written for the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life and sponsored by the Knight Foundation. November 2019.

“Texas Civic Health Index Issue Brief.” February 2018. *Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life*.

“Chicago News Landscape” with Emily Van Duyn and Natalie (Talia) Stroud. *Center for Media Engagement*. February 2018.

“Want to reduce fatal police shootings? This policy makes a big difference.” 2017. *Washington Post’s Monkey Cage Blog*. With Meghan E. Rubado.

“Report on Community Engagement.” 2017. *Texas Media and Society Survey from the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life*.

“When politicians use religious rhetoric it doesn’t appeal to everyone – even among the religious” 2016. *London School of Economics’ United States Politics and Policy Blog*.

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## **Teaching Experience**

Instructor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: *Police Shootings in America* (Fall 2022)

Instructor, University of Pennsylvania. *Introduction to Comparative Politics*. (Summer 2016)

Instructor, Temple University: *Religion & Politics* (Spring 2015)

Teaching Assistant, Temple University: *State and Local Politics* (Fall 2008)

Teaching Assistant, Temple University: *American Political System* (Fall 2007)

Instructor, American University: *Political Power and American Public Policy* (Summer 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Summer 2007, Summer 2008)

Instructor, American University: *Seminar for Washington Lab Teaching Assistants* (Fall 2005 and Fall 2006)

## **Research Experience**

Co-PI and Research Scientist for the SPOTLITE project at the Cline Center for Advanced Social Research at University of Illinois. [spotlite.illinois.edu](http://spotlite.illinois.edu) (2020-present)

Manager, Texas Media & Society Survey, the Annette Strauss Institute at the University of Texas Austin. (2016-2019)

Assistant Program Director, Pennsylvania Policy Database Project for the Institute for Public Affairs at Temple University (2008-2016)

Project Evaluation Team Member, Sharp Insight Project (2015-2017)

Affiliated Researcher, Behavioral Foundations Lab for Dr. Kevin Arceneaux (2014-Present)

Research Assistant for Dr. Megan Mullin (2007-08)

## **Select Conference Presentations**

“Exposure to Fact-Checks on Facebook: Field Experiments in Four Continents” At the Political Communication Pre-conference at APSA 2019.

“Alleviate or Agitate? Assessing Religion’s Effect on Racial Attitudes.” With Michele Margolis. At the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2018.

“Simple Appeal: Trump’s Rhetoric and the Aversion to Cognitive Complexity.” At the Political Communication Pre-Conference at APSA 2018.

“Mobilizing Millennial Municipal Voters with Targeted Internet Advertisements: A Field Experiment.” With Katherine Haenschen. At the Annual Meeting of the International Communication Association. May 2018

“The Effects of Racial Representation in the News.” With Emily Van Duyn and Natalie (Talia) Stroud. At the Annual Meeting of the International Communication Association. May 2018.

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“Reactions to Conflict: How Emotional and Physiological Responses to News Predict Political Interest.”  
With Nick Anspach and Kevin Arceneaux. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 2017.

“The Political Consequences of the Endangered Local Watchdog: The relationship between quality local news and political outcomes.” With Meghan Rubado. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2017.

“Use of Deadly Force: A Local-level Analysis of Fatal Police-Involved Shootings.” With Meghan Rubado. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 2016.

“Religious Motivation and the Political Personality”. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2015.

“The Prejudice Paradox: How Religious Motivations Explain the Complex Relationship between Religion and Prejudice.” Presented at Yale University’s Center for the Study of American Politics Summer Conference. June 2014.

## **Invited Presentations**

“Holding Police Accountable for Systemic Racial Injustice: The Illinois SPOTLITE System” with Scott Althaus. *The Chancellor’s Call to Action to Address Racism & Social Injustice Research Symposium*. Champaign, IL October 2022.

“Texas Civic Health”. *Stand Up, Austin! A Civic Comedy Show*. April 2018

“The Texas Civic Health Index Report”. *Leadership Austin*. February 2018.

“The Political Consequences of the Endangered Local Watchdog: The relationship between quality local news and political outcomes.” *American Politics Speaker Series*. Department of Government at the University of Texas at Austin. March 2017.

“The Political Consequences of the Endangered Local Watchdog: The relationship between quality local news and political outcomes.” *Political Communications Lecture Series*. Department of Communication Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. March 2017.

## **Professional Service and Experience**

Graduate Student Member, Temple University Masters in Public Policy Exploration Committee (2014)

Graduate Student Representative, Temple University Political Science Dept. Faculty Search Committee (2012)

Editorial Assistant, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (Fall 2009-Summer 2010)

Legislative Assistant, Save America’s Forrest Washington, DC (2002)

Intern, U.S. Representative Lindsey Graham Washington, DC Office (2000)

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