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EMPLOYMENT	The University of Tennessee , Knoxville, Tennessee USA Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2020- Faculty Affiliate, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Program, 2020-	
EDUCATION	The University of North Carolina , Chapel Hill, North Carolina USA Ph.D., Political Science, 2020 American Politics and Political Methodology M.A., Political Science, 2017 The University of Connecticut , Storrs, Connecticut USA B.A. (summa cum laude) Political Science with Honors, 2011	
INTERESTS	Race, Ethnicity, and Politics · Racial Priming · Framing · Gender and Identity Intersectionality · Political Communication · Public Policy · Policing	
PUBLICATIONS	Shoub, Kelsey, Leah Christiani, Derek A. Epp, Frank R. Baumgartner, and Kevin Roach. “Fines, Fees, and Disparities: The Link between Municipal Reliance on Fines and Racial Disparities in Policing” Forthcoming at <i>Policy Studies Journal</i> . Shoub, Kelsey, Derek A. Epp, Frank R. Baumgartner, Leah Christiani, and Kevin Roach. 2020. “Race, Place, and Context: The Persistence of Race Effects in Traffic Stop Outcomes in the Face of Situational, Demographic, and Political Controls.” Forthcoming at <i>The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics</i> . Christiani, Leah. 2020. “Intersectional Stereotyping in Policing: An Analysis of Traffic Stop Outcomes.” <i>Politics, Groups, and Identities</i> . Online First. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winner, Best Master’s Thesis 2018 (UNC Political Science) Baumgartner, Frank R., Leah Christiani, Derek A. Epp, Kevin Roach, and Kelsey Shoub. 2017. “Racial Disparities in Traffic Stop Outcomes.” <i>Duke Forum for Law and Social Change</i> . 9: 21-53. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coverage in InjusticeWatch, The Daily Northwestern• Cited in <i>State of Oregon v. Arreola-Botello</i>, 365 Or 695 (2019)	

ARTICLES IN
PROGRESS

“When Are Explicit Racial Appeals Accepted? Examining the Role of Racial Status Threat” *Under Review*.

- Winner, Best Graduate Student Paper 2019 (UNC Political Science)

“The Conditional Effects of Descriptive Representation on Racial Disparities in Traffic Stop Outcomes” (with Kelsey Shoub, Derek A. Epp, Frank R. Baumgartner, and Kevin Roach) *Invitation to revise and resubmit*.

“At the Intersection: The Amplifying Effects of Gender and Stop Purpose on Race in Traffic Stop Outcomes” (with Kelsey Shoub, Derek A. Epp, Frank R. Baumgartner, and Kevin Roach) *Invitation to revise and resubmit*.

“It’s Not Just Bad Apples: Examining Whether Racially Disparate Policing is Localized or Diffuse” (with Kelsey Shoub, Derek A. Epp, Frank R. Baumgartner, and Kevin Roach) *Under Review*.

“A Light Brush with the Law: Police Traffic Tickets, Voting, and Political Participation” (with Kelsey Shoub)

“Masks and Racial Stereotypes in a Pandemic: The Case for Surgical Masks” (with Christopher Clark, Steven Greene, Marc Hetherington, and Emily Wager). *Under Review*.

- Covered on [WRAL](#), [FiveThirtyEight](#), and [ABC11](#)

POLICY
REPORTS

“Update on Racial Disparities in Traffic Stops Statistics from the Texas Department of Public Safety Using 2016 Data” (with Frank R. Baumgartner and Kevin Roach). Prepared on April 26, 2017.

“Analyzing Racial Disparities in Traffic Stop Statistics from the Texas Department of Public Safety” (with Frank R. Baumgartner and Kevin Roach). Prepared for the September 20, 2016 committee hearing on the Texas DPS Traffic Statistics.

OTHER
WRITING

“Ten years of study and the protestors are right: What traffic stops tell us about racial bias in policing” (with Frank R. Baumgartner, Derek A. Epp, Kelsey Shoub, and Kevin Roach). *Medium*. June 25, 2020.

“To fight the coronavirus, most Americans support universal testing and mandatory quarantines” (with Marc Hetherington, Michael MacKuen, Graeme Robertson, and Emily Wager). *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*. May 15, 2020.

AWARDS AND
SCHOLARSHIPS

2019-2020 – Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UNC College of Arts and Sciences (*tuition & stipend*)

2019 – Society for Political Methodology Travel Award (\$1,325)

2019 – James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research, Best Graduate Student Paper, UNC Department of Political Science (\$800)
 2019 – Uhlman Fellow, UNC Department of Political Science (\$4,000)
 2018-2019 – Dean’s Graduate Fellow, UNC College of Arts and Sciences (\$5,000)
 2018 – James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research, Best Master’s Thesis, UNC Department of Political Science (\$1,000)
 2017 – Graduate Student Transportation Grant Award, UNC (\$400)
 2017 – Ayers Family Travel Award, UNC (\$350)
 2017 – Prestage-Cook Travel Award, SPSA (\$150)
 2012 – Segal Education Award, AmeriCorps (\$5,000)
 2011 – CLAS Outstanding Woman Scholar, UConn
 2011 – Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference, UConn representative
 2011 – Fannie Dixon Welch Scholarship, UConn (\$500)
 2011 – Babbidge Scholar, UConn

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Explicit racial appeals and perceptions of threat in US House elections”

- 2020 American Political Science Association Conference

“When are racial appeals accepted? Examining the role of anxiety and perceived status threat”

- 2019 American Political Science Association Conference
- 2019 Harvard Experimental Working Group Conference
- 2019 Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting
- 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Conference

“Intersectional stereotyping in policing: An analysis of traffic stop outcomes”

- 2018 Midwest Political Science Association Conference

“Policing the powerless: How black political power reduces racial disparities in traffic stops outcomes” (with Frank R. Baumgartner, Derek A. Epp, Kevin Roach, and Kelsey Shoub)

- 2018 Midwest Political Science Association Conference

“Driving while black: A hierarchical Bayesian latent threshold model of suspicion” (with Frank R. Baumgartner, Derek A. Epp, Santiago Olivella, Kevin Roach, and Kelsey Shoub)

- 2018 American Political Science Association Conference

“Ladies on television news: How gender influences the use of powerful language on television news” (with Pamela J. Conover, Kelsey Shoub, and Amy Sentementes)

- 2017 Midwest Political Science Association Conference

“Man! I feel like a woman: Socialization and men’s views of women’s issues” (with Amy Sentementes)

- 2017 Southern Political Science Association Conference

“Racial disparities in police traffic stops across the U.S.” (with Frank R. Baumgartner, Derek A. Epp, Kevin Roach, and Kelsey Shoub)

- 2017 American Political Science Association Conference
- 2017 Duke Forum for Law and Social Change

“How powerful a presence? Women as sources in television news” (with Pamela J. Conover, Kelsey Shoub, and Amy Sentementes)

- 2016 American Political Science Association Conference

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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| Research Assistant, Marc Hetherington | April 2020 – July 2020 |
| Lead Research Coordinator | September 2019 – May 2020 |
| Research Assistant, Frank R. Baumgartner | May 2015 – July 2020 |

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

The University of Tennessee

Instructor

- Research Methods (Pols 301: F2020)
- Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics (Pols 410: F2020)

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Instructor

- Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Poli 281: S2019, F2017)

Teaching Assistant

- Probability and Statistics Lab (graduate level) (Poli 783: F2018)
- Intersectionality: Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Social Justice, Frank R. Baumgartner (Political Science), Jennifer Ho (English), Tanya Shields (Women’s and Gender Studies), and Sharon Holland (American Studies) (Poli/Amst/Wgst/Engl 248: S2018, S2017)
- Introduction to American Politics, Jason Roberts (Poli 100: F2016)

Graduate Research Consultant

- Political Psychology, Timothy J. Ryan (Poli 417: F2018)

Statistical Consultant

- The Odum Institute for Research in Social Sciences (2018)

Grader

- Race, Innocence, and the Decline of the Death Penalty, Frank R. Baumgartner (Poli 203: S2016)
- Introduction to American Politics, Pamela J. Conover (Poli 100: F2015)

Training

- Mental Health First Aid, Certification (2019)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITY	<p>Discipline: Referee: <i>American Political Science Review</i>; <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i>; <i>Public Administration</i> Discussant & Chair: <i>APSA (2020)</i></p> <p>Department: Program Coordinator, State Politics Working Group, UNC (2019 – 2020) Program Coordinator, American Politics Research Group, UNC (2017 – 2018) Assistant Professor in Political Methodology Search Committee, UNC (2018) Member, GIS Working Group, UNC (2016 – 2018) Member, Chapel Hill Area Media Project, UNC (2015 – 2020)</p>
METHODS TRAINING	<p>Ordinary Least Squares Regression · Generalized Linear Models · Panel Data · Factor Analysis and Latent Variable Modeling · Game Theory · Bayesian Models for the Social Sciences</p>
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<p>Statistical computing in R and Stata; L^AT_EX</p>
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	<p>American Political Science Association · Midwest Political Science Association Southern Political Science Association</p>
REFERENCES	<p>Frank R. Baumgartner Richard J. Richardson Distinguished Professor of Political Science The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill fbaum@email.unc.edu</p> <p>Timothy J. Ryan Associate Professor of Political Science The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill tjr@email.unc.edu</p> <p>Candis W. Smith Associate Professor of Political Science & African American Studies Pennsylvania State University cwsmith@psu.edu</p> <p>James Stimson Raymond Dawson Distinguished Bicentennial Professor of Political Science Emeritus The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill jstimson@email.unc.edu</p>