

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2023 - Present *Assistant Professor of Practice*
University of Arizona
School of Government and Public Policy
- 2018 *Adjunct Professor*
Golden West College
Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

- 2023 University of Notre Dame, Ph.D.
Political Science
- 2020 University of Notre Dame, M.A.
Political Science
- 2017 California State University, Long Beach, M.A.
Political Science
- 2014 University of Wisconsin- Madison, B.A.
Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

C. Melcher, J. van der Naald, C. Torres & **S.C. Lindsay**. 2025. Class, the Welfare State, and Redistributive Attitudes: A Methodological Intervention. *Social Science Journal*. (Print Version Forthcoming)

<https://doi.org/10.1080/03623319.2025.2582481>

Lindsay, S. C., & Allen, L. G. 2025. A Dynamic Forecast: An Evolving Prediction of the 2024 Presidential Election. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 58(2), 219–225.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096524000878>

Melcher, C. R., & **Lindsay, S. C.** 2024. What Do American Socialists Really Believe? Polarization, Ideology, and the Problem of Socialist Identifiers. *Critical Sociology*, 51(7-8), 1369-1382.
<https://doi-org.ezproxy2.library.arizona.edu/10.1177/08969205241281752>

Lindsay, S. C., & Melcher, C. R. 2024. Investigating the Origins of Status Threat among White Americans. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 88(4), 1283-1295.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfae055>

Allen, L. G., & **Lindsay, S. C.** 2024. A tug of war: how voters balance ideology and ethnocentrism. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 12(1), 142-185.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2023.2207258>

Lindsay, S. C. 2022. The Relationship Between Racial Attitudes and Perceived Economic Threat Among Whites: A Three Study Analysis. *American Politics Research*, 53(3), 279-298
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X221110038>

Lindsay, S. C. 2021. The Transferability of Out-Group Contact: Does Knowing a Member of the LGBT Community Improve Feelings Toward Racial Minorities, Muslims, and Immigrants? *Social Science Quarterly*, 102(2), 737-754.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12939>

Non-Peer Reviewed and Public-Facing Research

Melcher, C., & Lindsay, S. (2025, November 17). “Owning the libs, one survey at a time: On the attitudes of American socialists.” Section on Marxist Sociology. *Marxist Sociology*.
<https://marxistsociology.org/2025/11/owning-the-libs-one-survey-at-a-time-on-the-attitudes-of-a-american-socialists/>

S.C. Lindsay. (2024, Jan. 22). Haley Has Slim Hopes to Win New Hampshire. *Political Wire*.
https://politicalwire.com/2024/01/22/haley-has-slim-hopes-to-win-new-hampshire/#disqus_thread

S.C. Lindsay. (2024, Jan. 16). Polls Overestimate Support for Third-Party Candidates. *Political Wire*.
<https://politicalwire.com/2024/01/16/polls-are-overestimating-support-for-third-party-candidates/>

S.C. Lindsay. (2024, Jan. 15). Trump Should Win Iowa Handily. *Political Wire*.
<https://politicalwire.com/2024/01/15/trump-should-win-iowa-handily/>

S.C. Lindsay. (2023, Dec. 18). What Do Biden’s Poor Numbers Really Mean? *Political Wire*.
<https://politicalwire.com/2023/12/18/what-do-bidens-poor-numbers-really-mean/>

S.C. Lindsay. 2020. Improving Attorney Access in Wisconsin through Investment in the Public Defender's Office. *Sifting And Winnowing, Special Edition: Wisconsin Ideas Conference Papers*. Vol. 3, P. 66-72.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

S.C. Lindsay. “From Racial Grievance to Democratic Backsliding: Racial Threat, Elite Cues, and the Erosion of Democratic Values in the United States”

S.C. Lindsay & C. Melcher. “Racialized Perceptions of Cities and the Attitudes of White Americans”

C. Melcher, **S.C. Lindsay** & F. Gonzales. “Conditional Legitimacy: How Partisan Outcomes Shape Public Support for Democratic Norms”

L. Allen & **S.C. Lindsay.** “Ideology or Out-Group Attitudes? An Experimental Analysis of Cross-Pressures and Vote Choice among Whites.”

M. Hall, & **S.C. Lindsay.** “Measuring Support for Democracy in the US”

R. Jin & **S.C. Lindsay.** “Affective Polarization and Partisan Understandings of Black Lives Matter and January 6th”

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Racial Threat, Elites and White Support for Democracy: Experimental Evidence
PRIEC, Riverside, CA. February 2024

Black Lives Matter Protests and Support for Trump Among Republicans: What Two Weeks in 2020 Tell Us About Racial Threat, The Use of Political Violence and Support for Authoritarian Leaders in the US

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. April 2023

I Alone Can Fix It: Racial Attitudes, Democratic Values and the Role of Elites

Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2022

Chicago Area Behavior Conference, Evanston, IL. May 2022 (Poster)

PRIEC, Riverside, CA. October 2022

Ideology or Out-Group Attitudes? An Experimental Analysis of Cross-Pressures and Vote Choice among Whites.

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR. March 2022

Economic Context and the Formation of Racial Attitudes: How Pocketbooks Affect Whites' Response to Diversity.

Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2021
(Virtual)

The Role of Self-Interest in the Formation of Racial Attitudes.

Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2021
(Virtual)

Improving Attorney Access in Wisconsin through Investment in the Public Defender's Office.

Wisconsin Ideas Conference, Madison, WI. April 2020 (Virtual)

The Dice are Loaded: An American Constitutional Crisis in Ideological Misrepresentation.

The CSULB Graduate Student Research Conference, Long Beach, CA. 2017.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. 2018.
(Canceled)

Three-Step Theory of Genocide.

CSULB Graduate Student Research Conference, Long Beach, CA. 2016. (Poster)

Graduate Student Conference at the Center for the Study of Democracy. Irvine, CA.
2017.

Natural Law, The Social Contract and the Right to Privacy.

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC. 2017.

Tyranny of the Majority: Whiteness and Black Drug Arrest Rates.

Graduate Student Conference at the Center for the Study of Democracy. Irvine, CA.
2016.

SSRIC, San Diego, CA. 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

The Political Psychology of Xenophobia University of Arizona

Elections and Voting Behavior University of Arizona

American National Government University of Arizona

The American Presidency University of Arizona

Law and Social Change University of Arizona

Race and the American Presidency University of Notre Dame

Intro to American Government Golden West College

Intro to American Government, Supplemental Instruction California State University- Long Beach (One-credit class targeted toward at-risk students taking Intro to American Government)

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Urban Politics University of Notre Dame

Intro to American Government* University of Notre Dame

Election 2020* University of Notre Dame

American Political Parties University of Notre Dame

Intro to American Government Golden West College

Moot Court California State University- Long Beach

Intro to American Government California State University- Long Beach

*- Taught sections

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018 **Dean's List of Graduating Master's Students**
California State University- Long Beach, College of Liberal Arts
Awarded to one percent of the graduating master's students from the
College of Liberal Arts

2018 **Outstanding Graduate Student Award**
California State University- Long Beach, Political Science Department

GRANTS

2024 Travel Grant, Politics of Race, Identity and Ethnicity Consortium (~\$200)

2023 Research Grant, Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy (~\$1,000)
With Levi Allen

- 2023 Small Research Grant, Notre Dame Department of Political Science (~\$1,000)
- 2022 Research Grant, Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy (~\$1,000)
- 2020 ICPSR Grant, Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy (~\$2,300)
- 2019 Research Grant, Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy (~\$200)
- 2017 Graduate Student Travel Fellowship, California State University- Long Beach (~\$150)

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS

Television

Al Jazeera
Sky News Australia
Al Araby

Radio, Print and Web-Based Media

Tucson.com
Spectrum News
Valor (Brazil)
Swedish Daily Dagens ETC
KTAR News
NOTUS

POLITICAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Organizer, Wisconsin Jobs Now (2014)
- Legislative Intern, Wisconsin State Representative Daniel Riemer (2014)
- Legislative Intern, Wisconsin State Senator Jon Erpenbach (2013)
- Field Organizer, Tammy Baldwin for US Senate (2012)

SERVICE

Lab Manager

The University of Arizona, Arizona Policy Lab

Campus Liaison for The Washington Center

The University of Arizona

Committee Member

The University of Arizona, Advisory Committee on the Civic Learning/Civic Knowledge

Committee Member

The University of Arizona, School of Government and Public Policy, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Reviewer

Oxford University Press

Palgrave Macmillan

American Political Science Review

American Politics Research

Injury Epidemiology

Political Behavior

Political Research Quarterly

PS: Political Science & Politics

Public Opinion Quarterly

Journal of Race and Ethnicity and Politics

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

Vice President

California State University - Long Beach, Political Science Graduate Student Association