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Academic Appointments

Professor (with tenure)

Department of Geography, History and Political Science. BYU-Idaho.
2016-Present.

Faculty (without tenure)

Department of Geography, History and Political Science. BYU-Idaho.
2013-2016.

Adjunct Faculty

Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University.
Introduction to American Politics, Summer. 2012.

Lecturer

Department of Political Science, University of Kansas.
The US Presidency, Fall. 2011, 2013.
Elections Around the World, Fall. 2012.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science, University of Kansas, August 2009-May 2012.

Teaching Interests

Research Methods, U.S. Political Institutions (Presidency, Political Parties, Interest Groups, Elections), Political Behavior (American and Comparative).

Education

Ph.D.: May 2013

Political Science, University of Kansas; Advisor: Donald P. Haider-Markel. Committee: Burdett A. Loomis, Mark Joslyn, Robert Rohrschneider.

MA: May 2010

Political Science, University of Kansas; Advisor: Donald P. Haider-Markel

MA: May 2006

Russian, East-European and Eurasian Studies, University of Kansas.

Specialized Training

2014 Workshop on Statistical Genetic Methods for Human Complex Traits (Twin Studies)

2015 Workshop on Statistical Genetic Methods for Human Complex Traits (Molecular Genetics)

Research

Books

2019 **Miles, Matthew R.** [*Religious Identity in US Politics*](#). Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Articles

2022. Dynes, Adam M., Hans J. G. Hassell, and **Matthew R. Miles**. "Personality Traits and Approaches to Political Representation and Responsiveness: An Experiment in Local Government." *Political Behavior* (In Press).

2021 Hassell, Hans J.G., **Matthew R. Miles**, and Kevin Reuning. "Does the Ideology of the Newsroom Affect the Provision of Media Slant?" *Political Communication* (In Press).

2021 Dynes Adam M., Hans J. G. Hassell, **Matthew R. Miles**. "Political Ambition and Constituent Service: Does Ambition Influence How Local Officials Respond to Electoral and Non-Electoral Service Requests?" *American Politics Research*. May 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X211013479>

2021 Dynes, Adam M., Hans J. G. Hassell, **Matthew R. Miles**, and Jessica Robinson Preece. "Personality and Gendered Selection Processes in the Political Pipeline." *Politics & Gender* 17 (1) 53-73.

2021 **Miles, Matthew R.** and Kevin J Mullinix. "(Un) Informed Voting? A Test of Compulsory Voting Feedback Effects." *Policy Studies Journal* 49(1), pp. 219-241 <https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.12366>

2020 Hassell, Hans J.G., John B. Holbein, and **Matthew R. Miles**. "There is No Liberal Media Bias in the News Political Journalists Choose to Cover." *Science Advances* 6(14), pp. eaay9344.

2020 Hollibaugh, Gary E. Jr., **Matthew R. Miles**, and Chad B. Newswander "Why Public Employees Rebel: Guerrilla Government in the Public Sector." *Public Administration Review* Vo. 80 (1) 64-74.

- Winner of 2021 William E. Mosher and Frederick C. Mosher Award for the best Public Administration Review article written by an academic.

2020 **Miles, Matthew R.** and Donald P. Haider-Markel. Trump, Twitter, and Public Dissuasion: A Natural Experiment in Presidential Rhetoric." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 50(2), pp. 436-450.

2019. Robert Stein, Christopher Mann, Charles Stewart III, Zachary Birenbaum, Anson Fung, Jeb Greenberg, Farhan Kawsar, Gayle Alberda, R. Michael Alvarez, **Matthew R. Miles** et al. "Waiting to vote in the 2016 Presidential election: Evidence from a multi-jurisdiction study." *Political Research Quarterly* 73(2), pp.439-453.

2018. Mann, Christopher B., Gayle A. Alberda, Nathaniel A. Birkhead, Yu Ouyang, Chloe Singer, Charles Stewart, Michael C. Herron, **Matthew R. Miles**, et al. "Pedagogical Value of Polling-Place Observation by Students." *PS: Political Science & Politics* Vo. 51 (4) 831-837.

2018. **Miles, Matthew R.** and Donald P. Haider-Markel. Personality and Genetic Associations with Military Service. *Armed Forces & Society* 45 (4), 637-658.

2018. Dynes, Adam M., Hans J. G. Hassell, and **Matthew R. Miles.** "The personality of the politically ambitious." *Political Behavior*, 41(2), pp.309-336.

2017. Schmidt, Walter and **Matthew R. Miles.** "Religious Identity and Descriptive Representation", *Politics and Religion*, Vol. 10(1), pp. 186–221.

2016 **Miles, Matthew R.** "Presidential Appeals to Moral Foundations: How Modern Presidents Persuade Cross-Ideologues." *Policy Studies Journal*. Vol. 44, pp. 471-490.

2015. **Miles, Matthew R.** "Some Folks You Just Can't Reach: The Genetic Heritability of Presidential Approval." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 45(4) 760-77.

2015. **Miles, Matthew R.** "Turnout as Consent: How Fair Governance Encourages Voter Participation." *Political Research Quarterly*. Vol. 68 (2) 363-376.

2015. Rohrschneider, Robert and **Matthew R. Miles.** "Representation through Parties? Environmental Attitudes and Party Stances in Europe in 2013." *Environmental Politics*. Vol. 24 (4), 617-640.

2014. **Miles, Matthew R.** "The Bully Pulpit and Media Coverage: Power without Persuasion." *International Journal of Press/Politics*. Vol. 19 (1) 66-84.

2014. **Miles, Matthew R.** "Process Over Outcome: How Perceptions of Procedural Fairness Influence Conservative Support for Redistributive Taxes." *The Social Science Journal*. Vol. 51 (4) 615-626.

2013. **Miles, Matthew R.** and Donald P. Haider-Markel "Bully Pulpit or Ham Radio? Receptive Audiences and Presidential Messages". *Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 41 (1) 5-31.

Book Chapters

2021 **Miles, Matthew R.** "Genetic Underpinnings of Political Attitudes and Behaviors". In obo in Political Science, <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199756223/obo-9780199756223-0330.xml>

2019 **Miles, Matthew R.**, and Jason M. Adkins. "Mormon Mobilization in Contemporary U.S. Politics." Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics. 27 Feb. <http://oxfordre.com/politics/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.001.0001/acrefore-9780190228637-e-871>

2019. Robert Stein, Christopher Mann, Charles Stewart III, Zachary Birenbaum, Anson Fung, Jeb Greenberg, Farhan Kawsar, Gayle Alberda, R. Michael Alvarez, **Matthew R. Miles** et al. "Polling Place Practices" in *The Future of Election Administration* (Palgrave).

2018 **Miles, Matthew R.** *Gale Researcher Guide for: The President as Chief Communicator*. Gale, Cengage Learning.

2014. **Miles, Matthew R.** "The Politics of Inequality: How Team Obama Appealed to the Base in the 2012 Presidential Election." in *The Presidential Election of 2012*. Ed. Douglas Brattebo, Tom Lansford and Jack Covarrubias. University of Akron Press.

2014. Rohrschneider, Robert, **Matthew R. Miles** and Mark Peffley. "Postmaterialism and Policy Priorities among Mass Publics." in *The Civic Culture Transformed: From Allegiant to Assertive Citizenship*. Ed. Welzel, Christopher, & Dalton, Russell J. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Research: Invited Research Presentations

2021 "Rethinking Religion: How Religious Becoming Reduces Inter-Party Hostility in the United States." Religion in Public Talks, May.

2021 "Rethinking Religion: How Religious Becoming Reduces Inter-Party Hostility in the United States." Thursday Group, Brigham Young University, April.

2018 "Religious Identities, Political Identities, and Anti-Atheist Bias in the United States." Passion, Innovation, and Enlightenment Talk at Brigham Young University-Idaho, November.

2018 "Variations in Home Style: The Role of Personality Traits on the Behavior of Elected Officials." The Clifford P. Ketzler Speaker Series for the Expression of Minority Opinions and Political Science Lecture Series at The University of Kansas, August.

2018 "Why Public Employees Rebel: Guerrilla Government in the Public Sector." with Gary E. Hollibaugh, Jr. and Chad B. Newswander. Behavioral Approaches to Bureaucratic Red Tape and Administrative Burden, New Developments in the Study of Executive Politics, Vanderbilt University, June.

2018 "Why Public Employees Rebel: Guerrilla Government in the Public Sector." with Gary E. Hollibaugh, Jr. and Chad B. Newswander. Behavioral Approaches to Bureaucratic Red Tape and Administrative Burden, George Washington University, May.

2017 "Gendered Variation of the Effects of Personality on Ambition and Selection into Public Office." with Adam Dynes, Jessica Preece and Hans J. G. Hassell. Conference on Elite Personality and Political Institutions. Notre Dame University. May.

2015 “The Genetic Heritability of Presidential Approval.” Boise State University Department of Political Science Brownbag Lecture. April 25.

2012. “The Politics of Inequality: How the Cause of Economic Inequality Shapes Partisan Attitudes about the Solutions to the Problem.” The Presidential Election of 2012 conference, Hiram College, November.

Research: Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association annual meeting

Paper, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2016 (3), 2014 (2), 2013, 2012; Discussant, 2021, 2019, 2016; Chair, 2021, 2019.

Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting

Paper, 2022, 2019 (2), 2017 (2), 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012; Discussant, 2017, 2016; Chair, 2017.

Western Political Science Association annual meeting

Paper, 2016; Discussant, 2016; Chair, 2016.

Southern Political Science Association annual meeting

Paper, 2017, 2012.

Pacific Northwest Political Science Association annual meeting

Paper, 2019; Discussant, 2019; Section Chair, 2019, 2018.

2011. “Variation in Perceptions of Democracy: The Influence of Procedural Fairness.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research, Phoenix, AZ, May.

Mentored Undergraduate Student Research

Publications

2016 Schmidt, Walter, and **Matthew R. Miles**. “Religious Identity and Descriptive Representation.” *Politics and Religion* (2016): 1-36.

Conference and Research Presentations

2016 “The Power of Money: How the US Dollar Constrains Executive Actions” with Stefano Corsini The annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. September.

2016 Wonnacott, Tanner. “Going Foreign: Presidential Persuasion Abroad.” The annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill. April.

2015 Bingham, Tayler. “Signing Statements: The President's Tool to Avoiding a Legislative Override.” The annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill. April.

2015 Herrera, Bronson. "The Impact of Corruption on Voter Participation: How Perceived Corruption Increases Voter Turnout in Local Elections." The annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill. April.

2015 Schmidt, Walter. "Descriptive Representation of Religion in Congress." The annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill. April.

2015 Wynder, David. "Congressional Partisanship". The annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April.

Research Grants

Awarded. March 2015. The National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. Participation in the 2015 Workshop on Molecular Genetics.

Awarded. September 2014. Thomas E. Ricks Grant for research.

Awarded. March 2014. The National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. Participation in the 2014 Workshop on Statistical Genetic Methods for Human Complex Traits.

Awarded. July 2012. Travel Grant from the Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Section of the American Political Science Association.

Awarded. July 2012. Travel Grant from the American Political Science Association.

Awarded. July 2012. Principal Investigator for a project titled "Publicizing the Process: Finding Support Among the Opposition." The University of Kansas Doctoral Student Research Fund.

Awarded. April 2012. Joseph P. Harris Fellowship.

Awarded. April 2012. Principal Investigator for a project titled "Procedural Fairness and Support for Unequal Political Outcomes." Walter Thompson Scholarship.

Awarded. June 2011. Principal Investigator for a project titled "Are You Kidding? Why Partisans Believe the Unbelievable." Walter Thompson Scholarship.

Awarded. April 2011. Principal Investigator for a project titled "Are You Kidding? Why Partisans Believe the Unbelievable." The University of Kansas Graduate Research Fund.

Awarded. June 2010. Funding to participate in a summer workshop for quantitative methods training. Walter Thompson Scholarship.

Service

College and University

- 2018-Present Testing Center Taskforce (College of Languages and Letters Representative)
- 2018-Present College of Languages and Letters Curriculum Council Member
- 2017-2018 Chair of Tenure Committee for Travis Smith.
- 2015-2017, Faculty Advisor to Pi Sigma Alpha and BYU Political Affairs Society.
- 2015-2017. Social Science Foundations Committee.
- 2013-2015. Faculty Advisor to the Jefferson Public Policy Society, BYU-Idaho.
- 2012. Graduate Student Representative Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas.
- 2011. Graduate Student Representative Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas.
- 2011. Graduate Student Representative Faculty Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas.

Professional

- 2009-2014. Graduate Student Representative Presidency and Executive Politics Section of the American Political Science Association.

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Behavior*, *American Politics Research*, *Electoral Studies*, *The Social Science Journal*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Personality and Individual Differences*, *Comparative Political Studies*.

Research Skills

- Survey and Experimental Research Design
- Categorical Data Analysis
- Non-parametric Statistics
- Multilevel Modeling
- Structural Equation Modeling
- Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling
- Experimental Methods
- Quasi-Experimental Methods
- Proficient using: R, Stata, Qualtrics, Excel. Experience using: Mplus, Lisrel, StatExact, SPSS.

Languages

- [English – native language]
- [Russian – speak, read, and write with advanced proficiency]
- [Spanish and Ukrainian – speak and read at basic level]

Memberships

- 2010 – present. American Political Science Association

2010 – 2019. Midwest Political Science Association

2010 – 2012. American Association of Public Opinion Research

2010 – 2011. Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research