

# MARY C. McGRATH

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### Northwestern University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2017-present

Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, 2016-present

College Fellow, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, 2016-2017

## EDUCATION

### Yale University, Ph.D. in Political Science

Dissertation: “The Effect of Collaboration on Distributive Preferences: Behavioral Games and a Field Experiment”

Committee: Alan Gerber (Chair), Eitan Hersh, Gregory Huber

Field Certifications: American Politics, Political Economy, Quantitative Methods

*Certificate of College Teaching Preparation*

### Yale School of the Environment, M.E.M. in Social & Political Ecology

*Certificate in Science Writing*

### University of Chicago, B.A. in Political Science

## PUBLICATIONS

- “Voter Bias and the Partisan Gender-Gap in Office.” 2024. Sara Saltzer and Mary C. McGrath. *Political Behavior* 46: 473–500.
- “Political sectarianism in America.” 2020. Eli J. Finkel, Christopher A. Bail, Mina Cikara, Peter H. Ditto, Shanto Iyengar, Samara Klar, Lilliana Mason, Mary C. McGrath, Brendan Nyhan, David G. Rand, Linda J. Skitka, Joshua A. Tucker, Jay J. Van Bavel, Cynthia S. Wang, James N. Druckman. *Science* 370(6516): 533-536.
- “Experiments on Problems of Climate Change.” 2020. Mary C. McGrath. *Advances in Experimental Political Science*, Druckman, J., & Green, D. (Eds.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- “Experimental evidence for a pure collaboration effect.” 2019. Mary C. McGrath and Alan S. Gerber. *Nature Human Behaviour* 3: 354–360.

- “The Evidence for Motivated Reasoning In Climate Change Preference Formation.” 2019. James N. Druckman and Mary C. McGrath. *Nature Climate Change*. DOI: 10.1038/s41558-018-0360-1
- “Economic Behavior and the Partisan Perceptual Screen.” 2017. Mary C. McGrath. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 11(4): 363-383.
- “Ideologically Extreme Candidates in U.S. Presidential Elections, 1948–2012.” 2016. Marty Cohen, Mary C. McGrath, Peter Aronow, and John Zaller. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 667(September): 126-142.
- “The Dynamic Election: Patterns of Early Voting across Time, State, Party, and Age.” 2016. Vivekinan Ashok, Daniel Feder, Mary C. McGrath, and Eitan Hersh. *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*. 15(2): 115-128.
- “Chocolate Scents and Product Sales: A Randomized Controlled Trial in a Canadian Bookstore and Cafe.” 2016. Mary C. McGrath, Peter M. Aronow, and Vivien Shotwell. *Springer-Plus* 5:670.
- “Field Experiments and the Study of Voter Turnout.” 2013. Donald P. Green, Mary C. McGrath, and Peter M. Aronow. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties* 23(1): 27-48.

## WORKING PAPERS

- “The System of Political Sectarianism in American Politics” Mary C. McGrath.
- “Collaboration induces debt-motivated altruism” Mary C. McGrath.
- “Subjective Perceptions and Judgments of the US Ideological Landscape” David Sabin-Miller, Mary C. McGrath, Marisa Eisenberg.
- “Group Identification in the Collaboration Effect: The Role of Racial Out-Group Status and Cultural Worldview.” Mary C. McGrath.
- “Social vs. Efficiency-based Processes of Opinion Formation: Shifting Opinion on Climate Change” Mary C. McGrath.
- “Instrumentality and the Voter’s Paradox: A Laboratory Experiment on the Turnout Decision” Mary C. McGrath.

## TEACHING

**Evaluating Evidence** – Undergraduate Methods Lecture  
Northwestern University

**American Government & Politics** – Undergraduate Lecture  
Northwestern University

**Linear Models** – Graduate Quantitative Methods Sequence, Course II  
Northwestern University

**Experimental Methods in Political Science** – Graduate Methods Seminar  
Northwestern University

**Theories of Political Behavior** – Graduate Seminar  
Northwestern University

**American Political Institutions & Behavior** – Graduate Field Seminar  
Northwestern University

**Quantitative Methods** – Graduate Quantitative Methods Sequence, Course II  
Teaching Fellow, Yale University

**Statistics** – Graduate Quantitative Methods Sequence, Course I  
Teaching Fellow, Yale University

**Introduction to American Politics** – Undergraduate General Education Course  
Teaching Fellow, Yale University

## SERVICE & RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

**Northwestern Cognitive Science Program**, *Director of Graduate Studies*, 2021-present  
**Chair's Advisory Committee, Political Science Dept.**, *Committee member*, 2021-present  
**BigTen Democracy in the 21st Century Collaboration**, *Committee member*, 2021-present  
**NU Votes Advisory Committee**, *Committee member*, 2020-present  
**Northwestern Cognitive Science Program Committee**, *Committee member*, 2019-present  
**Northwestern American Politics Workshop**, *Co-coordinator*, 2018-present  
**Computational Social Sciences Research Group**, *Group leader*, Fall 2017  
**Skoll Global Threats Fund**, *Social Science Research Advisor*, 2017  
**Icelandic Research Fund**, *Grant reviewer*, 2016  
**Yale ISPS Experiments Workshop**, *Coordinator*, 2012 & 2013  
**ISPS Data Archive**, *Lead data archivist*, 2010-2013  
**Yale Project on Climate Change**, *Research assistant*, 2009-2010  
**White House Council on Environmental Quality**, *Communications intern*, May-August 2009

**Yale Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry, *Writer/editor*, January-September 2009**

## **SELECTED AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AFFILIATIONS**

Weinberg College Award for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research  
*Northwestern University, 2021-22*

R. Barry Farrell Faculty Award for Excellence in Mentorship  
*Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, 2020*

Searle Teaching Fellow

*Northwestern University Center for Advanced Learning & Teaching, 2018-19*

Seed Grant, *Northwestern University, Institute for Policy Research, 2018*

Educational Technology Teaching Fellow, *Northwestern University, 2017-2018*

Farrell Fellow Research Mentorship Program, *Northwestern University Political Science, 2017*

Hilles Fellowship, *Yale University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2015-2016*

Falk Fellowship, *Yale University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2013-2015*

Policy Fellow, *Institution for Social and Policy Studies, 2012-2013*

Institution for Social and Policy Studies Scholarship, 2011-2013

Yale University Graduate Fellowship, 2011-2013

Center for the Study of American Politics Research Grant, 2011, 2014, 2016

Science Communication Fellow, *Consortium for Science, Policy & Outcomes, 2010*

Environmental Internship Award Recipient, *Edna Bailey Sussman Fund, 2009*

## **INVITED TALKS, COLLOQUIA, & MEDIA**

Fay Lomax Cook Colloquium, Institute for Policy Research, March 2024

Center for Communication & Public Policy Seminar Series, Feb. 2024

Political Economy of Climate & Environment Conference, UCLA, Aug. 2023

DRCC Political Sectarianism Conference, Northwestern University, May 2022

American Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2022

Social Psychology speaker series, Northwestern University, Nov 2021

*Not Another Politics Podcast*, “How Much Should We Believe Surveys?” Aug 2021

Chicago Area Political & Social Behavior Workshop, “Political Effects of Collaboration,” May 2021

Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, “Prospects for U.S. and Global Climate Action,” Jan 2021

VSA Partners Strategy Group, “Partisanship and the 2020 Election,” Nov 2020

NU Political Union, Northwestern University, March 2020

American Politics Workshop, University of Chicago, December 2019

Data-Driven Strategies to Promote Youth Turnout (Discussion chair), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, August 2018

Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics, New York University Law School, October 2017

Institute for Policy Research Colloquium, Northwestern University, April 2017

Political Economy Workshop, Harris School of Public Policy, March 2017

Experiments in the Public Interest (Invited Participant), Research4Impact, January 2017

Harris School of Public Policy Election Panel ("Making Sense of the Election Results: From Politics to Policy"), November 2016

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Psychology & Behavior; Political Economy; American Politics – *partisanship; ideology; political decision-making; climate change attitudes & opinions; environmental politics; science & policy; voter turnout; vote choice; campaigns & elections; race; group-identification; attitudes toward taxation & redistribution*

Quantitative Methods – *survey, lab, and field experiments; causal inference*