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EMPLOYMENT:

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, September 2018-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, September 2011-2018

EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2011

B.S., Political Science, Santa Clara University (summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa), 2005

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

Elizabeth Simas, Scott Clifford, and Justin Kirkland. "How Empathic Concern Fuels Political Polarization." Accepted. *American Political Science Review*.

Elizabeth Simas and Doug Murdoch (UH Graduate Student). In Press. "I Didn't Lie, I Misspoke': Voters' Responses to Questionable Campaign Statements." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

Scott Clifford, Justin Kirkland, and **Elizabeth Simas**. 2019. "How Dispositional Empathy Influences Political Ambition." *Journal of Politics*, 81(3): 1043-1056.

Elizabeth Simas. 2018. "Perceptions of the Heterogeneity of Party Elites in the United States." *Party Politics*, 24(4): 444-454.

Elizabeth Simas. 2018 "Ideology through the Partisan Lens: Applying Anchoring Vignettes to U.S. Survey Research." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 30(3): 343-364

Elizabeth Simas and Marcia Bumgardner (UH Graduate Student). 2017. "Modern Sexism and the 2012 U.S. Presidential Election: Reassessing the Casualties of the 'War on Women.'" *Politics & Gender*, 13(3): 359-378.

Elizabeth Simas. 2017. "The Effects of Electability on U.S. Primary Voters." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*, 27(3): 274-290.

Elizabeth Simas and Adam Ozer (UH Graduate Student). 2017. "Church or State?: Reassessing How Religion Shapes Perceptions Candidate Positions." *Research & Politics*, 4(2).

Kerri Milita, **Elizabeth Simas**, John Ryan, and Yanna Krupnikov. 2017. "The Effects of Ambiguous Rhetoric in Congressional Elections." *Electoral Studies*, 46(1): 48-63.

John Ryan, Kerri Milita, and **Elizabeth Simas**. 2014. "Nothing to Hide, Nowhere to Run, or Nothing to Lose: Candidate Position-Taking in Congressional Elections." *Political Behavior*, 36(2): 427-449.

Elizabeth Simas. 2013. "Proximity Voting in the 2010 U.S. House Elections." *Electoral Studies*, 32(4): 708-717

Cindy Kam and **Elizabeth Simas**. 2012. "Risk Attitudes, Candidate Characteristics, and Vote Choice." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 76(4): 747-760

Elizabeth Simas and Kevin Evans. 2011. "Linking Party Platforms to Perceptions of Presidential Candidates' Policy Positions, 1972-1996." *Political Research Quarterly*, 64(4): 831-839

James Adams, Samuel Merrill, **Elizabeth Simas**, and Walter Stone. 2011. "When Candidates Value Good Character: A Spatial Model with Applications to Congressional Elections." *Journal of Politics*, 73(1): 17-30.

Cindy Kam and **Elizabeth Simas**. 2010. "Risk Orientations and Policy Frames." *Journal of Politics*, 72(2): 381-396.

Walter Stone and **Elizabeth Simas**. 2010. "Candidate Valence and Ideological Positions in U.S. House Elections." *American Journal of Political Science*, 54(2): 371-388

SELECT WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Elizabeth Simas. "But Can She Make America Great Again: Threat, Stability, and Candidate Sex in U.S. Elections." Revise and Resubmit.

Elizabeth Simas, Kerri Milita, and John Barry Ryan. "Ambiguous Rhetoric and Legislative Accountability." Revise and Resubmit.

Elizabeth Simas. "An Extremely High Quality Candidate?: Ideological Positioning and Perceptions of Candidate Competence and Integrity." Under Review.

Elizabeth Simas. "The Demobilizing Effects of Elite Polarization in the United States."

Justin Kirkland, **Elizabeth Simas**, and Scott Clifford. "Perceptions of Party Congruence and the Formation of Political Ambition."

Elizabeth Simas. "Voter Decision-Making in Runoff Elections."

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

CLASS Research Progress Grant (with Scott Clifford), 2019 (\$6600).

National Science Foundation, Time-Sharing in the Social Sciences, (with Kerri Milita), 2017

University of Houston Teaching Excellence Provost Core Award, 2016-2017

CLASS Research Progress Grant (with Scott Clifford and Justin Kirkland), 2016 (\$9000)

Department of Research Small Grants Program, 2016 (\$3000)

New Faculty Research Grant, 2012 (\$5000)

National Science Foundation, Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (with Cindy Kam),
2008 and 2010

National Science Foundation, Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences, 2008

University California, Davis Social Sciences Dean's Doctoral Fellowship for Excellence, 2010

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

Consequences of Partisanship for Public Opinion, University of Texas, Austin, May 3, 2019

Explaining Political Behavior and Identity: Macro- and Micro-Level Perspectives, University of
Bamberg, May 23-25, 2018

Political Behavior and Political Institutions Speaker Series, Texas A&M University, April 16, 2018

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2009- 2011, 2013, 2017, 2018

Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association: 2007-2009, 2011, 2012, 2016

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: 2015, 2017, 2019

Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association: 2010, 2014

Cooperative Congressional Election Survey Conference: 2013

SERVICE:

University of Houston

Organizer of the Summer Workshop for Applying to Graduate School, 2019

Co-Organizer of the Summer Workshop for Applying to Graduate School, 2018

Faculty Adviser for Pi Sigma Alpha, 2014-Present

Faculty Adviser for the Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2014-2015

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Mentor, Summer 2014

**Mentee Hadill Calderon won Best Poster Prize at the Fall 2014 Undergraduate Research Day*

Core Curriculum Online Implementation, Instruction, and Evaluation, 2013-2015

CLASSmates Core Teaching Program, 2013-2014

Department Graduate Committee, Fall 2018-present

Department Outreach Committee, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Department Undergraduate Committee, 2011- Spring 2015, Fall 2016-Spring 2017.

Department Technology Committee, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Core Curriculum Textbook Committee, 2015, 2017

American Politics Comprehensive Exam Committees: 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Dissertation Chair:

Adam Ozer, Expected 2020

Doug Murdoch, Expected 2021

Dissertation Committees:

Anjali Kanojia (Chair: Clark), 2013

Burcu Gezgor (Chair: Scarrow), 2014

Marcia Bumgardner (Chair: Clark, 2018

Yongkwang Kim (Chair: Basinger), Expected 2020

Kim Manh (Chair: Casellas), Expected 2020

Senior Honors Thesis Chair:

Britnee Chuor, 2018

Professional

Nominating Committee, Southern Political Science Association 2019

Conference Co-Chair:

2018 Politics and Misinformation, University of Houston, February 8-10, 2018

Conference-Within-a-Conference Co-Chair:

2019 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association

Section Chair:

2017 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Legislative
Politics: Elections

Discussant:

2015 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association

2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association
2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Panelist:

2019 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association

Panel Chair:

2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
2015 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association
2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
2009 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Referee:

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, American Politics Review, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Electoral Studies, Politics, Politics and Research, Legislative Studies Quarterly, British Journal of Political Science, Political Science Research and Methods, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy, Social Science Quarterly, European Political Science Review, European Journal of Politics and Gender, and Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences