Trent Ollerenshaw

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Academic Positions

Pennsylvania State University, Assistant Professor of Political Science 2026 – Present
University of Houston, Assistant Professor of Political Science 2024 – 2026

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, Duke University 2024
Master of Arts, Political Science, Duke University 2022
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of California – San Diego 2018

Peer-Reviewed Publications

12. Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Paul Lendway. Forthcoming. "Most Americans Understand "Liberal" and "Conservative": A Reanalysis and Replication of *Self-Reported Ideology*." ***Research & Politics***.

11. Jordan, Diana, Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Andrew Trexler. 2026. "New Evidence and Design Considerations for Repeated Measure Experiments in Survey Research." ***American Political Science Review***.

10. Panish, Adam, Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Joseph Vitriol. 2026. "Americans' Responses to COVID-19 and the Conditional Role of Dispositional Needs for Security: A Replication and Extension." ***Public Opinion Quarterly***.

9. Ollerenshaw, Trent. 2026. "The Heterogeneous Associations of Rural Consciousness and Political Preferences." ***Political Behavior***.

8. Kenealy, Andrew, Ollerenshaw, Trent, and So Jin Lee. 2025. "Observable Bounds of Rationality and Credibility in International Relations." ***Journal of Politics***.

7. Ollerenshaw, Trent. 2025. "Affective polarization and the destabilization of core political values." ***Political Science Research and Methods*** 13(1): 212–220.

6. Ollerenshaw, Trent. 2024. "The Conditional Effects of Authoritarianism on COVID-19 Pandemic Health Behaviors and Policy Preferences." ***Political Behavior*** 46: 233–256.

5. Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Ashley E. Jardina. 2023. "The Asymmetric Polarization of Immigration Opinion in the United States." ***Public Opinion Quarterly*** 87(4): 1038–53.

4. Ollerenshaw, Trent. 2023. "Authoritarianism and support for Trump and Clinton in the 2016 primaries." ***Research & Politics*** 10(3).

3. Ollerenshaw, Trent, and Christopher D. Johnston. 2022. "The Conditional Relationship of Psychological Needs to Ideology: a Large-Scale Replication." ***Public Opinion Quarterly*** 86(2): 369–80.

2. Jardina, Ashley E., and Trent Ollerenshaw. 2022. "The Polls—Trends: The Polarization of White Racial Attitudes and Support for Racial Equality in the U.S." ***Public Opinion Quarterly*** 86(S1): 576–87.

1. Johnston, Christopher D., and Trent Ollerenshaw. 2020. "How different are cultural and economic ideology?" ***Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*** 34: 94–101.

Book Chapters

1. Jardina, Ashley E., and Trent Ollerenshaw. 2025. "White Racial Attitude Polarization Before and After the Election of Donald Trump." in *The Changing Character of the American Right, Volume I* (eds. Joel D. Aberbach, Bruce E. Cain, Desmond King and Gillian Peele).

Revise & Resubmits

- "American Guilt and Support for Foreign Aid." ***Journal of Politics***. (with Andrew Kenealy).
- "Partisan and Racial Biases in Preferences over Criminal Sentencing." ***Journal of Politics***. (with James Druckman, Rongbo Jin, Paul Lendway, and Arjun Vishwanath).
- "Partisan Differences in General Self-Rated Health after the Onset of COVID-19." ***Political Behavior***.

Working Papers (Available on Request)

- "Difference-in-Differences Estimates of Survey Mode Effects."
- "Personality and Intraparty Politics." (with JeongKyu Suh and Lucas Lothamer).

Research In-Progress

Book Projects

- "Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church." (with David Eagle, Christopher Johnston, and Erin Johnston).

Articles

- "Anti-Racists for Conservative Causes? Competing Cues in Public Opinion." (with John Konicki).
- "Anti-Trans Spillover or Anti-Woke Backlash? The Reversal of Support for Gay Rights among Republicans." (with seven POLS 6365 University of Houston graduate students).
- "Change and More of the Same: Theories of New Racism Revisited." (with Ashley Jardina).
- "Double Lists and Repeated Measures: Do Precision-Enhancing Designs Bias Sensitive Survey Research?" (with Andrew Trexler and Diana Jordan).
- "Instrumental versus Symbolic Politics and the Moderating Effects of Political Engagement."
- "Reevaluating the Reverse Causal Effects of Politics on Personality." (with Adam Panish).
- "The Causal Structure of Political Attitudes." (with Nicholas Dias and Arjun Vishwanath).

Book Chapters

- "Religious Attitudes and Social Tolerance." (with Paul Lendway and Jeron Fenton).
- "Improving Survey Experiments: Repeated Measure Designs and Sample Considerations." (with Diana Jordan and Andrew Trexler).
- "Evaluating the Use of Transitions in Online Surveys." (with Jae-Hee Jung).

Public Scholarship

3. Jung, Jae-Hee and Trent Ollerenshaw. March 11, 2026. "Using transition statements in online surveys." *YouGov Methodology Matters Series.*

2. Ollerenshaw, Trent, Jordan, Diana, and Andrew Trexler. Fall 2025. "Improving Survey Experiments: Repeated Measure Designs and Sample Considerations." *APSA Experimental Politics Section Newsletter.*

1. Jardina, Ashley E., and Trent Ollerenshaw. February 15, 2024. "Democrats Aren't Driving Radicalization on Immigration." *Good Authority.*

Research Funding

Grants (Non-Departmental)

10. APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant. "LGBT Inclusion and the Disaffiliation Crisis in the United Methodist Church." (08/24). (with David Eagle, Christopher Johnston, and Erin Johnston). *$2,000.*

9. Institute for Humane Studies, Hayek Fund for Scholars. "Race, Party, and Equality in Law." (07/24). (with James Druckman, Rongbo Jin, Paul Lendway, and Arjun Vishwanath.) *$5,000.*

8. Institute for Humane Studies, Publication Accelerator Grant. "Measuring and Ameliorating Animosity along America's Rural-Urban Divide." (07/24). *$5,000.*

7. Rapoport Family Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Survey Research Grant. "Repeated Measure Designs in Survey Experiments." (02/24). *$14,595.*

6. SSRC Religion, Spirituality, and Democratic Renewal Program. "Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church: A Text Analysis of Sermons." (06/23). (with David Eagle, Christopher Johnston, and Erin Johnston). *$14,116.*

5. Institute for Humane Studies. "Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church: A Text Analysis of Sermons." (05/23). (with David Eagle, Christopher Johnston, and Erin Johnston). *$4,846.*

4. Bass Connections Student Research Award. "Politics and Polarization in the United Methodist Church: A Text Analysis of Sermons." (03/23). (with David Eagle, Christopher Johnston, and Erin Johnston). *$3,000.*

3. IFREE Pilot Grant. "Do Anti-Racist Attitudes Cause Pro-Black Behavior?" (03/23). *$1,000.*

2. Institute for Humane Studies, Publication Accelerator Grant. "Anti-Racists for Conservative Causes? Racial Attitudes Across Party Lines." (12/22). (with John Konicki). *$5,000.*

1. Center for Global and International Studies Graduate Award for Research. "American Guilt and Support for Foreign Aid." (04/21, 04/22). (with Andrew Kenealy). *$2,250.*

In-Kind Survey Grants

4. YouGov Scientific Research Group. "Evaluating the Use of Transitions in Online Surveys." (04/25). (with Jae-Hee Jung).

3. Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) Special Competition on Replications. "Repeated Measure Designs in Survey Experiments." (11/23). (with Andrew Trexler and Diana Jordan).

2. Polarization Research Lab. "Mapping Rural-Urban Polarization to Place-Based Resentments." (10/23).

1. Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS). "Partisanship, COVID-19, and Survey Health Measures." (04/23).

Fellowships

3. Institute for Humane Studies Fellowships. Graduate Sabbatical Fellowship. (01/24). Junior Fellowship. (06/23). Summer Research Fellowship. (06/22).

2. Duke University Summer Research Fellowship for Students in Third Year and Beyond (06/22).

1. John Hope Franklin Institute Digital Knowledge Fellow. (08/20).

Conference Presentations

- **2026**: Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB); Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA); Stanford Religious Pluralism Workshop; Texas Junior Methods Workshop.
- **2025**: American Political Science Association (APSA); IHS/UPenn Partisanship and Polarization Workshop; Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA); Polarization Consortium Workshop; Texas A&M Behavior Conference; Texas Junior Methods Workshop; Texas Political Methodology Meeting (TexMeth)
- **2024**: American Political Science Association (APSA); Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB); Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA); Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth); UH Mobilizing Low-Propensity Voters Conference
- **2023**: American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR); American Political Science Association (APSA); Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior (EPOVB); Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)
- **2022**: Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA); Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

Teaching

Instructor of Record

- University of Houston. "POLS 3312: Arguments, Data, and Politics." (3x)
- University of Houston. "POLS 6365: Seminar in Public Opinion." (1x)
- University of Houston. "POLS 6380: Quantitative Methods I." (2x)

Advising

- PhD Dissertation Committees (Non-Chair): Maya Fitch, Billy Justus, JeongKyu (JK) Suh.

Teaching Assistant

- Duke University. "Political Science Graduate Math Camp." (Summer 2023)
- Duke University. "POLSCI 201: Public Opinion." (Spring 2022)
- Duke University. "POLSCI 238: Racial Attitudes and Racial Prejudice." (Fall 2021)

Other Teaching

- Duke University, Bass Connections. Project Manager: "Politics and Polarization in Mainline Protestant Congregations." (2022–2023)
- Duke University. Graduate Advisor: "Political Science Honors Thesis Seminar." (2020–2021)
- University of California, San Diego. "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Peer Educator." (2017–2018)

Departmental Service

- Graduate Student Research Series, Co-Organizer (2025 – Present)
- Technology Committee (2024 – 2025)
- American Politics Workshop Series, Co-Organizer (2025 – Present)

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science (1), American Political Science Review (1), American Politics Research (2), American Sociological Review (1), British Journal of Political Science (2), European Political Science Review (1), Electoral Studies (2), Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties (1), Journal of Experimental Political Science (1), Journal of Politics (2), Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (2), Political Behavior (4), Political Studies (1), Politics, Groups, and Identities (2), Public Opinion Quarterly (1), Social Forces (2), Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (1)