

# Austin Lloyd Cutler

Graduate Student Political Science

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## Education

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Florida State University

Ph.D Political Science (anticipated 2026)

- Major field: American politics; Minor field: Public Policy
- Graduate minor in statistics (anticipated Spring, 2025)

University of Mississippi

Masters of Arts in Political Science, August 2021

- Major Field: American Politics; Minor Field: Comparative Politics
- Thesis: “The Biggest Winner: How Loss Aversion Can Increase Out-party Animosity”

State University of New York at Geneseo

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Anthropology, May 2019

## Teaching and Research Interests

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Political Behavior, Public Opinion, Political Psychology, Social Identity, Polarization, Survey Methods, Partisanship, Quantitative Methods

## Working Papers/Papers in Progress

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Cutler, Austin Lloyd “Affective Policy Preferences: How Group Attitudes Can Shape Out-Group Policy Acceptance” (Paper in Progress)

Cutler, Austin Lloyd “Who’s in Office Anyways? Estimating the Race of Elected Officials from Names with Neural Networks” (Paper in Progress)

## Conference Papers

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Cutler, Austin Lloyd (2024), “Who’s in Office Anyways? Estimating the Race of Elected officials from Names with Neural Networks” Poster session at the annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology

Cutler, Austin Lloyd, Hans J.G. Hassell, Keven Reuning (2024), “ Reassessing the Effect of Candidate Extremism on Vote Choice and Turnout” Presented at the annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Cutler, Austin Lloyd (2024) “Who’s in Office Anyways? Estimating the Race of Elected Officials from Names with Neural Networks ” Presented at the Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Conference

Cutler, Austin Lloyd, Carlisle Rainey, Matthew Pietryka (2024) “Seeing is Believing: Estimating the Effect of Misperceptions on Affective Polarization Using Topic Sampling” Presented at the annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association

Atkeson, Lonna Rae, **Austin Lloyd Cutler**, Yimeng Li, Kenneth R. Mackie, and Eli McKown-Dawson (2023) “Using Voter Registration Files to Sample and Contact Voters: Methods and Weighting” Poster session at the annual meeting of the Society for Political Methodology

Cutler, Austin Lloyd (2023) “Affective Policy Preferences: How Group Attitudes Can Shape Out-Group Policy Acceptance” Presented at the Inaugural Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Conference

Cutler, Austin Lloyd (2022) “Personality, Ambition, and Racial Differences in the Candidate Selection Process” Presented at the annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association

Dowling, Conor, **Austin Lloyd Cutler**, Jennifer Holt, and Jonah King (2021) “The Effects of Changing Party Composition Perception on Affective Polarization” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Cutler, Austin Lloyd (2019) “Minimum Wage’s Impact on Food Stamp Recipients” Presented at the annual Geneseo Recognizing Excellence, Achievement & Talent Day

## Technical Reports

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Lonna Rae Atkeson, Yimeng Li, Lisa A. Bryant, Wendy L. Hansen, **Austin Cutler**, Carson BA Cary, Eli McKown-Dawson, Kenneth Mackie. 2023. “100% Retabulation Audits: 2022 Primary and General Election Audit Data and Ballot Images from Leon County,

FL”

## Fellowships and Awards

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Research Fellow for the LeRoy Collins Institute, Summer 2023-Present

Pruet Award for Best Graduate Student Seminar Paper, Spring 2024 for “Policy or Identity? Racial Differences in the Origins of Affective Polarization”

Pruet Award for Best Graduate Student Seminar Paper, Spring 2024 for “Who’s in office Anyways?: Estimating the Race of Municipal Officials Using State Legislator Training Data”

Rapoport Summer Research Collaborative, Summer 2023 for “Seeing is Believing: Estimating the Effect of Misperceptions on Affective Polarization Using Topic Sampling” with Matthew Pietryka and Carlisle Rainey

Best First Year Paper Award, Spring 2022, for “Personality, Ambition, and Racial Differences in the Candidate Selection Process”

## Teaching Experience

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*Florida State University*

*Instructor*

Graduate

- Introduction to R Workshop, Summer 2023, Summer 2024 (3-4 day workshop, [Course Website](#))

Undergraduate

- POS 3713 Understanding Political Science Research, Summer 2024, 2025, Fall 2025 (online)

*Teaching Assistant*

- POS 3713 Political Science Research Methods, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
- INR 2002 Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2022
- POS 1041 American National Government, Fall 2021

*University of Mississippi*

- POL 251 Introduction to Political Science Methods Spring 2021
- POL 101 Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

- POL 309 Public Opinion and Political Psychology, Spring 2020
- POL 307 Constitutional Law II: Civil Liberties & Civil Rights, Spring 2020
- POL 306 Constitutional Law I: Supreme Court & Constitution, Fall 2019

*SUNY Geneseo*

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Spring 2017 (as undergraduate)

## Professional Service

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Graduate Student Representative, Race, Ethnicity and Politics Search Committee (2022)

## Other Relevant Experience

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Center for Research Evaluation, University of Mississippi, 2021-2023

- Conduct statistical analysis and write data reports
- Organize data for ongoing project and create data presentations
- Clean data for clients and conducting statistical analysis
- Teach clients how to work with data and in R and Excel

Social Science Research Lab, University of Mississippi, 2020-2021

- Assist in data collection using excel and Rstudio
- Analyzing data for several government projects such as the Year of the Child project
- Coordinate plans to analyze present and future data collect efforts with the DOD and other government agencies

Research Assisstant Tufts University, 2020

- Assisted Dr. Eitan Hersch in acquiring qualitative, archival data for a book project
- Organized Archival data based on relevance to the project

Legislative Aide at New York State Assemply, 2019

- Researched bills up for vote
- Collected data and other relevant information for future legislation

Erie County Democratic Committee Employee, 2018-2019

- Helped coordinate petitioning and canvassing efforts to effectively cover election districts
- Collected canvassing data on constituent candidate preferences

Buffalo Workers' Compensation Board Student Intern, Summer 2017

- Data entry and correction for workers compensation cases in New York State

## Software Proficiencies

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R/RStudio, Python, Stata, Qualtrics, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X