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Research Interests

- American Politics
- Political Psychology
- Race and Politics
- Biology and Politics

Academic Appointments

University of Arizona

Assistant Professor, School of Government and Public Policy

Tucson, AZ

August 2017 – Present

Education

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

PhD, Political Science

Lincoln, NE

May 2017

Committee: Elizabeth Theiss-Morse (chair), John Hibbing, Kevin Smith, Sergio Wals, Ingrid Haas, Sarah Gervais

Dissertation: Thinking about Race: How Gut-Level Biases Interact with Ideological Principles to Yield Attitudes toward Government Assistance

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

MA, Political Science

Lincoln, NE

August 2013

Supervisor: Elizabeth Theiss-Morse

Thesis: The American Ideal of Representative Democracy: The Roles of National Identity and Perceived Consensus and Homogeneity Among the American People

University of Delaware

BA, Psychology Major/Political Science Minor

Newark, DE

May 2011

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Mills, Mark, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, Karl Giuseffi, Benjamin Sievert, John R. Hibbing, Kevin B. Smith, and Michael Dodd (2016). Political Conservatism Predicts Asymmetries in Emotional Scene Memory, *Behavioural Brain Research*, 306, 84-90.

Neiman, Jayme L., **Frank J. Gonzalez**, Kevin Wilkinson, Kevin B. Smith, and John R. Hibbing (2016). Speaking Different Languages or Reading from the Same Script? Value-Based Word Usage of Democratic and Republican Politicians. *Political Communication*, 33(2), 212-240.

Deppe, Kristen, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, Jayme L. Neiman, Jackson Pahlke, Carly Jacobs, Kevin B. Smith, and John R. Hibbing (2015). Reflective Liberals and Intuitive Conservatives: A Look at the Cognitive Reflection Test and Ideology. *Judgment and Decision-Making*, 10(4), 314-331.

Peterson, Johnathan C., **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Stephen Schneider. Testing the Behavioral Immune System: The Effects of Disease Salience and Xenophobia on Support for Humanitarian Aid. *Politics and the Life Sciences, Special Issue: The Body in Politics, forthcoming*.

Wals, Sergio, Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Gosda, Tess (2015). Love Thy Neighbor? Perceptions of Foreigners and Support for Transnational Policies. *Political Research Quarterly*, 68(3), 537-551.

Book Chapters

***Gonzalez, Frank J.**, Kevin B. Smith, and John R. Hibbing (2016). "No Longer Beyond Our Scope": The Biological Underpinnings of Political Attitudes. In A. J. Berinsky (Ed.), *New Directions in Public Opinion* (2nd Edition) (pp. 186-204). New York, NY: Routledge.

Federal Grants

- o National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (NSF-SES-1560432); \$22,575 (January 2016)
 - Project Title: "Doctoral Dissertation Research: Explaining Public Opposition to Government Assistance Programs"
 - Faculty Advisor: Elizabeth Theiss-Morse

Other Awards and Grants

- o Graduate Travel Award Program (GTAP) Grant; \$600 (Fall 2016)
- o Best Graduate Student Paper of the Academic Year Award, University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Political Science (Spring 2015)
 - Paper Title: "Principles, Prejudice, or Principled Prejudice? Rethinking the Foundations of Opposition to Race-Targeted Policies"
- o University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Political Science Senning Summer Research Fellowship; \$1300 (Summer 2014)
 - Project Title: "Racism, Individualism, or Generalized Outgroup-ism? A correlational analysis"
- o Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Scholarship to attend the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) (2014)
- o University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Political Science Scholarship to attend the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) (2013)
- o University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Political Science Travel Grant; \$150-\$250 each (2012; 2013; 2014; 2015)
- o University of Delaware Department of Political Science Undergraduate Research Award (2011)

Working Papers

(In order of completeness)

***Gonzalez, Frank J.** "Clarifying the Group-Based and Principled Foundations of Opposition to Race-Targeted Policies."

***Gonzalez, Frank J.** "Doublethinking Race and Politics: Implicit Ambivalence and the Relationship between Implicit Attitudes, Ideology and Political Cognition."

***Gonzalez, Frank J.** and Akua Dawes. "Principles, Prejudice, or System Justification? Rethinking the Foundations of Opposition to Race-Targeted Policies."

Haas, Ingrid J., Melissa N. Baker (University of California - Merced), and **Frank J. Gonzalez.** "The Neural Predictors of Dissonance in Response to Incongruent Policy Statements about Social Justice by Political Candidates."

- Muhlberger, Peter, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, Lisa M. PytlikZillig, Myiah J. Hutchens (Washington State University), and Alan J. Tomkins. "Polarization via Deliberation: Modeling the Attitudinal Poles and their Influence during Group Discussions."
- ***Gonzalez, Frank J.** "The Minimal Groups Foundations of Group-Targeted Policy Attitudes."
- ***Gonzalez, Frank J.**, Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, and Johnathan C. Peterson. "The Gut-Level Bases of Attitudes toward Inequality: Implicit Attitudes, Physiology, and Attitudes toward the Rich and the Poor."
- ***Gonzalez, Frank J.** and Elizabeth Theiss-Morse. "Implicit American National Identity and Attitudes toward Income Inequality"
- PytlikZillig, Lisa M., Myiah J. Hutchens (Washington State University), Peter Muhlberger, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Alan J. Tomkins. "Prompting Deliberation about Nanotechnology: Information, Instruction, and Discussion Effects on Individual Engagement and Knowledge."
- ***Gonzalez, Frank J.** and Jayme L. Neiman (University of Northern Iowa). "Polarized Words in Polarized Times? Value-Based Language of Political Elites in a Polarized Government."
- Haas, Ingrid J., Melissa N. Baker (University of California - Merced), and **Frank J. Gonzalez**. "Understanding the Neural Underpinnings of Political Evaluation using Functional MRI."
- ***Gonzalez, Frank J.** and Jack Edelson (University of Wisconsin-Madison). "I'm (Not) With Stupid: How Extreme Candidates Can Help or Hurt Their Parties."
- ***Gonzalez, Frank J.** and Derek Jones. "Fear, Disgust, Ambiguity, and Prejudiced Reactions to Race-Based Government Assistance."
- ***Gonzalez, Frank J.**, Sami Lauf, Kevin B. Smith, and John R. Hibbing. "What We Look for in Own- Versus Other-Party Candidates: A Series of Information Search Experiments Using Political and Apolitical Information."
- Theiss-Morse, Elizabeth, Dona-Gene Barton, Michael Wagner (University of Wisconsin-Madison), and **Frank J. Gonzalez**. "Look Who's Talking: Political Rhetoric, Partisanship, and Americans' Attitudes about Democratic Governance."
- ***Gonzalez, Frank J.** and Carly M. Jacobs. "The Social World(s) of Politics: Differences in Group Perception and Identity between Liberals and Conservatives."
- ***Gonzalez, Frank J.**, Johnathan C. Peterson, and Balazs Feher. "Measurement Problems When Generating Estimates of Group-Based Dominance and Authoritarianism."
- ***Gonzalez, Frank J.** and Robert R. Belli. "Does a 'Political Lifetime' Exist in Autobiographical Memory?"

Working Book Projects

- Theiss-Morse, Elizabeth, and **Frank J. Gonzalez**. "The Psychological Foundations of Attitudes Toward Income Inequality and the Potential for Change."
- PytlikZillig, Lisa M., Myiah J. Hutchens (Washington State University), Peter Muhlberger, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Alan J. Tomkins. "Deliberative Engagement with Science: How Context and Personality Influence Attitudes toward Nanotechnology," *under contract with Springer International Publishing, Springerbriefs in Psychology Series.*

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Public Policy Analysis (POLS236)
University of Nebraska – Lincoln

January 2015 – May 2015

**Instructor, Bureaucracy and the American Political System
(POLS210)**

August 2014 – December 2014

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Teaching Assistant, Power and Politics in America (POLS100)

January 2013 – May 2013

Instructor: Dr. Michael Combs; University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Selected Conference Papers

- “The Neural Mechanisms of Opposition to Race-Targeted Government Assistance” - paper accepted for presentation at American Political Science Association Conference (accepted March 2017)
- “‘The People’ or ‘the Process’? Person Perception, Values, and Income Inequality” co-authored with Elizabeth Theiss-Morse (University of Nebraska – Lincoln) - paper accepted for presentation at American Political Science Association Conference (accepted March 2017)
- “I’m (Not) With Stupid: How Extreme Candidates Can Help or Hurt Their Parties” co-authored with Jack Edelson (University of Wisconsin-Madison) - paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference (accepted March 2016, presented September 2016)
- “The Minimal Groups Foundations of Group-Targeted Policy Attitudes” – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association (accepted November 2015, presented April 2016)
- “Understanding the neural underpinnings of political evaluation using functional MRI” co-authored with Ingrid J. Haas and Melissa N. Baker (University of California - Merced) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association (accepted November 2015, presented April 2016)
- “Polarized Words in Polarized Times? Value-Based Language of Political Elites in a Polarized Government” co-authored with Jayme L. Neiman (University of Northern Iowa) – paper presented at Southern Political Science Association (accepted September 2015, presented January 2016)
- “(Don’t) Bring Me Your Sick: The Effects of Disease Outbreak on Support for Foreign Aid” – paper presented at American Political Science Association (accepted March 2015, presented September 2015)
- “Speaking Different Languages or Reading from the Same Script? Value-Based Word Usage of Democratic and Republican Politicians” co-authored with Jayme L. Neiman (University of Northern Iowa), Kevin Wilkinson, John Hibbing, and Kevin Smith – paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference (accepted March 2014, presented August 2014)
- “A Role for Conservative Guilt? Assessing the Relationship between Guilt States and Ideology” co-authored with Johnathan C. Peterson and Jayme L. Neiman (University of Northern Iowa) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (accepted October 2013, presented April 2014)
- “Emotion, Ideology, and Out-group Discrimination: An Experiment Using the Minimal Groups Paradigm” - paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (accepted October 2013, presented April 2014)
- “Perceptions of the social world across ideology: An analysis using multidimensional scaling” co-authored with Carly M. Jacobs (University of Nebraska – Lincoln) – paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference (accepted September 2013; presented January 2014)
- “Anchors of Deliberation: When Pre-Existing Attitudes and Values Affect Attitude Change about

- a Novel Topic” co-authored with Lisa PytlikZillig (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (accepted October 2012; presented April 2013)
- “The Social World(s) of Politics: Differences in Group Perception and Identity between Liberals and Conservatives” co-authored with Carly M. Jacobs (University of Nebraska – Lincoln) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (accepted October 2012; presented April 2013)
- “Love Thy Neighbor? Perceptions of Foreigners and Support for Transnational Policies” co-authored with Sergio Wals and Elizabeth Theiss-Morse (University of Nebraska – Lincoln) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (accepted October 2012; presented April 2013)
- “Ideology and Stereotype Formation: An Examination of Basic Psychological Processes” co-authored with Jayme L. Neiman (University of Nebraska – Lincoln) – paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference (accepted August 2012; presented January 2013)
- “Framing in Your Own Backyard: The Influence of Strength of Values and Political Awareness on Framing Effects at the Local Level” co-authored with Lisa PytlikZillig, Mitchel Herian, and Tarik Abdel-Monem (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center) – paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference (accepted September 2011; presented January 2012)
- “Survey Design and Racial Resentment: Race of Interviewer Effects and Interviewer Clustering” co-authored with David Wilson (University of Delaware) and Darren Davis (University of Notre Dame) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (accepted October 2010; presented April 2011)

Workshops and Summer Programs

“Opening the Black Box II”: Psychophysiological Methods in Political Science, University of California - Merced, Summer 2016

Director: Dr. Jaime Settle

Graduate of Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, University of Michigan, Summer 2015

Director: Dr. Arthur Lupia

Graduate of Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2 sessions (Summer 2013; Summer 2014)

Director: Dr. William Jacoby

o Courses taken:

- *Scaling and Dimensional Analysis*, David Armstrong (University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee) and William Jacoby (Michigan State University)
- *Structural Equation Models with Latent Variables*, Douglas Baer (University of Victoria)
- *Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment*, John Fox (McMaster University)
- *Introduction to Applied Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences*, Johannes Karreth (University of Colorado at Boulder) and Ryan Bakker (University of Georgia) – taken for course credit
- *Regression Analysis III: Advanced Methods*, David Armstrong (University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee)

Graduate of Stanford University Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP), Stanford University, Summer 2012

Director: Dr. Jon Krosnick

Service to the Discipline

Peer review for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Social Currents*

Research Experience

Research Assistant August 2015 – Present
Dr. Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, UNL

Biology and Politics Lab (NSF-SBE-0826828) August 2012 – Present
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. John Hibbing and Dr. Kevin Smith, UNL

Political Attitudes and Cognition (PAC) Lab January 2014 – Present
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Ingrid Haas, UNL

University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (NSF-SBE-0965465) August 2011 – Present
Graduate Research Assistant

Research Assistant August 2012 – May 2014
Dr. Kevin Smith, UNL

Undergraduate Award Research September 2010 – May 2011
Dr. David Wilson, UD

Attention and Perception Lab September 2010 – May 2011
Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. Steven Most, UD

Intergroup Relations Lab September 2009 – May 2010
Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. Samuel Gaertner, UD

Blue Hen Poll Research Lab January 2009 – May 2010
Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. David Wilson, UD

- Designed and implemented school-wide survey called *Blue Hen Poll*, which gauges the opinions of students regarding both university and national issues

Relevant Statistical and Technical Skills

Statistical Software (in order of proficiency): R, SPSS, MPLUS, SAS, STATA

Other Software: BioPac MP150 physiological data acquisition system (for measuring ECG, EEG, EMG, ERS, SCL), DirectRT, EPrime, Qualtrics, LaTeX, MediaLab, PsychoPy, SuperLab

Methodological Expertise: Biological/Physiological research on attitudes and behaviors, Experimental design, functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI), Implicit Attitudes, Survey research

Statistical Expertise: Advanced regression, Advanced factorial ANOVA, ANCOVA, Applied Bayesian Models, Factor Analysis (exploratory and confirmatory), General and Generalized Linear Models, Item Factor Analysis, Item Response Theory, Multidimensional Scaling, Multilevel Modeling, Multivariate Statistics, Path Analysis, Structural Equation Modeling, Text Analysis

Professional Experience

Telephone Interviewer Jun 2010 – May 2011
Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware

Additional Experience

Lab Manager, Political Science Behavioral Lab <i>University of Nebraska – Lincoln</i>	August 2015 – Present
President, Political Science Graduate Student Association <i>University of Nebraska – Lincoln</i>	August 2014 – May 2015
Representative to the Graduate Student Association, Political Science Graduate Student Association <i>University of Nebraska – Lincoln</i>	August 2013 – May 2014
President, Psychology Club <i>University of Delaware</i>	September 2010 – May 2011