Matthew R. Miles
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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 Experience
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

2025 **Matthew R. Miles.** *The Metrics of Faith: Rethinking Religion's Role in US Politics* Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

2019 **Matthew R. Miles.** *Religious Identity in US Politics.* Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Articles

(In Press) Gary E. Hollibaugh Jr., and **Matthew R. Miles**. "Personality Traits and Agency Politicization: Neuroticism and Perceived Political Control in United States Federal Agencies." *The American Review of Public Administration*.

(In Press) Hassell, Hans J. G., Josh McCrain, and **Matthew R. Miles**. "Gendered Barriers to Entry: Responses to Requests for State Legislative Internships." *The Journal of Politics*. https://doi.org/10.1086/737850

2026 Hans J.G. Hassell, Hollibaugh, Gary E. Jr., and **Matthew R. Miles**. Not Just Elections: Personality Traits and Ambition for Political Office. *Political Behavior* 48, 97–117. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-025-10024-8

2025 Hans J.G. Hassell, Hollibaugh, Gary E. Jr., and **Matthew R. Miles.** Does the Presence or Absence of Elections Remove Gender Differences in Ambition for Public Service? *British Journal of Political Science* 55, e6, 1–10. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123424000449

2025 Hans J.G. Hassell, Hollibaugh, Gary E. & **Matthew R. Miles**. Seeking the Public Good: Public Service Motivation and Political Ambition. *Political Behavior* 47, 1087–1111. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-024-09981-3

2024 Newswander, Chad B., **Matthew R. Miles**, & Newswander, Lynita K. The Burden of Bad Intentions: Analyzing Politicized Administrative Burdens. *The American Review of Public Administration*, 54(6), 507-517. https://doi.org/10.1177/02750740241231248

2023. Hans J.G. Hassell, **Matthew R Miles**, Brenna Morecraft. "Newsroom Ideological Diversity and the Ideological Sorting of Journalists." *Political Research Quarterly,* 76(4), 1944-1958. https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129231182145

2022. **Matthew R. Miles**. The Presidency: Facing Constitutional Crossroads, *Congress & the Presidency*, 49:1, 126-127, https://doi.org/10.1080/07343469.2021.2016113

2022. Chewning Taylor K., Jon Green, Hans J.G. Hassell and **Matthew R. Miles**. "Campaigns Principal-Agent Problems: Volunteers as Faithful and Representative Agents." *Political Behavior* 46, 405–426. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-022-09836-9

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* 45, 1791–1811 (2023) https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-022-09800-7

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* 39(2), 184-201, https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2021.1986613

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*. 49(6), pp.646-654. 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. https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X19000461

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. https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.aay9344

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. https://doi.org/10.1111/puar.13118

- 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

2022. **Miles, Matthew R.** and Justin A. Tucker "Who's Allowed in Your Lifeboat: How Religious Identity Altered Life-Saving Priorities in Response to COVID-19." in *'An Epidemic on my People': Religion in the age of COVID19.* Ed. Amanda J. Friesen and Paul Djupe. Temple University Press.

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. Ketzel 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: 2026, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2016 (3), 2014 (2), 2013, 2012; Discussant: 2023 2021, 2019, 2016; Chair: 2023, 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.

Service

College and University

2025-2026 University Taskforce on Faculty Course Evaluations
2024-2025 Department Program Review Coordinator
2018-2019 Testing Center Taskforce (College of Languages and Letters Representative)
2018-2020 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

Professional

2026. Editorial Board Member, *Politics & Religion*, Cambridge University Press.
2024. Committee Chair. George C. Edwards, III Dissertation Award
2023. Committee Member. Richard E. Neustadt Award for Best Book on Executive Politics
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, Politics, Groups, and Identities, Comparative Political Studies, Armed Forces & Society, The American Review of Public Administration, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory.*

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]