

## BETHANY LEE ALBERTSON

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### EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Government, University of Texas. (2016-present)  
Assistant Professor, Government, University of Texas. (2009-2016)  
Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Washington. (2006-2009)  
Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University. (2005-2006)  
Visiting Instructor, University of Notre Dame. (2004-2005)

### EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
2006 Ph.D., Political Science  
2006 Certificate of Graduate Study, Social Psychology  
2001 M.A., Social Science.  
Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA  
1999 B.A., Political Science

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Psychology, Public Opinion, Political Participation, Experimental Methods.

### BOOK

Albertson, Bethany L. and Shana Kushner Gadarian. *Anxious Politics: Democratic Citizenship in a Threatening World*. Cambridge University Press. 2015.

- co-winners of the 2016 Robert E. Lane Award, Political Psychology Section from the American Political Science Association.

### ARTICLES

Albertson, Bethany and Shana Kushner Gadarian. 2016. Did That Scare You? Tips on Creating Emotion in Experimental Subjects. *Political Analysis*. 1-7.

Albertson, Bethany L. and Joshua W. Busby. 2015. Hearts or Minds? Identifying Persuasive Messages on Climate Change.” *Research and Politics*. 2(1).

Albertson, Bethany L. 2015. Dog Whistle Politics: Multivocal Communication and Religious Appeals. *Political Behavior*. 37: 3-26.

Roberts, Margaret E., Brandon M. Stewart, Dustin Tingley, Christopher Lucas, Jetson Leder Luis, Shana Kushner Gadarian, Bethany Albertson, David Rand. 2014. Structural Topic Models for Open-Ended Survey Responses. *American Journal of Political Science*. 58: 1064-1082.

Gadarian, Shana Kushner and Bethany Albertson. 2014. Anxiety, Immigration and the Search for Information. *Political Psychology*. 35: 133-164.

Albertson, Bethany L. 2011. Religious Appeals and Implicit Attitudes. *Political Psychology*, 32: 109-130.

Albertson, Bethany and Adria Lawrence. 2009. After the Credits Roll: Evaluating the Long Term Effects of Educational Television. *American Politics Research*, 37: 275-300.

Harris-Lacewell, Melissa and Bethany Albertson. 2005. Good Times? Understanding African Americans' Misperceptions of Racial Economic Fortunes. *Journal of Black Studies*. 35:5.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Albertson, Bethany and Shana Kushner Gadarian. 2012. Who's Afraid of Immigration? The Effects of Pro- and Anti-Immigrant Threatening Ads among Latinos, African Americans and Whites, in *Immigration and Public Opinion in the Liberal Democracies*. Gary Freeman, Randall Hansen, and David Leal, editors. Routledge.

Albertson, Bethany L. 2011. Public Attitudes Toward Climate Change Policy, in *Navigating Climate Change Policy: The Opportunities of Federalism*. Edella C. Schlager, Kirsten H. Engel, and Sally Rider, editors. University of Arizona Press. (Research note).

Albertson, Bethany, John Brehm and Michael Alvarez. 2005. Ambivalence as Internal Conflict. *Ambivalence and the Structure of Public Opinion*. Stephen Craig and Michael Martinez, eds. New York: Palgrave.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Albertson, Bethany, Cramer, Katherine, and Shana Kushner Gadarian. 2017. Forum on *The Politics of Resentment: Rural Consciousness in Wisconsin and the Rise of Scott Walker*. (2016 University of Chicago Press) and *Anxious Politics*, *Political Psychology*.

Albertson, Bethany and Shana Kushner Gadarian. 2017. Emotion and Foreign Policy in the Trump Age. *International Security Studies Forum*. Roundtable on Public Opinion and the Trump Administration's Foreign Policy <https://issforum.org/roundtables/policy/2-1-public-opinion>

Albertson, Bethany and Shana Kushner Gadarian. 2016. "Anxiety Over Terrorism Advantages Hillary Clinton" *Political Communication. The Forum*: 00:1-5.

Albertson, Bethany and Shana Kushner Gadarian. 2016. "How Terrorism Could Affect the 2016 Election" *Society*. 53(5): 479.

- Albertson, Bethany and Shana Kushner Gadarian. 2016. "Emotions and Political Decision Making" *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*.
- Albertson, Bethany, Josh Busby and Shana Kushner Gadarian. 2016. Will Anxiety about Terrorism Affect the 2016 Election? Clinton Has the Advantage for Now. *The Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*
- Albertson, Bethany and Shana Kushner Gadarian. 2015. How Anxiety about Terrorism Could Change our Politics. *The Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*
- Albertson, Bethany and Joshua Busby. 2015. Persuading Americans to Act on Climate Change. *The Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*.
- Albertson, Bethany and Shana Gadarian. 2015. "Ebola, Anxiety, and Support for Protective Policies." *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 48(1): 8-9.
- Albertson, Bethany and Shana Gadarian. 2014. "Ebola will make Americans more likely to give up civil liberties." *The Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*.
- Albertson, Bethany and Shana Gadarian. 2014. "Was the Facebook emotion experiment unethical?" *The Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*.
- Albertson, Bethany and Shana Gadarian. 2013. "An Anxious August for Immigration Reform." *The Monkey Cage*.
- Book Review: Race, Republicans, and the Return of the Party of Lincoln. 2008. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 72(3): 554-557.
- Book Review: In Defense of Negativity: Attack Ads in Presidential Campaigns. 2007. *American Review of Politics*, 28: 249-251.
- Albertson, Bethany and John Brehm. 2003. Comments: Social Neuroscience in Political Psychology. *Political Psychology*. 24: 4.
- Rasinski, Kenneth A., Jennifer Berktold, Tom W. Smith and Bethany Albertson. 2002. *America Recovers: A Follow-Up to a National Study of Public Response to the September 11<sup>th</sup> Terrorist Attacks*. Chicago: NORC.

## HONORS & GRANTS

- 2016 Co-Winner of Robert E. Lane Award for best book in Political Psychology (w/ Shana Gadarian)
- 2015 Subvention Grant, University of Texas, Austin. *Anxious Politics: Democratic Citizenship in a Threatening World*. (\$900)
- 2014 Co-Winner of Society for Political Methodology's Harold F. Gosnell Prize along with co-authors Margaret E. Roberts, Brandon M. Stewart, Dustin Tingley, Christopher Lucas, Jetson Leder-Luis, Shana Gadarian, and David Rand.

- 2014 2013-2014 Josefina Paredes Endowed Teaching Award
- 2011 Summer Research Assignment, University of Texas, Austin. *Anxious Politics: The Effect of Anxiety on Learning, Trust and Political Attitudes*. (2 months summer salary)
- 2010 National Science Foundation, Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences. *Anxious Politics: The Effect of Immigration Anxiety on Trust and Attitudes*. (with Shana Kushner Gadarian). (\$22,000)
- 2009 Special Research Grant, University of Texas, Austin. *Anxiety and Public Health* (\$750)
- 2008 Harrington Faculty Fellow, University of Texas, Austin.
- 2008 Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington. *Family Values in Political Campaigns*. (\$34,825)
- 2007 National Science Foundation, Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences. *Fear and Learning: How Do Anxious Voters Get Their News?* (with Shana Kushner Gadarian).
- 2007 Institute for Ethnic Studies in the United States, University of Washington. *Fear and Learning in the Immigration Debate: How Do Anxious Citizens Get Their News?* (with Shana Kushner Gadarian). (\$4,600)
- 2005 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant. (\$12,000)
- 2005 Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University.
- 2005 Honorable Mention, Seymour Sudman Student Paper Competition, AAPOR. (with Adria Lawrence).
- 2003 APSA Political Psychology Section Scholarship, Summer Institute in Political Psychology.
- 2002 Earl S. Johnson Prize for best M.A. paper, University of Chicago.

### **PRESENTATIONS** (past 10 years)

- *Conspiracies, Electoral Fraud, and Support for Democratic Norms*.
  - American Political Science Association. 2017. (with Kim Guiler)
  - Texas A&M, invited talk.
  
- *Anxious Politics and the 2016 Election*. American Elections Academic Symposium, St. Anselm. Keynote Address. 2017.
  
- *Faith or Party: The Centrality of Religious Identity in American Politics*. 2015. American Political Science Association.
  
- *Anxious Politics: Democratic Citizenship in a Threatening World*.
  - American Politics Speaker Series. Texas A & M. College Station, TX. May 2015.
  - SMU Tower Center Monthly Seminar. Dallas, TX. May 2015.
  - Political Psychology Pre-Conference, APSA. San Francisco, CA. September 2015
  
- *Knocked Out? The Electoral Consequences of Politicians' Disclosure of LGBT Status*. 2015. Midwest Political Science Association. (with Paul Zachary)

- Anxiety and Trust when the Issues are Partisan. 2014. American Political Science Association. (with Shana Kushner Gadarian).
- Religious Identity and Political Choices. 2013 and 2014. American Political Science Association and Midwest Political Science Association.
- Anxious Politics: The Effect of Anxiety on Policy Attitudes. 2013. Midwest Political Science Association. (with Shana Kushner Gadarian)
- God on Their Side? The Boundaries on Religious Persuasion In Contemporary Politics. 2012. Loyola Marymount University.
- Anxious Politics: The Effect of Anxiety on Political Trust. 2012. New York University and Midwest Political Science Association (with Shana Kushner Gadarian).
- I Can't Hear You: Persuasive Messages and Climate Change. 2011. Western Political Science Association. (with Joshua Busby)
- Anxious Politics: The Effects of Fear on Political Trust. 2011. Midwest Political Science Association. (with Shana Kushner Gadarian)
- Anxious Politics: The Effects of Fear on Learning and Trust. 2010. University of Chicago, Political Psychology Workshop. Invited Talk.
- Fear and Learning about Public Health Issues. 2010, 2011. American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association (with Shana Kushner Gadarian).
- Anxiety in the Face of a Public Health Crisis: The Effect of Anxiety on Trust and Learning. 2010. Western Political Science Association. (with Shana Kushner Gadarian).
- Hearts or Minds: Persuasive Messages on Climate Change. 2010. Western Political Science Association. (with Joshua Busby)
- Fear and Learning: the Role of Anxiety in Contemporary Debates. 2009. Vanderbilt University. Invited talk.
- Religious Appeals and Coded Communication. 2009. Harrington Faculty Fellows Annual Research Symposium. Amarillo, TX.
- Family Values in Political Campaigns. 2009. American Political Science Association.
- Uneasy Street: Fear and Leaning in an Economic Crisis. 2009. Midwest Political Science Association, American Political Science Association. (with Shana Kushner Gadarian).
- Pre-election Polling and the 2008 Presidential Election. 2009. Race in American Politics: An 2008 Presidential Election Symposium. WISER, University of Washington. (with Anthony Greenwald).

- Is Lou Dobbs Frightening? The Effect of Threatening Advertisements on Black, White and Latino Attitudes towards Immigration. 2008. American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association. (with Shana Kushner Gadarian).
- Religious Appeals and Implicit Attitudes: Evidence from the 2008 Democratic Primary. 2008. Midwest Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association.
- Fear and Learning in the Immigration Debate: How do anxious citizens get their news? 2007. American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association and International Society of Political Psychology. (with Shana Kushner Gadarian).
- Mysterious Ways: The Mechanisms of Religious Persuasion in American Politics. 2006. Social Psychology Brown Bag, University of Washington.
- Dog Whistle Politics, Coded Communication, and Religious Appeals. 2006. American Political Science Association and International Society of Political Psychology.
- Interpersonal Ambivalence and Partisanship. 2006. American Political Science Association. (with Jeff Grynawiski).
- Religious Appeals and Implicit Attitudes. 2006. Midwest Political Science Association.
- How Does Television Change Us? An Analysis of Three Field Experiments. 2005. American Association of Public Opinion Research. (with Adria Lawrence).
- Coded Communication and Candidate Appeals. 2005. Midwest Political Science Association and Political Psychology Workshop, University of Chicago.

**COURSES TAUGHT** (At University of Texas unless otherwise specified)

**Undergraduate:**

American Government (traditional and on-line)  
 American Government – Honors  
 Political Psychology  
 Voting and Elections (University of Washington)  
 Sources of Evil – Honors (University of Washington)  
 Political Participation (Notre Dame)

**Graduate:**

Public Opinion and Voting Behavior  
 Survey Design and Analysis (co-taught with Stephen Jessee)  
 Experiments in Political Science (co-taught with Mike Findley)  
 Political Psychology (University of Washington & as an independent study at University of Texas)

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

2003 Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Ohio State University  
2002 ICPSR, University of Michigan (Regression Analysis, Maximum Likelihood Estimation)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Editorial Boards: *American Politics Research*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Politics, Groups & Identities*
- Reviewer for: National Science Foundation, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science and Politics*, *Public Choice*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences.
- Awards Committee: American Political Science Association, Experimental Methods Section. Dissertation Award Committee Member. 2011.
- Conference Chair:
  - International Society for Political Psychology (ISPP). San Antonio. 2018.
  - World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR). Austin. 2016 (co-chair with Talia Stroud).
- Section Chair:
  - Southern Political Science Association (Political Psychology). 2016.
  - Western Political Science Association. (Public Opinion and Political Psychology). 2010.
- Communications Director, American Political Science Association, Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior. 2017-present.
- Communications Director, American Political Science Association, Political Psychology Section. 2008 to 2011.
- Junior Scholars Committee, International Society for Political Psychology, 2009.

## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

Department IRB Coordinator (2014-present)  
Search Committee, Latino Politics (2013-2014)  
Search Committee, Methods FII (2017-2018)  
Executive Committee (2017-2018)  
Graduate Admissions (2009-2011, 2012-2013)  
Peer Teaching Review Committee (2009-2011)  
Graduate Financial Aid (2011-2012)