

# AMBER ELLEN BOYDSTUN

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## EDUCATION

- 2008    Ph.D., Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University  
         Co-Chairs: Frank Baumgartner and Suzanna Linn (De Boef)
- 2005    Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University
- 2004    M.A., Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2003    Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan
- 1999    B.A., Philosophy/Mathematics, St. John's College (Annapolis, MD & Santa Fe, NM)

## APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, University of California at Davis, 2015-present

Assistant Professor, University of California at Davis, 2008-2015

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

Boydstun, Amber E. 2013. *Making the News: Politics, the Media, and Agenda Setting*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Baumgartner, Frank R., Suzanna L. De Boef and Amber E. Boydston. 2008. *The Decline of the Death Penalty and the Discovery of Innocence*. New York: Cambridge University Press.  
**\*Winner of the 2008 American Political Science Association Gladys Kammerer Award for best political science publication in the field of U.S. national policy\***

### *Refereed Articles*

Boydstun, Amber E., Benjamin Highton and Suzanna Linn. In Press. "Isolating the Effects of Economic Performance and Economic Media Coverage on Economic Attitudes." *Political Research Quarterly*.

Boydstun, Amber E., Alison Ledgerwood, and Jehan Sparks. 2017. "A Negativity Bias in Reframing Shapes Political Preferences Even in Partisan Contexts." *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.

Boydstun, Amber E., Rens Vliegthart, Stefaan Walgrave, and Anne Hardy. Forthcoming. "The Non-Linear Effect of Information on Political Attention: Media Storms and US Congressional Hearings." *Political Communication*.

- Boydston, Amber E., Rens Vliegenthart, and Marshall Thomas. Forthcoming. "The Conditional Nature of Presidential Agenda Influence on TV News: The Case of Education." *International Journal of Communication*.
- Beaulieu, Emily, Amber E. Boydston, Nadia Brown, Kim Yi Dionne, Andra Gillespie, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Melissa R. Michelson, Kathleen Searles, and Christina Wolbrecht. 2017. "Women Also Know Stuff: Meta-Level Mentoring to Battle Gender Bias in Political Science." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 50 (3): 779-783.
- Lawrence, Regina G. and Amber E. Boydston. 2017. "What We Should Really Be Asking About Media Attention to Trump." *Political Communication: The Forum* 34 (1): 150-153. \*Unblinded, peer-reviewed essay.
- Card, Dallas, Justin H. Gross, Amber E. Boydston, and Noah A. Smith. 2016. "Analyzing Framing Through the Casts of Characters in the News." In Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods for Natural Language Processing (EMNLP).
- Card, Dallas, Amber E. Boydston, Justin H. Gross, Philip Resnik and Noah A. Smith. 2015. "The Media Frames Corpus: Annotations of Frames Across Issues." In Proceedings of Association for Computational Linguistics Conference (ACL).
- Boydston, Amber E., Shaun Bevan and Herschel Thomas III. 2014. "The Importance of Attention Diversity and How to Measure It." *Policy Studies Journal*, 42 (2): 173-196.
- Boydston, Amber E., Rebecca A. Glazier, Matthew T. Pietryka, and Philip Resnik. 2014. "Real-Time Reactions to a 2012 Presidential Debate A Method for Understanding Which Messages Matter." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 78: 330-343.
- Boydston, Amber E., Stefaan Walgrave, and Anne Hardy. 2014. "Two Faces of Media Attention: Media Storm vs. Non-Storm Coverage." *Political Communication*. 31 (4): 509-531.
- Boydston, Amber E., Jessica Feezell, Rebecca A. Glazier, Timothy P. Jurka, and Matthew T. Pietryka. 2014. "Colleague Crowdsourcing: A Method for Incentivizing National Student Engagement and Large-N Data Collection." *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 47 (4): 829-834.
- Yoon, Jiso and Amber E. Boydston. 2014. "Dominating the News: Government Officials in Front-Page News Coverage of Policy Issues in the United States and Korea." *Journal of Public Policy*, 34 (2): 207-235.
- Ledgerwood, Alison and Amber E. Boydston. 2014. "Sticky Prospects: Loss Frames Are Cognitively Stickier than Gain Frames." *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 143 (1): 376-385.
- Jurka, Timothy P., Loren Collingwood, Amber E. Boydston, Emiliano Grossman and Wouter van Atteveldt. 2013. "RTextTools: A Supervised Learning Package for Text Classification." *The R Journal*, 5 (1): 6-12.
- Boydston, Amber E. and Rebecca A. Glazier. 2013. "A Two-Tiered Method for Identifying Trends in Media Framing of Policy Issues: The Case of the War on Terror." *Policy Studies Journal*, 41 (4): 706-735.

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- Boydston, Amber E., Rebecca A. Glazier and Claire Phillips. 2013. "Agenda Control in the 2008 Presidential Debates." *American Politics Research*, 41 (5): 863-899.
- Boydston, Amber E., Rebecca A. Glazier and Matthew T. Pietryka. 2013. "Playing to the Crowd: Agenda Control in Presidential Debates." *Political Communication*, 30 (2): 254-277.
- Pietryka, Matthew T. and Amber E. Boydston. 2012. "The Benefits of Going Maverick: How Candidates Can Use Agenda-Setting to Influence Citizen Motivations and Offset Unpopular Issue Positions." *Political Behavior*, 34 (4): 737-763.
- Glazier, Rebecca A. and Amber E. Boydston. 2012. "The President, the Press, and the War: A Tale of Two Framing Agendas." *Political Communication*, 29 (4): 428-446.
- Dardis, Frank E., Frank R. Baumgartner, Amber E. Boydston, Suzanna De Boef and Fuyuan Shen. 2008. "Media Framing of Capital Punishment and Its Impact on Individuals' Cognitive Responses." *Mass Communication and Society* 11 (2): 115-140.

## *Book Chapters*

- Lawrence, Regina G. and Amber E. Boydston. 2017. "Celebrities as Political Actors and Entertainment as Political Media." In Van Aelst, Peter and Stefaan Walgrave (eds.), *How Political Actors Use the Media*. New York: Palgrave.
- Boydston, Amber E. and Annelise Russell. Forthcoming. "From Crisis to Stasis: Media Dynamics and Issue Attention in the News." In Iyengar, Shanto (ed), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Resnik, Philip, Amber E. Boydston, Rebecca A. Glazier and Matthew T. Pietryka. 2016. "Scalable Multidimensional Response Measurement using a Mobile Platform." In Schill, Dan, Rita Kirk and Amy E. Jasperson (eds.), *Political Communication in Real Time*. New York: Routledge.
- Baumgartner, Frank R., Suzanna Linn (De Boef) and Amber E. Boydston. 2009. "The Decline of the Death Penalty: How Media Framing Changed Capital Punishment in America." In Schaffner, Brian F. and Patrick Sellers (eds), *Winning with Words: The Origins and Impact of Framing*. New York: Routledge.

## *Other*

- Lawrence, Regina F. and Amber E. Boydston. 2017. "The Trump Conundrum." *Columbia Journalism Review*.  
[https://www.cjr.org/special\\_report/trump-coverage-election-clinton.php](https://www.cjr.org/special_report/trump-coverage-election-clinton.php)
- Beaulieu, Emily, Amber Boydston, Kim Yi Dionne, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Melissa Michelson, Kathleen Searles, and Christina Wolbrecht. 2016. "Here's a list of smart women political scientists. They know stuff, too." Monkey Cage post for *The Washington Post* (February 11, 2016). <http://wpo.st/AxjG1>
- Boydston, Amber E. 2015. Book Review: *After Broadcast News: Media Regimes, Democracy, and the New Information Environment*, by Bruce A. Williams and Michael X. Delli Carpini. *Political Communication*, 32 (2): 336-338.

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Boydston, Amber E. and Matthew A. Baum. 2013. "Syria vs. Cyrus." Op-ed article for HuffingtonPost.com (September 9, 2013).  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/amber-boydstun/syria-vs-cyrus\\_b\\_3890493.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/amber-boydstun/syria-vs-cyrus_b_3890493.html)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

Boydston, Amber E., Hanna Wallach and Danna Young. "Who's Laughing Now? Applying Text Analysis to Humor in Federal Reserve Meetings."

Acree, Brice D. L., Amber E. Boydston, Yanchuan Sim, Noah A. Smith, and Justin H. Gross. "Testing the Etch-a-Sketch Hypothesis."

Boydston, Amber E., Dallas Card, and Noah A. Smith. "The Conditional Effects of Media Tone on Public Opinion."

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Chancellor's Fellowship, University of California, Davis (2017–2021): \$25,000.

Global Affairs Seed Grant, University of California, Davis (2017–2019): \$18,830.

Bloomberg Research Grant (2016–2017): \$30,000.

"The Asymmetric Sequential Effects of Gain and Loss Media Frames on Economic Attitudes" (with Alison Ledgerwood), National Science Foundation Political Science Program, No. SES-1211266 (September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2014): \$150,000.

"Data-Driven, Computational Models for Discovery and Analysis of Framing" (with Noah Smith, Philip Resnik, and Justin Gross), National Science Foundation Social-Computational Systems Program, No. IIS-1211266 (September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2015): \$749,976 (UC Davis portion: \$183,783 + \$15,999 in Research Experience for Undergraduates funds).

Summer Collaborative Research Grant (with Timothy Jurka), UC Davis Department of Political Science (2009).

Hellman Fellowship, UC Davis (2011–2012): \$21,000.

Amazon Web Services Education Research Grant (2011).

Marie Curie International Fellowship, European Union Commission (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011).

Academic Senate Summer Salary Research Grant, UC Davis (2010).

Academic Senate Small Grant in Aid of Research, UC Davis (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016).

Summer Collaborative Research Grant (with Matthew Pietryka), UC Davis Department of Political Science (2009).

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: "Agenda Setting and Issue Framing Dynamics on Front Page News," National Science Foundation Political Science Program, No. SES-0617492 (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007): \$10,907.

## OTHER AWARDS

Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award, University of California, Davis (2017).

Faculty Development Award, University of California, Davis (2013–2014).

Robert S. Friedman Award for Excellence in Teaching, Penn State Dept. of Political Science (2007).

First Place, Penn State Graduate Exhibition, Social and Behavioral Sciences Division (2007).

Graduate Studies Award, Penn State College of Liberal Arts (2006 & 2007).

Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Penn State Department of Political Science (2004).

Best Master's Essay Award, Penn State Department of Political Science (2004).

Miller Graduate Research Award, Penn State Department of Political Science (2003).

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Address: Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics. Berlin, Germany, August 8-10, 2016.

“Framing Effects.” Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University, August 1, 2016.

“Lessons from a Computational Political Scientist.” The National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting Annual Reporting, Denver, CO, March 10, 2016.

“The Conditional Effects of Media Tone.”

*Presented at:*

- University of Michigan, April 27, 2016
- Ohio State University, September 17, 2015

“Getting Stuck in the Negatives.” KDD Conference. Bloomberg News, August 24, 2014.

“Making the News: Politics, the Media, and Agenda Setting.”

*Presented at:*

- University of Texas, Austin, May 14, 2014
- Northwestern University, February 28, 2014
- University of New Mexico, December 6, 2013
- Stanford University, November 6, 2013

“Framing Effects.” Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University, August 1, 2013.

“How Issues Become Front-Page News.”

*Presented at:*

- University of Nebraska, February 24, 2012
- University of Zurich (Switzerland), April 19, 2011
- University of Barcelona (Spain), April 19, 2011
- University of Aarhus (Denmark), January 21, 2011
- University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands), November 25, 2010
- Sciences Po (Bordeaux, France), November 23, 2010
- University of Antwerp (Belgium), November 10, 2010
- University of Washington (Seattle, WA), May 1, 2009

“An Empirical Anatomy of Media Storms.”

*Presented at:*

- University of Arkansas, Little Rock, March 28, 2011
- Crossing Boundaries, Berkeley, CA, March 17-18, 2011

## INVITED WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data, September 27-28, 2013, hosted by Ken Benoit at the London School of Economics.

New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data, October 5-6, 2012, hosted by Arthur Spirling at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Media Agenda-Setting, May 30, 2011, hosted by Emiliano Grossman and Amber Boydston at Sciences Po, Paris, France.

Text as Data, March 10-11, 2011, hosted by Daniel Diermeier and John Wilkerson at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

Automatic Coding Workshop, September 22, 2010, hosted by Emiliano Grossman and Sylvain Brouard at Sciences Po, Bordeaux, France.

Tracking, Transcribing, and Tagging Government: Building Digital Records for Computational Social Science, June 21-25, 2010, hosted by Jay Hamilton at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.

Tools for Text, June 14-15, 2010, hosted by John Wilkerson and Phil Schrodt at University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Text as Data, March 11-12, 2010, hosted by Daniel Diermeier and John Wilkerson at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

Comparative Policy Agendas Project Media Coding Workshop, June 17, 2009, hosted by Gerard Breeman and Arco Timmermans at Leiden University, The Hague, Netherlands.

Automated Text Identification and Classification, August 15-17, 2007, hosted by Frank Baumgartner and John McCarthy at Penn State University, State College, PA.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“On the Limits of Reframing Effects: The Asymmetric Stickiness of Loss and Gain Frames.”  
With Alison Ledgerwood.

*Presented at:*

- American Political Science Association Annual Political Communication Pre-Conference, August 28, 2013, Chicago, IL
- Visions in Methodology Conference, April 25-27, 2013, Tallahassee, FL

“Identifying Media Frames and Frame Dynamics within and across Policy Issues.” With Justin Gross, Philip Resnik, and Noah Smith. Presented at the Council for European Studies Annual Conference, June 25-27, 2013, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

“Does media competition increase media agenda skew and explosiveness?” With Anne Hardy and Anke Tresch. Presented at the Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference, June 27-28, 2013, Antwerp, Belgium.

“The Role of Individual Issue Priorities: Evidence from Real-Time Reactions to a 2012 Presidential Debate.” With Rebecca Glazier, Timothy Jurka, Matthew Pietryka, and Philip Resnik. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 11-14, 2013, Chicago, IL.

“The Non-Linear Effects of Media Attention on Public and Governmental Attention.” With Stefaan Walgrave and Rens Vliegthart and Anne Hardy. Presented at the Comparative Policy Agendas Conference, June 14-16, 2012, Reims, France.

“Testing the Inter-Media Character of Media Storms.” With Anne Hardy and Stefaan Walgrave.

*Presented at:*

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 1-4, 2011, Seattle, WA
- Comparative Policy Agendas Conference, June 23-23, 2011, Catania, Italy
- Politicologenetmaal Conference, June 9-10, 2011, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

“Public Opinion and Media Failure After 9/11.” With Rebecca A. Glazier. Presented at the European Political Science Association First Annual Meeting, June 16-18, 2011, Dublin, Ireland.

“An Empirical Anatomy of Media Storms.” With Anne Hardy and Stefaan Walgrave. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 31-April 3, 2011, Chicago, IL.

“Dominating the News: Government Officials in Front-Page Coverage of Public Affairs of the United States and Korea.” With Jiso Yoon. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 31-April 3, 2011, Chicago, IL.

“Presidential and Media Congruence in Framing the War on Terror.” With Rebecca A. Glazier. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2-5, 2010, Washington, DC.

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- “Same Day, Different Agenda? A Comparison of News Coverage Across Print, Television, and Online Media Outlets.” With Jon Moody and Herschel Thomas III. Presented at the Comparative Policy Agendas Conference, June 17-19, 2010, Bainbridge Island, WA.
- “Foreign Policy Crises and Media (Non)Conformity to Executive Framing.” With Rebecca A. Glazier. Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, February 17-20, 2010, New Orleans, LA.
- “Media (Non)Conformity to Executive Framing: The Conditions Under Which Media Transmit the President’s Framing of Foreign Policy Crises.” With Rebecca A. Glazier. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 3-6, 2009, Toronto, Canada.
- “Comparing Front- and Inside-Page Newspaper Coverage in Public Policy Debates.” With Michelle Wolfe and Frank R. Baumgartner. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2-6, 2009, Chicago, IL.
- “Measuring the Scope of Political Communication.” Presented at the Visions in Methodology Conference, October 2-9, 2008, Columbus, OH.
- “From Spreading Freedom to WMDs and Back Again: Framing the War on Terror.” With Rebecca A. Glazier. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, 2008, Chicago, IL.
- “The Marketplace of Front-Page News and the Real Cost of War.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 30-September 2, 2007, Chicago, IL.
- “Up and Down: Punctuated Equilibria and Issue-Attention Cycling in Front-Page News.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 12-15, 2007, Chicago, IL.
- “Agenda-Setting and Issue-Framing Dynamics in Front-Page News.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31-September 3, 2006, Philadelphia, PA.
- “An Evolutionary Factor Analysis Approach to the Study of Issue-Definition.” With Frank R. Baumgartner and Suzanna De Boef. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 15-18, 2004, Chicago, IL.
- “Damsel-in-Distress or G.I. Jane?: Race, Gender, and the Liberation of Private Lynch.” With Holloway Sparks. Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 11-13, 2004, Portland, OR.



## TEACHING

Instructor, University of California, Davis (2008-present)

- POL 106, The Presidency
- POL 109, Policy Agenda Setting
- POL 165, Media and Politics
- POL 199, Independent Research
- POL 203A, Issue Framing (Graduate)
- POL 203A, Presidential Rhetoric (Graduate)
- POL 214A & 214B, Research Design (Graduate)

Teaching Assistant, Stanford University: Summer Institute in Political Psychology (2007)

Instructor, The Pennsylvania State University: American Politics (2006)

Instructor, Native American Preparatory School, Rowe, NM: Mathematics and Drama (1999-2002)

Instructor, Santa Fe Indian School Evening Program, Santa Fe, NM: Mathematics (1997-1998)

## STUDENT ADVISING

### *Ph.D. Students*

Matthew Pietryka (Assistant Professor, Florida State University), Committee Member

Danielle Joesten (Assistant Professor, Sacramento State University), Committee Member

Ryan Reed (Assistant Professor, Northwestern Missouri State University), Committee Member

### *B.A. Students*

McKenna Nolan, Honors Thesis Advisor

Alexis Peterson Honors Thesis Advisor

Allison Berkowitz, Thesis Advisor

Stephanie Bonham, Honors Thesis Advisor

Hannah Dillman, Thesis Advisor

Maraam Dwidar, Honors Thesis Co-Advisor

Saba Alemnew, Thesis Advisor

Adel Syed, Honors Thesis Advisor

Marshall Baker, Honors Thesis Advisor

Eric Spears, Honors Thesis Co-Advisor

Keval Patel, Honors Thesis Co-Advisor

Laura Britton, Honors Thesis Advisor

Claire Phillips, Honors Thesis Advisor

Kaitlin Gregg, Honors Thesis Co-Advisor

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Member: *Political Communication, Journal of Public Policy, Text as Data Association, Women Also Know Stuff Initiative*

Referee: *American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, Contemporary Sociology, International Journal of Press/Politics, Journal of Media and Communication Studies, Journal of Communication, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Policy, Perspectives on Politics, Poetics, Policy Studies Journal, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Social Science Research*

Co-chair, Visions in Methodology Conference (May 16-18, 2016)

Member, Doris Graber Award Committee, Political Communication Section of the American Political Science Association (2015-2016)

At Large Member, Executive Committee, Political Communication Section of the American Political Science Association (2014-2015)

Member, Paul Lazarsfeld Award Committee, Political Communication Section of the American Political Science Association (2013-2014)

Member, Sophonisba Breckinridge Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Association (2011-2012)

Co-Chair, American Political Science Association Annual Political Communication Pre-Conference, Seattle, WA (August 31, 2011)

Co-Chair, Media and Agenda-Setting Workshop, Paris, France (May 30, 2011)