

Brandon Marshall

Department of Political Science

Stony Brook University
Social and Behavioral Science Building, 7th Floor
Stony Brook, NY 11794

Phone: (740) 360 2276

Email: brandon.marshall@stonybrook.edu

Website: bjtmarshall.wordpress.com

- Education** **Ph.D in Political Science**, May 2019 (Expected)
Stony Brook University, Stony Brook New York
Specializations: Political Psychology, American Politics
- B.A. Degree in Political Science**, May 2014
Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN
Minor: Psychology
- Research Interests** Affective Polarization, Elections & Campaigns, American Political Institutions,
Political Parties, Emotions & Political Behavior
- Professional Affiliations** American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association

Dissertation (WIP): *Political Conflict: Affective Polarization in a Intragroup Emotions Framework*

My dissertation focuses on investigating the phenomenon of affective polarization from an intra-group emotions framework. In this perspective, individuals have emotional reactions simply by identifying themselves as part of the group. As a result, they will react emotionally in response situations perceived as relevant to the group. I argue that electoral incentives of American politics encourages political elites to take advantage of these group identities to mobilize voters through encouraging anger and outrage towards the opposing party, resulting in affective polarization. I also investigate possible techniques to reduce this group-identity based anger and encourage more positive attitudes toward outgroup members. These strategies consist of techniques that indirectly encourage individuals to reappraise the situation and to think in an individual mindset instead of a group-oriented mindset

Committee Members: WIP

Working Papers

“Voter Placement of Candidate Ideology: A Test of Competing Theories”, With Michael Peress

“Looking for a Fight? Conflict Avoidance and Responses to Uncivil Politics”

Conference Presentations

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017

“Voter Placement of Candidate Ideology: A Test of Competing Theories.” With Michael Peress

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016

“Looking for a Fight? Conflict Avoidance and Responses to Uncivil Politics”

Teaching Experience

Instructor POL 102: Introduction to American Government, Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant POL 102: Introduction to American Government, Fall 2016

Media Outreach

Host, *Election Connection 2016* on WUSB 90.1 FM, Fall 2015-Present