

# Frank J. Gonzalez

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## Research Interests

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- Political Psychology
- Race, Ethnicity, Inequality, and Politics
- American Politics
- Biology and Politics

## Academic Appointments

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**University of Arizona**

*Assistant Professor, School of Government and Public Policy*

**Tucson, AZ**

*August 2017 – Present*

## Education

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**University of Nebraska – Lincoln**

*PhD, Political Science*

**Lincoln, NE**

*May 2017*

**University of Nebraska – Lincoln**

*MA, Political Science*

**Lincoln, NE**

*August 2013*

**University of Delaware**

*BA, Psychology Major/Political Science Minor*

**Newark, DE**

*May 2011*

## Publications

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

Stephen P. Schneider, and **Frank J. Gonzalez** (2021). Racial resentment predicts eugenics support more robustly than genetic attributions. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 180, 110989. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2021.110989>

Haas, Ingrid J., Melissa N. Baker, and **Frank J. Gonzalez** (2021). Understanding the Neural Underpinnings of Uncertainty in Political Evaluation using Functional MRI. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*, 376, 20200138. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rstb.2020.0138>

**Gonzalez, Frank J.** (2021). Unresolved Politics: Implicit Ambivalence and Political Cognition. *Political Research Quarterly*, 74(3), 556-570. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912920911100>

Peterson, Johnathan C., **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Stephen P. Schneider (2017). The Effects of Disease Salience and Xenophobia on Support for Humanitarian Aid. *Politics and the Life Sciences*, 36(2), 17-36. <https://doi.org/10.1017/pls.2017.24>

Haas, Ingrid J., Melissa N. Baker, and **Frank J. Gonzalez** (2017). Who Can Deviate from the Party Line? Political Ideology Moderates Evaluation of Incongruent Policy Positions in Insula and Anterior Cingulate Cortex. *Social Justice Research*, 30(4), 355-380. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11211-017-0295-0>

Mills, Mark, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, Karl Giuseffi, Benjamin Sievert, John R. Hibbing, Kevin B. Smith, and Michael Dodd (2016). Political Conservatism Predicts Asymmetries in Emotional Scene Memory. *Behavioural Brain Research*, 306, 84-90. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bbr.2016.03.025>

- Neiman, Jayme L., **Frank J. Gonzalez**, Kevin Wilkinson, Kevin B. Smith, and John R. Hibbing (2016). Speaking Different Languages or Reading from the Same Script? Value-Based Word Usage of Democratic and Republican Politicians. *Political Communication*, 33(2), 212-240. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2014.969465>
- Deppe, Kristen, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, Jayme L. Neiman, Jackson Pahlke, Carly Jacobs, Kevin B. Smith, and John R. Hibbing (2015). Reflective Liberals and Intuitive Conservatives: A Look at the Cognitive Reflection Test and Ideology. *Judgment and Decision-Making*, 10(4), 314-331. <http://journal.sjdm.org/15/15311/jdm15311.pdf>
- Wals, Sergio, Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Tess Gosda (2015). Love Thy Neighbor? Perceptions of Foreigners and Support for Transnational Policies. *Political Research Quarterly*, 68(3), 537-551. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912915594253>

## Books

- PytlikZillig, Lisa M., Myiah J. Hutchens (Washington State University), Peter Muhlberger, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Alan J. Tomkins (2018). *Deliberative Public Engagement with Science: An Empirical Investigation*, Springer International Publishing, Springerbriefs in Psychology Series.

## Book Chapters

- Theiss-Morse, Elizabeth, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, and Alison O'Toole (2020). "Hierarchy, American Identity, and Support for Anti-Poverty Efforts." In G. Gustavsson and D. Miller (Eds.), *Liberal Nationalism and Its Critics*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- Gonzalez, Frank J.**, Kevin B. Smith, and John R. Hibbing (2019). "No Longer Beyond Our Scope": The Biological Underpinnings of Political Attitudes." In A. J. Berinsky (Ed.), *New Directions in Public Opinion* (3rd Edition). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Gonzalez, Frank J.**, Kevin B. Smith, and John R. Hibbing (2016) "No Longer Beyond Our Scope": The Biological Underpinnings of Political Attitudes." In A. J. Berinsky (Ed.), *New Directions in Public Opinion* (2nd Edition) (pp. 186-204). New York, NY: Routledge.

## Book Reviews

- Gonzalez, Frank J.** (2020). Conformity: The Power of Social Influences. By Cass R. Sunstein. *Political Science Quarterly*, 135(3), 539-541.

## Awards

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- International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Best Dissertation Award (2018)
- Best Graduate Student Paper of the Academic Year Award, University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Political Science (Spring 2015)

## Federal Grants

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- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (NSF-SES-1560432); \$22,575 (January 2016)
  - Project Title: "Doctoral Dissertation Research: Explaining Public Opposition to Government Assistance Programs"
  - Faculty Advisor: Elizabeth Theiss-Morse

## Other Grants

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- University of Arizona Core Facilities Pilot Program Grant; \$9,800 (November 2019)

- Project Title: "Neural Bases of Contemporary Race and Class Hierarchy"
- o Graduate Travel Award Program (GTAP) Grant; \$600 (Fall 2016)
- o University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Political Science Senning Summer Research Fellowship; \$1300 (Summer 2014)
  - Project Title: "Racism, Individualism, or Generalized Outgroup-ism? A correlational analysis"
- o Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Scholarship to attend the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) (2014)
- o University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Political Science Scholarship to attend the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) (2013)
- o University of Nebraska – Lincoln Department of Political Science Travel Grant; \$150-\$250 each (2012; 2013; 2014; 2015)
- o University of Delaware Department of Political Science Undergraduate Research Award (2011)

## Working Papers

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- Gonzalez, Frank J.**, David C. Wilson (University of Delaware), and Darren W. Davis (University of Notre Dame). "Political Correctness as Racial Messaging: Targeting the Powerless Trump Supporter."
- Gonzalez, Frank J.** "Implicit Racial Ambivalence among U.S. Whites: Correlates and Consequences."
- Gonzalez, Frank J.**, Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, and Johnathan C. Peterson. "American = Rich? National Identity, the Prototypical American, and Income Inequality."
- Muhlberger, Peter, **Frank J. Gonzalez**, Lisa M. PytlikZillig, Myiah J. Hutchens (Washington State University), and Alan J. Tomkins. "Estimating Multiple Forms of Attitude Polarization and Change During Deliberative Discussion."
- Gonzalez, Frank J.** and Joshua Ridenour. "Explaining the Racial Divide in Religiosity and Partisanship."
- Gonzalez, Frank J.** "Individualism, Ingroup Favoritism, or Hierarchy? Disentangling the Psychological Underpinnings of Race-Based Policy Attitudes."
- Gonzalez, Frank J.**, Jayme L. Neiman (University of Northern Iowa), and Naslie Rezaei. "Polarized Words in Polarized Times? Value-Based Language of Political Elites in a Polarized Government."
- Gonzalez, Frank J.** "Ingroup Favoritism, Work Ethic, or Disadvantage? Explaining the Ideological Divide in Support for Government Assistance."

## Working Book Projects

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- Theiss-Morse, Elizabeth, and **Frank J. Gonzalez**. "The American Myth: National Identity and the Psychological Foundations of Attitudes Toward Wealth Inequality."

## Courses Currently Taught

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### **Programming for Statistical Analysis in R (POL697)**

*University of Arizona*

### **Quantitative Methodology II (POL682)**

*University of Arizona*

**Political Psychology (POL625)**

*University of Arizona*

**Psychology of Group Conflict and Cooperation (POL511A)**

*University of Arizona - International Security Studies (ISS) Masters Program*

**Minority Groups and American Politics (POL330)**

*University of Arizona*

**The Origins of Data in Politics and Policy (POL297B)**

*University of Arizona*

**Past Teaching Experience**

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**Instructor, Public Policy Analysis (POL5236)**

**January 2015 – May 2015**

*University of Nebraska – Lincoln*

**Instructor, Bureaucracy and the American Political System (POL5210)**

**August 2014 – December 2014**

*University of Nebraska – Lincoln*

**Teaching Assistant, Power and Politics in America (POL5100)**

**January 2013 – May 2013**

*Instructor: Dr. Michael Combs; University of Nebraska – Lincoln*

**Selected Conference Papers**

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“Thinking about Race: Does Controlled Processing Inhibit Prejudice?” with Nicole Chasey - paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2020)

“Who is it Okay to Punch? An Experimental Investigation of Support for Intolerance in the Form of Physical Violence” with Ali McCoy - paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2020)

“Class and Nation: Intersectional Identities and Attitudes Toward Inequality” with Elizabeth Theiss-Morse - paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference (September 2017)

“Meme Wars: Online Provocation, Political Tolerance, and Dehumanization” with Stephen Schneider - paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference (September 2017)

“What’s in a slogan? Political Correctness and the Meaning and Consequences of ‘Make America Great Again’” with David C. Wilson and Darren W. Davis - paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2019)

“I don’t always engage in on-line information processing, but when I do, it’s because I am experiencing heightened physiological arousal” with Stephen P. Schneider, Joshua Ridenour, and Johnathan C. Peterson - paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2019)

“The Neural Mechanisms of Opposition to Race-Targeted Government Assistance” - paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference (September 2017)

“‘The People’ or ‘the Process’? Person Perception, Values, and Income Inequality” with Elizabeth Theiss-Morse (University of Nebraska – Lincoln) - paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference (September 2017)

“I’m (Not) With Stupid: How Extreme Candidates Can Help or Hurt Their Parties” with Jack Edelson (University of Wisconsin-Madison) - paper presented at American Political Science

- Association Conference (September 2016)
- “The Minimal Groups Foundations of Group-Targeted Policy Attitudes” – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association (April 2016)
- “Understanding the neural underpinnings of political evaluation using functional MRI” with Ingrid J. Haas and Melissa N. Baker (University of California - Merced) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association (April 2016)
- “Polarized Words in Polarized Times? Value-Based Language of Political Elites in a Polarized Government” with Jayme L. Neiman (University of Northern Iowa) – paper presented at Southern Political Science Association (January 2016)
- “(Don’t) Bring Me Your Sick: The Effects of Disease Outbreak on Support for Foreign Aid” – paper presented at American Political Science Association (September 2015)
- “Speaking Different Languages or Reading from the Same Script? Value-Based Word Usage of Democratic and Republican Politicians” with Jayme L. Neiman (University of Northern Iowa), Kevin Wilkinson, John Hibbing, and Kevin Smith – paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference (August 2014)
- “A Role for Conservative Guilt? Assessing the Relationship between Guilt States and Ideology” co-authored with Johnathan C. Peterson and Jayme L. Neiman (University of Northern Iowa) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2014)
- “Emotion, Ideology, and Out-group Discrimination: An Experiment Using the Minimal Groups Paradigm” - paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2014)
- “Perceptions of the social world across ideology: An analysis using multidimensional scaling” co-authored with Carly M. Jacobs (University of Nebraska – Lincoln) – paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference (January 2014)
- “Anchors of Deliberation: When Pre-Existing Attitudes and Values Affect Attitude Change about a Novel Topic” co-authored with Lisa PytlikZillig (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2013)
- “The Social World(s) of Politics: Differences in Group Perception and Identity between Liberals and Conservatives” co-authored with Carly M. Jacobs (University of Nebraska – Lincoln) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2013)
- “Love Thy Neighbor? Perceptions of Foreigners and Support for Transnational Policies” co-authored with Sergio Wals and Elizabeth Theiss-Morse (University of Nebraska – Lincoln) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2013)
- “Ideology and Stereotype Formation: An Examination of Basic Psychological Processes” with Jayme L. Neiman (University of Nebraska – Lincoln) – paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference (January 2013)
- “Framing in Your Own Backyard: The Influence of Strength of Values and Political Awareness on Framing Effects at the Local Level” with Lisa PytlikZillig, Mitchel Herian, and Tarik Abdel-Monem (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center) – paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference (January 2012)
- “Survey Design and Racial Resentment: Race of Interviewer Effects and Interviewer Clustering” with David Wilson (University of Delaware) and Darren Davis (University of Notre Dame) – paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference (April 2011)

## Workshops and Summer Programs

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### Speaker/Presenter

**Winter Institute for Computational Social Sciences,  
University of Arizona, Winter 2021**

*Director: Dr. Yotam Shmargad*

### Participant

**“Opening the Black Box II”: Psychophysiological Methods in Political Science,  
University of California - Merced, Summer 2016**

*Director: Dr. Jaime Settle*

**Graduate of Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute,  
University of Michigan, Summer 2015**

*Director: Dr. Arthur Lupia*

**Graduate of Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social  
Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2 sessions (Summer 2013; Summer 2014)**

*Director: Dr. William Jacoby*

#### o Courses taken:

- *Scaling and Dimensional Analysis*, David Armstrong (University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee) and William Jacoby (Michigan State University)
- *Structural Equation Models with Latent Variables*, Douglas Baer (University of Victoria)
- *Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment*, John Fox (McMaster University)
- *Introduction to Applied Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences*, Johannes Karreth (University of Colorado at Boulder) and Ryan Bakker (University of Georgia) – taken for course credit
- *Regression Analysis III: Advanced Methods*, David Armstrong (University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee)

**Graduate of Stanford University Summer Institute in Political  
Psychology (SIPP), Stanford University, Summer 2012**

*Director: Dr. Jon Krosnick*

## Service to the Discipline

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Peer review for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Psychological Association*, *Columbia University Press*, *Party Politics*, *Personality and Individual Differences*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, *Social Currents*

## Research Experience

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**Director** August 2017 – Present  
*Psychology of Inequality and Politics (PIP) Lab, UA*

**Research Assistant** August 2015 – May 2017  
*Dr. Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, UNL*

**Biology and Politics Lab (NSF-SBE-0826828)** August 2012 – May 2017  
*Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. John Hibbing and Dr. Kevin Smith, UNL*

**Political Attitudes and Cognition (PAC) Lab** January 2014 – May 2017  
*Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Ingrid Haas, UNL*

**University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (NSF-SBE-0965465)** August 2011 – May 2017  
*Graduate Research Assistant*

**Research Assistant** August 2012 – May 2014  
*Dr. Kevin Smith, UNL*

**Undergraduate Award Research** September 2010 – May 2011  
*Dr. David Wilson, UD*

**Attention and Perception Lab** September 2010 – May 2011  
*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. Steven Most, UD*

**Intergroup Relations Lab** September 2009 – May 2010  
*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. Samuel Gaertner, UD*

**Blue Hen Poll Research Lab** January 2009 – May 2010  
*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. David Wilson, UD*

- o Designed and implemented school-wide survey called *Blue Hen Poll*, which gauges the opinions of students regarding both university and national issues

## Relevant Statistical and Technical Skills

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**Statistical Software (in order of proficiency):** R, SPSS, MPLUS, SAS, STATA

**Other Software:** BioPac MP150 physiological data acquisition system (for measuring ECG, EEG, EMG, ERS, SCL), DirectRT, EPrime, Qualtrics, LaTeX, MediaLab, PsychoPy, SuperLab

**Methodological Expertise:** Biological/Physiological research on attitudes and behaviors, Experimental design, functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI), Implicit Attitudes, Survey research

**Statistical Expertise:** Advanced regression, Advanced factorial ANOVA, ANCOVA, Applied Bayesian Models, Factor Analysis (exploratory and confirmatory), General and Generalized Linear Models, Item Factor Analysis, Item Response Theory, Multidimensional Scaling, Multilevel Modeling, Multivariate Statistics, Path Analysis, Structural Equation Modeling, Text Analysis

## Professional Experience

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**Telephone Interviewer** Jun 2010 – May 2011  
*Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware*

## Additional Experience

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**Lab Manager, Political Science Behavioral Lab** August 2015 – May 2017  
*University of Nebraska – Lincoln*

**President, Political Science Graduate Student Association** August 2014 – May 2015  
*University of Nebraska – Lincoln*

**Representative to the Graduate Student Association, Political Science Graduate Student Association** August 2013 – May 2014  
*University of Nebraska – Lincoln*

**President, Psychology Club** September 2010 – May 2011  
*University of Delaware*