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EMPLOYMENT	<i>Associate Professor</i> 2024-present <i>Assistant Professor</i> 2019 to 2024 Department of Political Science University of Alabama <i>Assistant Research Scientist</i> 2017 to 2019 Public Policy Research Institute Texas A&M University <i>Lecturer</i> 2017 to 2019 School of Government and Public Policy University of Arizona	
AFFILIATIONS	<i>Principal Investigator</i> 2021-present Democracy and Open Science (DEMOS) Lab University of Alabama <i>Faculty Affiliate</i> 2022 to present Office of Politics, Communication, and Media University of Alabama	
EDUCATION	Ph.D. Political Science, Louisiana State University 2017 B.A. Political Science, Taylor University 2010	
TEACHING AND RESEARCH	Public opinion, the structure of belief systems, democratic attitudes, religion and politics	
BOOKS	[2] Davis, Nicholas T. and Matthew P. Hitt. Under contract. <i>Supremely polarizing: How partisanship structures support for the Court</i> . Cambridge University Press: Element Series. [1] Davis, Nicholas T. , Kirby Goidel, and Keith Gaddie. 2022. <i>The Meanings of Democracy: How Americans Think About Democracy and Why It Matters</i> . University of Michigan Press. - Reviewed in Perspectives on Politics , Political Studies Quarterly	
PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES	[23] Davis, Nicholas T. and Matthew P. Hitt. Accepted for publication. " Partisan sorting, fatalism, and Supreme Court legitimacy ". <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> . [22] Cagle, Drew [†] and Davis, Nicholas T. 2024. " Civility norms and political accountability ." <i>Social Science Quarterly</i>	

[†]Graduate student coauthor

- [21] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Matthew P. Hitt. 2024. “Diffuse Support, Partisanship, and the Electoral Relevance of the Supreme Court”. *Journal of Law & Courts*
- [20] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2023. “The (racial) implications of ‘special favors’” *Research & Politics.*, 10(2), 1-7. [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- [19] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2023. “The Psychometric Properties of the Christian Nationalism Scale.” *Politics and Religion.*, 16, 1-26. [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- [18] White, Mark H., Christian S. Crandall, and **Nicholas T. Davis**. 2021. “Vicarious Justifications for Prejudice in the Application of Democratic Values.” *Social Psychological and Personality Science*. [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- [17] Katherine Clayton[†], **Nicholas T. Davis**, Brendan Nyhan, Ethan Porter, Timothy J. Ryan, and Thomas J. Wood. “Elite rhetoric can undermine democratic norms.” 2021. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(23). [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- [Research summary](#) submitted as testimony to the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, U.S. House of Representatives
 - Press coverage in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Independent*, *Vox*, *The Washington Post*
- [16] Fishman, Nic* and **Nicholas T. Davis**. 2022. “Change we can believe in: Structural and content dynamics within belief networks.” *American Journal of Political Science*, 66(3), 648-663. [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- [15] Miller, Steven V and **Nicholas T. Davis**. 2021. “The effect of white social prejudice on support for American democracy.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 6(2), 334 - 351. [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- Press coverage in *The New York Times*, *NBC News: Think*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Washington Post: The Daily 202*, *Maclean's*, *ThinkProgress*
- [14] Goidel, Kirby, **Nicholas T. Davis**, and Spencer Goidel. 2021. “Changes in perceptions of media bias.” *Research & Politics*, 8(1): 1-9. [[paper](#)]
- [13] **Davis, Nicholas T.**, Kirby Goidel, and Yikai Zhao. 2020. “The meanings of democracy among mass publics.” *Social Indicators Research*, 153(3): 849-921. [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- [12] **Davis, Nicholas T.**, Samara Klar, and Christopher R. Weber. 2019. “Affective consistency and sorting.” *Social Sciences Quarterly*, 100(6): 2478 - 2494. [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- [11] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Christopher M. Federico. 2019. “Constructing images of the divine: Latent heterogeneity in Americans’ impressions of God.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 58(1): 47 - 66. [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- [10] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2019. “Identity sorting and political compromise.” *American Politics Research*, 47(2): 391 - 414. [[paper](#)]
- [9] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2018. “Religion and partisan-ideological sorting, 1984-2016.” *Social Science Quarterly*, 99(4): 1446 - 1466. [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- [8] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2018. “Elite cues and (asymmetric) sorting.” *Research & Politics*, 5(2): 1-8. [[paper](#)]

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- [7] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Matthew P. Hitt. 2017. “Winning, losing, and the dynamics of external political efficacy.” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 29(4): 676-689. [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- [6] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Johanna Dunaway. 2016. “Party polarization, media choice, and partisan-ideological sorting.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 80(S1): 272-297. [[paper](#)]
- [5] McCarthy, Angela, **Nicholas T. Davis**, James C. Garand, and Laura R. Olson. 2016. “Religion and attitudes toward redistributive policies among Americans.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 69(1): 121-133. [[paper](#), [replication](#)]
- [4] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Lilliana Mason. 2016. “Sorting and the split-ticket: Evidence from presidential and sub-presidential elections.” *Political Behavior*, 38(2): 337-354. [[paper](#)]
- [3] Dunaway, Johanna L., **Nicholas T. Davis**, Jeremy Padgett, and Rosanne M. Scholl. 2015. “Objectivity and information bias in campaign news.” *Journal of Communication*, 65(5): 770-792. [[paper](#)]
- [2] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2015. “The role of indifference in split-ticket voting.” *Political Behavior*, 23(1): 67-86. [[paper](#)]
- [1] **Davis, Nicholas T.** 2014. “Responsiveness and the rules of the game: How disproportionality affects winners’ and losers’ perceptions of external efficacy.” *Electoral Studies*, 36: 129-136. [[paper](#)]

EDITOR
REVIEWED
ARTICLES

- [3] Goidel, Kirby, **Nicholas T. Davis**, and Keith Gaddie. Forthcoming. “Review / Critical Dialogue: Frustrated Majorities: How Issue Intensity Enables Smaller Groups of Voters to Get What They Want.” *Perspectives on Politics*.
- [2] Goidel, Kirby, **Nicholas T. Davis**, Christine Lipsmeyer, Guy Whitten, and Cliff Young. 2019. “Economic vulnerability, cultural decline, and nativism: Contingent and indirect effects.” *Social Science Quarterly*, 100(2), 430 - 446.
- [1] **Davis, Nicholas T.**, Kirby Goidel, Christine Lipsmeyer, and Guy Whitten. 2019. “The political consequences of nativism: The impact of nativist sentiment on party support.” *Social Science Quarterly*, 100(2) 466 - 479

MANUSCRIPTS
IN-PROGRESS

- [4] Descriptive vs. prescriptive Christian nationalism (with Flavio Azevedo, Manuscript in preparation)
- [3] The Future of the US Supreme Court: Ethics, Polarization, and Reform (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier and Matthew P. Hitt; Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Policy History*)
- [2] Religious nationalism and support for civil liberties (with Michael Regnier*, Manuscript in preparation)
- [1] Race and place: How inferiority and foreignness affect reactions to a Supreme Court welfare ruling (with Julia Dominguez*, Manuscript in preparation)

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BOOK PROJECTS
IN-PROGRESS

- [2] Level Up: An introductory guide to designing, writing, and presenting academic research (with Paul Musgrave).
- [1] Not my neighbor: Social prejudice and support for democracy (with Steven V. Miller).

PUBLIC-FACING
WRITING

- [8] Paul Musgrave and **Nicholas T. Davis**. February 2023. "[Thesis Statement](#)." A Substack on academic writing for students and faculty.
- [7] Goidel, Kirby, Keith Gaddie, and **Davis, Nicholas T.** November 8, 2023. "[Calls to "save democracy" won't work if there is little agreement on what democracy is](#)" *London School of Economics: US Centre Blog*.
- [6] **Davis, Nicholas T.** April 2, 2019. "[When push comes to shove, well-sorted partisans don't like to compromise](#)" *London School of Economics: US Centre Blog*.
- [5] **Davis, Nicholas T.** January 29, 2019. "[Millennials are more likely to oppose racism](#)." *Data for Progress*.
- [4] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Jon Green. November 14, 2018. "[Nativism isn't going away: Immigration attitudes continue to predict vote choice](#)" *Data for Progress*.
- [3] **Davis, Nicholas T.** and Steven Miller. July 2, 2018. "[Racism and authoritarianism go hand in hand](#)." *Vox: Mischiefs of Faction*.
- [2] **Nicholas T. Davis** and Matthew P. Hitt. June 23, 2016. "[No, disgruntled primary losers won't vote for the other party in November. Here's why](#)." *The Washington Post's The Monkey Cage*.
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GRANTS &
AWARDS

Extramural

- National Science Foundation RAPID: Four-wave panel study to create Supreme Court and Democracy (SCD) dataset (with Matthew P. Hitt) **Funded: \$92,693**
- Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program: A crisis of legitimacy: Public polarization in views of the Supreme Court Not funded: \$200,000

Intramural

University of Alabama

- 2022 ASPIRE Semester research sabbatical

- 2019-2020 ORED Small Grant Program Award

Funded: \$6,000

Texas A&M University

- 2018 College of Liberal Arts Seed Grant

Funded: \$5,000

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

University of Alabama

- PSC101 - Introduction to American Government
- PSC321 - Voting & Participation
- PSC321 - Media & Politics

PSC411 - Public Opinion
PSC421 - Political Psychology
PSC511 - Public Opinion (Graduate)
PSC616 - Political Psychology (Graduate)
PSC616 - Media and Politics (Graduate)

University of Arizona

POL201 - Introduction to American Government

Louisiana State University

PS2051 - Introduction to American Politics

INVITED TALKS

- “How to think about how Americans think about democracy.” Richard W. Riley Institute, Furman University. September 12, 2023.
- “The meanings of democracy.” Straayer Center for Public Service and Leadership, Colorado State University. April 7-9, 2024.

SERVICE

Disciplinary

- 2023 - Annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Section chair
- 2021 - Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Discussant

University

- Reviewer: Arts & Sciences Support for Undergraduate Research 2021-present
- Member: Core Curriculum and Oversight Committee 2024-present

Departmental

- Departmental Committees
 - 2024 - TT American Politics Search Committee Chair
 - 2024 - FTTI Search Committee
 - 2024 - Post-doc Search Committee
 - 2023-present - Planning / Steering
 - 2022 - Graduate Studies Committee
 - 2021 - Undergraduate Studies Committee
 - 2020-2023 - Speakers Colloquium (Chair)
- Graduate advising:
 - Doctoral students*
 - 2023 - Drew Cagle (Political Science, Committee chair)
 - 2024 - Zac Bonner (Political Science, Committee member)
 - [Expected 2025] - Patrick Tate (Political Science, Committee Co-chair)
 - [Expected 2026] - Marci Turner (Political Science, Committee chair)
 - [Expected 2026] - Dylan Ogle (Political Science, Committee member)
 - [Expected 2026] - Sherman Tylawsky (Political Science, Committee member)
 - [Expected 2025] - Jade Larson (Mass Comm, External committee member)
 - [Expected 2025] - Lexie Harrison (Psychology, External committee member)

Masters Thesis students

- [Expected 2025] - Michael Regnier (Political Science, Committee Chair)

REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, American Politics Research, Political Behavior, Electoral Studies, Journal of Communication, Research and Politics, Election Law Journal, Psychological Review, Politics & Religion, Politics Groups, and Identities, TESS: Time-sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences, National Science Foundation, Social Currents, Perspectives of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Politics, Ideology, and Religion, Nature Human Behavior, Race and Social Problems

REFERENCES

Available upon request.