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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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The University of Texas at Dallas

*Assistant Professor of Political Science*

Richardson, TX

2017 - Present

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Political Science**, The Ohio State University 2017  
Fields: American Politics (Major), Methodology (Minor)

**M.A. in Political Science**, The Ohio State University 2013

**B.A. in Government (Honors) and English**, University of Texas at Austin 2010

## BOOK PROJECT

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**Santoro, Lauren Ratliff**. 2024. "The A-B-Cs of Social Influence: A Framework for Studying the Effects of the Social Environment on Political Behavior." Under advance contract with Cambridge University Press, Elements in Political Psychology.

## PUBLICATIONS

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8. **Santoro, Lauren Ratliff** and Anand E. Sokhey. 2024. "The Disagreement we Overlook: Examining Core and Acquaintance Networks in a Presidential Primary". Forthcoming at *Research & Politics*.
7. **Santoro, Lauren Ratliff** and Emily Sydnor. 2023. "Blind Trust, Blind Skepticism: Liberals' & Conservatives' Response to Academic Research." *American Politics Research*: 52(1), 52-66. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X231206136>.
6. **Santoro, Lauren Ratliff**, Todd Makse, and Anand E. Sokhey. 2023. "Linking Primary Voters Mindsets to General Election Enthusiasm." *Political Behavior*: 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-023-09891-w>.
5. **Santoro, Lauren Ratliff**. 2022. "Do Political Beliefs Drive Environment Selection?" *American Politics Research*: 51(1), 108-124. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X221112394>.
4. **Santoro, Lauren Ratliff** and Jonas B. Bunte. 2022. "What Did You Get? Peers, Information, and Student Exam Performance." *Research in Higher Education*: 64, 423-450. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11162-022-09711-w>.
3. **Santoro, Lauren Ratliff**, Elias Assaf, Robert M. Bond, Skyler J. Cranmer, Eloise E. Kaizar, and David J. Sivakoff. 2021. "Exploring the direct and indirect effects of elite influence on public opinion." *PLoS ONE*: 16(11): e0257335. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0257335>.
2. Assaf, Elias, Robert M. Bond, Skyler J. Cranmer, Eloise E. Kaizar, **Lauren Ratliff Santoro**, Susumu Shikano, and David J. Sivakoff. 2021. "Understanding the Relationship Between Official and Social Information About Infectious Disease: Experimental Analysis." *Journal of Medical Internet Research*: 23(11): p.e25287. <https://www.jmir.org/2021/11/e25287>.
1. **Santoro, Lauren Ratliff**, and Paul Allen Beck. 2018. "Social Networks and Vote Choice." *The Oxford Handbook of Political Networks*, Oxford: Oxford University Press: (383-406).

## WORKING PAPERS

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4. Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M., Dino P. Christenson, **Lauren Ratliff Santoro**, and Elizabeth Steffensmeier. 2024. "Cutting in Line: How Powerful Organized Interests Hasten and Delay Executive Branch Nominations." Revise & Resubmit at *The Journal of Politics*.
3. Pietryka, Matthew T., **Lauren Ratliff Santoro**, and Anand E. Sokhey. 2024. "Partisan Tolerance: The Democratic Importance of Casual Interpersonal Interaction." Under review.
2. **Santoro, Lauren Ratliff**. 2024. "The Calculus of Connection: A Unified Theory of Political Homophily in Relationship Formation."
1. **Santoro, Lauren Ratliff** and Emily Sydnor. 2024. "Network Dynamics of Political Civility: Examining Social Ties."

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- APSA Centennial Center Research Grant** (\$2480) July 2021  
"Blind Trust, Blind Skepticism: Liberals' & Conservatives' Response to Academic Research" with Emily Sydnor
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant** (\$28,644) 2016  
"The Social Roots of Political Decision-Making"
- William J. Bryan Prize for Best Paper in American Politics** 2016  
"Social Influence Over Time: Depicting the Process and Testing the Mechanism"  
Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association and awarded by the Department of Political Science at the Ohio State University
- Decision Science Collaborative Research Grant** (\$3000) 2015  
The Ohio State University
- Democracy Studies Program Research Grant** (\$7500) 2015  
College of Arts and Sciences, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, and the Mortiz College of Law at the Ohio State University
- Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Grant** (\$1200) 2014  
Coca-Cola Foundation administered by the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at the Ohio State University
- Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences Research & Travel Grant** (\$3000) 2011  
The Ohio State University

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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- American Political Science Association** 2023, 2022, 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2012 (cancelled)  
**Midwest Political Science Association** 2021, 2020 (cancelled), 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013  
**Political Networks** 2024, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012  
**Southern Political Science Association** 2023, 2020, 2017  
**Visions in Methodology** 2011  
**West Coast Experiments** 2015

## TEACHING

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### Instructor of Record, The University of Texas at Dallas

- Social Network Analysis (graduate) Spring 2021
- Fake News Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2018
- Political Psychology Fall 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2019, Fall 2017
- Political Psychology (graduate) Spring 2023, Spring 2020
- State and Local Government Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Spring 2018

### Graduate Instructor, The Ohio State University

- Introduction to American Politics (on-line) Spring & Summer 2014 - Spring & Summer 2017

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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R; STATA; UCINET; LaTeX; Qualtrics

## PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE

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### APSA Political Networks Section:

- *APSA Section Chair for 2024-25* (June 2024 - Present)
- *MPSA Program Chair for 2024 Annual Meeting* (Aug 2023 - April 2024)
- *Chair of Host Search Committee for the 2024 Political Networks Conference* (Aug 2022 - April 2024)
- *Fellowship Committee Member* (2018 - 2022)
- *Archivist* (May 2013 - Aug 2022)

**Reviewer:** *Journal of Politics; Political Analysis; State Politics and Policy Quarterly; Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*

**Memberships:** American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Pi Sigma Alpha

## UT-DALLAS SERVICE

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Working Paper Series, *Faculty Coordinator* August 2021 - August 2022

EPPS Job Market Preparation Workshop, *Faculty Coordinator* June 2019 - June 2021

Search Committee for Comparative Courts Hire, *Committee Member* Dec 2020 - March 2021

Search Committee for Political Science Civil Conflict Hire, *Committee Member* Oct - Dec 2018

Last updated: October 2024