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Research Interests

- Political Psychology
- Race, Ethnicity, Inequality, and Politics
- American Politics
- Political Neuroscience

Academic Appointments

University of Arizona

Associate Professor, School of Government and Public Policy

Tucson, AZ

July 2024 – Present

University of Arizona

Assistant Professor, School of Government and Public Policy

Tucson, AZ

August 2017 – June 2024

Education

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

PhD, Political Science

Lincoln, NE

May 2017

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

MA, Political Science

Lincoln, NE

August 2013

University of Delaware

BA, Psychology Major/Political Science Minor

Newark, DE

May 2011

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Gonzalez, Frank J., and Ingrid J. Haas (2024). The Neural Mechanisms of Race Priming in American Politics. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/XPS.2024.12>

Gonzalez, Frank J. (2023). Implicit-Explicit Discrepancies Regarding Racial Attitudes among U.S. Whites. *Journal of Social Psychology*, 164(5), 854-862. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00224545.2023.2195992>

Gonzalez, Frank J., Jin, R., and Wang, I. (2022). Racial and ethnic variation in the negativity bias–ideology connection: A registered report. *Politics and the Life Sciences*, 41(2), 232-255. <https://doi.org/10.1017/pls.2022.19>

Stephen P. Schneider, and **Frank J. Gonzalez** (2021). Racial resentment predicts eugenics support more robustly than genetic attributions. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 180, 110989. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2021.110989>

Haas, Ingrid J., Melissa N. Baker, and **Frank J. Gonzalez** (2021). Understanding the Neural Underpinnings of Uncertainty in Political Evaluation using Functional MRI. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*, 376, 20200138. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rstb.2020.0138>

Gonzalez, Frank J. (2021). Unresolved Politics: Implicit Ambivalence and Political Cognition. *Political Research Quarterly*, 74(3), 556-570. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912920911100>

- Peterson, Johnathan C., **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Stephen P. Schneider (2017). The Effects of Disease Saliency and Xenophobia on Support for Humanitarian Aid. *Politics and the Life Sciences*, 36(2), 17-36. <https://doi.org/10.1017/pls.2017.24>
- Haas, Ingrid J., Melissa N. Baker, and **Frank J. Gonzalez** (2017). Who Can Deviate from the Party Line? Political Ideology Moderates Evaluation of Incongruent Policy Positions in Insula and Anterior Cingulate Cortex. *Social Justice Research*, 30(4), 355-380. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11211-017-0295-0>
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bbr.2016.03.025>
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2014.969465>
- 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. <http://journal.sjdm.org/15/15311/jdm15311.pdf>
- Wals, Sergio, Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Tess Gosda (2015). Love Thy Neighbor? Perceptions of Foreigners and Support for Transnational Policies. *Political Research Quarterly*, 68(3), 537-551. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912915594253>

Books

- PytlikZillig, Lisa M., Myiah J. Hutchens (Washington State University), Peter Muhlberger, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Alan J. Tomkins (2018). *Deliberative Public Engagement with Science: An Empirical Investigation*, Springer International Publishing, Springerbriefs in Psychology Series.

Book Chapters

- Gonzalez, Frank J.**, David C. Wilson (University of California, Berkeley), and Darren W. Davis (University of Notre Dame) (2023). "Campaigning on 'Political Correctness': Revisiting the 2016 Election of Donald Trump." In P. Moy and R. Neumann (Eds.), *Political Communication, Culture, and Society*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Theiss-Morse, Elizabeth, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Alison O'Toole (2020). "Hierarchy, American Identity, and Support for Anti-Poverty Efforts." In G. Gustavsson and D. Miller (Eds.), *Liberal Nationalism and Its Critics*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- Gonzalez, Frank J.**, Kevin B. Smith, and John R. Hibbing (2019). "No Longer Beyond Our Scope": The Biological Underpinnings of Political Attitudes." In A. J. Berinsky (Ed.), *New Directions in Public Opinion* (3rd Edition). New York, NY: Routledge.
- 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.

Book Reviews

- Gonzalez, Frank J.** (2020). Conformity: The Power of Social Influences. By Cass R. Sunstein. *Political Science Quarterly*, 135(3), 539-541.

Awards

- Best Paper in American Politics Award (MPSA) (2021)
 - "Who is it Okay to Punch? An Experimental Investigation of Support for Intolerance in the Form of Physical Violence" (with Alexandra McCoy)
- International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Best Dissertation Award (2018)
- Best Graduate Student Paper of the Academic Year Award, University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Political Science (Spring 2015)

Federal Grants

- 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 Grants

- University of Arizona SBSRI Leveraging Grants Competition; \$2,870 (October 2024)
 - Project Title: "Neural Foundations of Political Violence and Democratic Backsliding"
- University of Arizona Core Facilities Pilot Program Grant; \$8,200 (September 2024)
 - Project Title: "Neural Foundations of Political Violence and Democratic Backsliding"
- University of Arizona Core Facilities Pilot Program Grant; \$9,800 (November 2019)
 - Project Title: "Neural Bases of Contemporary Race and Class Hierarchy"
- Graduate Travel Award Program (GTAP) Grant; \$600 (Fall 2016)
- 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"
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Scholarship to attend the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) (2014)
- University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Political Science Scholarship to attend the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) (2013)
- University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Political Science Travel Grant; \$150-\$250 each (2012; 2013; 2014; 2015)
- University of Delaware Department of Political Science Undergraduate Research Award (2011)

Working Papers

Gonzalez, Frank J. and Andrew M. Engelhardt. "Is it Racist? Lay Racism Definitions and Support for Anti-Racist (versus Colorblind) Race Policy."

Jin, Rongbo and Frank J. Gonzalez. "Complexities of the Status-Legitimacy Hypothesis: Authoritarianism and System Justification across Class."

Gonzalez, Frank J. and Ingrid J. Haas. "Inhibition or Ideology? The Neural Underpinnings of Racism and Motivated Reasoning in American Politics"

Gonzalez, Frank J. and Alexandra McCoy. "Who is it Okay to Punch? Party Labels, Ideological Values, 'Acceptable Violence,' and Shades of Intolerance."

Jin, Rongbo, and **Frank J. Gonzalez**. "Authoritarians Support Their Ingroup, Not the System."
Gonzalez, Frank J. and Stephen Schneider (University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign). "(Don't Pick On Someone Your Own Size: Perceived Outparty Competence and Political Intolerance."

Gonzalez, Frank J. and Elizabeth Theiss-Morse (University of Nebraska - Lincoln). "United We Dream? Faith in the American Dream and the 'National Identity Argument' in the United States."

Gonzalez, Frank J. and Nicole Chasey. "Politicizing Race: When Does Controlled Processing Inhibit Prejudice?"

Working Book Projects

Theiss-Morse, Elizabeth, and **Frank J. Gonzalez**. "Mourning the Wish: National Identity and the Mythologies Underlying Americans' Acceptance of Wealth Inequality." Publisher TBD.

Courses Currently Taught

Programming for Statistical Analysis in R (POL697)

University of Arizona

Quantitative Methodology II (POL682)

University of Arizona

Political Psychology (POL625)

University of Arizona

Psychology of Group Conflict and Cooperation (POL511A)

University of Arizona - International Security Studies (ISS) Masters Program

Minority Groups and American Politics (POL330)

University of Arizona

The Origins of Data in Politics and Policy (POL297B)

University of Arizona

Introduction to American Politics (POL201)

University of Arizona

Perspectives on Race and Racism (HNRS195H)

University of Arizona

Selected Conference Papers

"(Don't) Pick On Someone Your Own Size: Perceived Outparty Competence and Political Intolerance" co-authored with Stephen Schneider. - paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2023)

"Who is it Okay to Punch? Target Attributes, 'Acceptable Violence,' and Shades of Political Intolerance." co-authored with Alexandra McCoy. - paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2021)

"Politicizing Race: When does Controlled Processing Inhibit Prejudice?" co-authored with Nicole Chasey. - paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2021)

"(Don't) Pick On Someone Your Own Size: Perceived Outparty Competence and Political Intolerance" co-authored with Stephen P. Schneider - paper presented at Midwest Political

- Science Association Conference (April 2021)
- “What’s in a slogan? Political Correctness and the Meaning and Consequences of ‘Make America Great Again’” co-authored with David C. Wilson (University of Delaware) and Darren Davis (University of Notre Dame) - paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2019)
- “I don’t always engage in on-line information processing, but when I do, it’s because I am experiencing heightened physiological arousal” co-authored with Stephen Schneider, Joshua Ridenour, and Grant Ehlers - paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2019)
- “The Neural Mechanisms of Opposition to Race-Targeted Government Assistance” - paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference (September 2017)
- “Class and Nation: Intersectional Identities and Attitudes Toward Inequality” with Elizabeth Theiss-Morse - paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference (September 2017)
- “Meme Wars: Online Provocation, Political Tolerance, and Dehumanization” with Stephen Schneider - paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference (September 2017)

Workshops and Summer Programs

Speaker/Presenter

**Winter Institute for Computational Social Sciences,
University of Arizona, Winter 2021**

Director: Dr. Yotam Shmargad

Participant

**“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*, *American Politics Research*, *American Psychological Association*, *Columbia University Press*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Israel Science Foundation*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Oxford University Press*, *Party Politics*, *Personality and Individual Differences*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Research and Politics*, *Social Currents*

Research Lab

Director

August 2017 – Present

Psychology of Inequality and Politics (PIP) Lab, UA

<https://piplab.wordpress.com/>

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

Invited Presentations

- Invited presentation for *Political Psychology Four Corners Conference* at Arizona State University (February 17, 2023)
 - "Inhibition or Ideology? The Neural Mechanisms of Racial Priming in Politics"
- Invited presentation for *Hot Politics Lab* (November 18, 2022)
 - "Inhibition or Ideology? The Neural Mechanisms of Racial Priming in Politics"
 - Co-Directors: Bert Bakker, Maathijs Rooduijn, and Gijs Schumacher (University of Amsterdam)
- Invited presentation for Graduate and Professional Student Council "Scholar Power Hour" (April 20, 2022)
- Guest speaker for "Professional Development" class at University of Nebraska - Lincoln (October 1, 2020; February 16, 2023)
 - Course Instructor: Dona-Gene Barton, Elizabeth Theiss-Morse
 - Session title: "The Dissertation Process"
- Guest speaker for LAS/POL388 (September, 2020)
 - Course Instructor: Isabel Williams
 - Course title: "Immigration and Refugee Politics"
 - Session title: "Securization and racialization of immigration"

- Workshop on national identity at Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden (February 3-5, 2020)
 - Organizer: Gina Gustavsson
 - Workshop title: “National Identity - Problem or Cure for an Angry Age?”
- Co-facilitator for session of student/community hybrid course at University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law; part of UA’s Participatory Democracy Initiative (September 16, 2019)
 - Course Instructor: Mary Grier
 - Course title: “Leading Across the Divide: Civic Leadership Skills for Troubled Times”
 - Session title: “Well Doctor, What Have We Got? A Republic, If You Can Keep It”
- Invited instructor for *Winter Institute in Computational Social Science* at UA (January, 2020)
- University of Arizona Magellan Circle Exhibition (April 17, 2019)
- Workshop on national identity at Nuffield College in the University of Oxford, Oxford, UK (June 20-21, 2017)
 - Organizers: David Miller, Gina Gustavsson
 - Workshop title: “Liberal Nationalism and its Critics: Normative and Empirical Questions”

Media

- Interviews for KVOA and AZ PBS/Cronkite News regarding AZ midterm debates (November, 2022)
- Invited Guest for “Conquering COVID-19 in Southern Arizona” podcast with Andrew Capasso (*KOLD New 13 Live This Morning*) (January 18, 2022)
- **Gonzalez, Frank J.** and Suzanne Dovi (January 17, 2022). “Sen. Kyrsten Sinema thinks the filibuster protects bipartisanship. That’s a myth.” *Politico*, retrieved from <https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/2022/01/17/sen-kyrsten-sinema-must-reject-bipartisan-filibuster-myth/6525441001/>
- Election Day Coverage *KOLD New 13 Live This Morning* Tucson - Invited Analyst (November 2018)
- Interviews for *KOLD New 13 Live This Morning* and *FOX 11 Daybreak* (approximately 10 to 12 between Fall 2017 and present)
- Edelson, Jack and **Frank J. Gonzalez** (October 18, 2016). “How Donald Trump’s Extremism Could Help Down-Ballot Republicans.” *Politico*, retrieved from <https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2016/10/how-donald-trumps-extremism-could-help-downballot-republicans-214361>

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 **August 2015 – May 2017**
University of Nebraska – Lincoln

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association **August 2014 – May 2015**
University of Nebraska – Lincoln

**Representative to the Graduate Student Association,
Political Science Graduate Student Association**
University of Nebraska – Lincoln

August 2013 – May 2014

President, Psychology Club
University of Delaware

September 2010 – May 2011