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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Kennesaw State University, 2021-present  
Associate Professor, School of Government & International Affairs

Kennesaw State University, 2015-2021  
Assistant Professor, School of Government & International Affairs

University of Illinois at Chicago, 2014-2015  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Stony Brook University, 2014  
Examination Fields: American Politics, Methodology, and Political Psychology

M.S., Experimental Psychology, Georgia Southern University, 2008

B.S., Psychology, University of North Florida, 2005

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

Johnson, April A. and Sierra Powell. 2023. "An Untapped Coalition: Partisanship and Political Participation Among People with Disabilities." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 1-22.

Johnson, April A. and Sierra Powell. 2020. "Disability and Election Administration in the United States: Barriers and Improvements." *Policy Studies*, 41(2-3): 249-270.

Powell, Sierra, and April A. Johnson. 2019. "Patterns and Mechanisms of Political Participation Among People with Disabilities." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 44(3).

Wronski, Julie A., Alexa Bankert, Karyn A. Amira April A. Johnson, and Lindsey C. Levitan. 2018. "A Tale of Two Democrats: How Authoritarianism Divides the Democratic Party." *Journal of Politics*, 80(4): 1384-1388.

- Johnson, April A and Rebecca LeFebvre. 2018. "Contextual Predictors of Online Protest Behavior: A #Ferguson Case Study." *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*, 15(1): 50-65.
- O'Kelly, Caitlin, and April A. Johnson. 2017. "The Demographics of the Modern American Senate and How It Reflects the Modern American Voter." *Kennesaw Journal of Undergraduate Research*, 5(3), article 3.
- Johnson, April A. 2017. "Mental Health and Voter Turnout: A Study of Georgia Counties." *Georgia Journal of Public Policy*, 3(1): 1-17.
- Johnson, April A. 2014. "Ambivalence, Political Engagement and Context." *Political Studies*, 62(3): 502-521.
- Seltzer, Nicholas A., April A. Johnson, and Karyn A. Amira. 2013. "Revisiting Dynamic Social Impact Theory: Extensions and Applications for Political Science." *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society*, 26(4): 349-367.
- Newman, Benjamin J., Christopher D. Johnston, April A. Strickland, and Jack Citrin. 2012. "Immigration Crackdown in the American Workplace: Explaining Variation in E-Verify Policy Adoption across the U.S. States." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 12(2): 160-182.
- Strickland, April A., Charles S. Taber, and Milton Lodge. 2011. "Motivated Reasoning and Public Opinion." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, 36(6): 935-944.
- Strickland, April A., Lawrence Locker, Jr., and William D. McIntosh. 2011. "Conservative Versus Liberal Worldviews and Introspective Thought." *Journal of Ideology*, 33.

### ***Book Chapters***

- Johnson, April A. 2023. "Conspiracy Thinking." In *Handbook of Democracy and Security*, eds. Nicholas A. Seltzer and Steven Wilson. Edwin Elgar Publishing.
- Johnson, April A. and Sierra Powell. 2020. "Disability and Election Administration in the United States: Barriers and Improvements." In *Building Inclusive Elections*, eds. Toby S. James and Holly Ann Garnett. Routledge.
- Johnson, April A. and Karyn A. Amira. 2020. "#NeverTrump and the Fourth Estate." In *The Republican Resistance: #NeverTrump Conservatives and the Future of the GOP*, eds. Andrew Pieper and Jefferson DeWitt. Lexington Press.

### ***Other Publications***

- Johnson, April A., Sierra Powell, Christopher Ojeda, and Christine Slaughter. 2020. "Health,

Disability, and Political Behavior: A Report on the Validity of the Health Measures on the 2019 ANES Pilot Study.” American National Election Study Pilot Study Reports. <https://electionstudies.org/papers-documents/>

Johnson, April A., Jack Citrin, Christopher D. Johnston, and Benjamin J. Newman. “(Op-Ed) E-Verify is About Culture, Not Jobs.” *San Francisco Chronicle*, December 2, 2012.

### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS**

Economic Policy Attitudes and Their Predictive Effects Among Individuals with Disabilities with Joshua M. Johnson (*In preparation for journal submission*)

State Election Policy and Disabled Voter Turnout with Wyatt Dunlap (*Under review*)

Veteranship and Disability Status: An Investigation of Cross-Cutting Preferences

Attitudes Towards Institutional Legitimacy Among Individuals with Disabilities

### **TEACHING**

Kennesaw State University

*POLS 1101 American Government*

*POLS 2280 Research Methods*

*POLS 3375 Political Psychology*

*POLS 3380 Mass Media & Politics*

*POLS 3387 Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Lobbying*

*POLS 3388 Lobbying and Interest Groups*

*POLS 3394 Public Polling and Survey Techniques*

*POLS 4280 Advanced Research Methods*

*POLS 4402 Political Parties*

University of Illinois at Chicago

*POLS101 Introduction to American Government and Politics, Spring 2015*

*POLS225 Political Interest Groups, Fall 2014*

*POLS329 Seminar on American Politics: Elections and Voting Behavior, Spring 2015*

*POLS469 Advanced Topics in American Politics, Fall 2014*

Stony Brook University

*POL102 Introduction to American Government, Spring 2012*

*POL103 Introduction to Comparative Politics, Summer 2013, Fall 2013*

*POL324 American Political Parties and Interest Groups, Spring 2014*

*POL346 Political Psychology, Fall 2011, Summer 2012, Fall 2012*

*POL367 Mass Media in Politics, Summer 2010, Winter 2013*

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2021	Kennesaw Journal of Undergraduate Research Reviewer Award
2021	Undergraduate Research Course Redesign Institute (\$1,500)
2020	CHSS Online Course Development Fund (\$2500)
2019	American National Election Study, Survey Contributor 2019 Pilot Study
2019	CHSS Online Course Development Fund (\$3000)
2018-19	SGIA Distinguished Early Career Faculty Award
2018	CHSS Online Course Development Fund (\$3000)
2015-16	CETL Quick Starters Faculty Learning Community Grant (\$1000)
2013	Madeline Fusco Fellowship Award/Dissertation Grant (\$5,000)
2013	Harrell Rodgers Graduate Student Travel Scholarship (\$500)
2012	APSA Distinguished Junior Scholars Award in Political Psychology (\$200)
2009-2014	Tuition Scholarship, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University
2009-2014	Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Johnson, April A. and Joshua M. Johnson. 2023. "Economic Policy Attitudes and Their Predictive Effects Among Individuals With Disabilities." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Johnson, April A. 2022. "Economic Policy Attitudes and Disability Status: A Study." Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, CA.
- Johnson, April A. and Sierra Powell. 2021. "Partisanship and Political Participation Among People with Disabilities." Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.
- Johnson, April A. and Sierra Powell. 2020. "Disability in the American Political System." Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Virtual conference.
- Johnson, April A. and Joshua M. Johnson. 2020. "The Political Consequences of Disability Status and Military Service." Accepted at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (conference canceled).
- Johnson, April A. 2019. "Partisanship and Political Participation Among People with Disabilities." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.
- Seltzer, Nicholas A. and April A. Johnson. 2019. "Social Capital in the 21st Century: Immigration and the Breakdown of Trust." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.
- Johnson, April A. 2018. "A State of Mind: Mental Health as a Predictor of Political Participation." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Montreal, Quebec.

- Johnson, April A. and Sierra Powell. 2018. "Partisanship and Political Participation Among People with Disabilities." Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.
- Powell, Sierra and April A. Johnson. 2018. "Partisanship and Political Participation Among People with Disabilities." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Johnson, April A. 2017. "The Psychological and Political Costs of Minimum Wage Laws." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Johnson, April A. and Joshua M. Johnson. 2017. "The Impact of Local Political Context on Supreme Court Perceptions." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, Canada.
- Johnson, April A. and Joshua M. Johnson. 2016. "Local Context, Judicial Elections, and their Impact on Supreme Court Perceptions." Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Johnson, April A. 2016. "Mental Health Services and Political Participation." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Johnson, April A. 2016. "Mental Health Services and Political Participation." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.
- Johnson, April A. 2015. "The Mind-Body Connection: Mental Health Resources and Political Participation." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Johnson, April A. and Joshua M. Johnson. 2015. "Trust in Government and Pro-Environmental Behavior." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Johnson, April A., Karyn A. Amira, & Joshua M. Johnson. 2014. "Broken Vows, Broken Democracy? The Political Consequences of Divorce." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Johnson, April A., & Jorge I. Mendoza. 2013. "For Every Action, There is a Reaction: Minority Response to Voter Identification Laws." Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Johnson, April A., Patrick Lown, & Jeremiah Garretson. 2013. "Exploring Contextual Moderators of Partisan Ambivalence on Split-Ticket Voting." Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Johnson, April A., Joshua M. Johnson, & Patrick Lown. 2013. "The External Consequences of Internal Divisions: A Random Effects Model of Partisan Ambivalence on Split-Ticket

Voting.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

Johnson, April A. 2012. “Voters’ Perceptions of Campaign Spending in Congressional Elections.” Accepted for presentation at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (conference canceled).

Strickland, April A. 2012. “Voters’ Perceptions of Campaign Spending in Congressional Elections.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Seltzer, Nicholas A., April A. Strickland, and Karyn A. Amira. 2012. “On the Social Nature of Political Attitudes.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Strickland, April A., Benjamin J. Newman, & Christopher D. Johnston. 2011. “Coping with Electoral Defeat: An Analysis of Voting for a Losing Candidate and Subsequent Political Behavior.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.

Strickland, April A., & Lindsey C. Levitan. 2011. “Who Sees Others as Red or Blue? How Personality and Social Context Moderate Partisan Perceptions.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Newman, Benjamin J., Christopher D. Johnston, April A. Strickland, & Jack Citrin 2011. “Immigration Crackdown in the American Workplace: Explaining Variation in E-Verify Policy Adoption and Mass Support.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2023	Chair, Nonwhite Voters and Political Behavior, MPSA Annual Conference
2023	Discussant, Youth Voting, MPSA Annual Conference
2022-present	Chair, Curriculum Committee, School of Government & International Affairs
2022	Roundtable presenter, Disability in Political Science: Current Scholarship and Future Directions, APSA Annual Conference
2021-2023	Chair, Faculty Council, School of Government and International Affairs
2020-2022	Executive Board Member, Georgia Political Science Association
2020-present	Chair, SGIA Mentoring Committee
2019-2020	SGIA Search Committee Member, Tenure-track position in American Politics
2019-present	SGIA Brown Bag Research Series Coordinator
2019-present	POLS 1101 Survey Research Pool Co-Coordinator
2018-2020	Faculty Council, School of Government and International Affairs
2017-2021	Social Sciences Councilor, Council on Undergraduate Research
2017	Discussant, Extra Judicial Actors, WPSA Annual Conference
2016- present	Social Media Coordinator, School of Government and International Affairs
2015-2022	Curriculum Committee, School of Government & International Affairs

- 2016 Discussant, What Changes Participation Patterns, MPSA Annual Conference  
 2016 Chair, Messages, Messengers, and Framing, WPSA Annual Conference  
 2015 Roundtable Chair, On-Line Teaching and Instruction, MPSA Annual Conference  
 2015 Discussant, Psychology of Engagement and Participation, MPSA Annual Conference  
 2015 Discussant, How People Choose Who Gets What From Whom, MPSA Annual Conference  
 2013 Chair, Contextual Influences on Political Decision-Making Panel, MPSA Annual Conference  
 2013 Discussant, Political Bias, Misinformation, and Conspiracy Theories Panel, MPSA Annual Conference

**REVIEWER/REFEREE**

Routledge Press	<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>
Oxford University Press	<i>Journal of Politics</i>
<i>Political Behavior</i>	<i>American Political Science Review</i>
<i>British Journal of Political Science</i>	<i>Political Psychology</i>
<i>Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law</i>	<i>Political Studies</i>
<i>Kennesaw Journal of Undergraduate Research</i>	<i>American Politics Research</i>
<i>State Politics &amp; Policy</i>	<i>Questions in Politics</i>
<i>Political Research Quarterly</i>	<i>Politics, Groups and Identities</i>

**MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association  
 Midwestern Political Science Association  
 Western Political Science Association  
 Southwestern Political Science Association  
 Northeastern Political Science Association  
 Council on Undergraduate Research

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Electoral Behavior	Disability Politics
Political Psychology	Public Opinion
Mass Media and Political Communication	Experimental Research Methods
Contextual Influences	Parties and Party Systems