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Appointments
- Academic

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK
Associate Professor, Department of Methodology, 2013-present
Lecturer, Department of Methodology, 2011-2013
Affiliate Faculty, Department of Government

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA
College Fellow, Department of Government, 2010-2011

- Non-Academic

YouGov
Senior Data Science Advisor, 2017-present

Education

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA
PhD, Politics, 2010
MA, Politics, 2007

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA
AB, Physics, Magna Cum Laude, 2004

Publications
(Political Science)

Benjamin E Lauderdale, Chris Hanretty and Nick Vivyan. "Decomposing Public Opinion Variation into Ideology, Idiosyncrasy and Instability" forthcoming, Journal of Politics

Jack Blumenau and Benjamin E Lauderdale. "Never Let a Good Crisis Go to Waste: Agenda Setting and Legislative Voting in Response to the EU Crisis" forthcoming, Journal of Politics

[Patrick Sturgis, Nick Baker, Mario Callegaro, Stephen Fisher, Jane Green, Will Jennings, Jouni Kuha, Benjamin Lauderdale, and Patton Smith. "An assessment of the causes of the errors in the 2015 UK General Election opinion polls" Early View publication online: 25 October 2017, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A](#)

[Chris Hanretty, Benjamin E Lauderdale, and Nick Vivyan. "Comparing Strategies for Estimating Constituency Opinion from National Survey Samples." FirstView publication online: 17 February 2016, Political Science Research and Methods](#)

[Chris Hanretty, Benjamin E Lauderdale, and Nick Vivyan. "Dyadic representation in a Westminster system." Legislative Studies Quarterly 42\(2\):235-267. 2017.](#)

[Benjamin E Lauderdale and Tom S Clark. "Estimating Vote-Specific Preferences from Roll-Call Data using Conditional Autoregressive Priors." Journal of Politics](#)

78(4):1153-1169. 2016.

Kenneth Benoit, Drew Conway, Benjamin E Lauderdale, Michael Laver and Slava Mikhaylov. "Crowd-Sourced Text Analysis: Reproducible and Agile Production of Political Data" *American Political Science Review* 110(2):278-29. 2016.

Benjamin E Lauderdale and Alexander Herzog. "Measuring Political Positions from Legislative Speech." *Political Analysis* 24(3): 374-394. 2016.

Andrew C Eggers and Benjamin E Lauderdale. "Simulating Counterfactual Representation" *Political Analysis* 24(2):281-290. 2016.

Chris Hanretty, Benjamin E Lauderdale, and Nick Vivyan. "Combining National and Constituency Polling for Forecasting." *Electoral Studies* 41:239-243. 2016.

Benjamin E Lauderdale. "Partisan Disagreements Arising from Rationalization of Common Information" *Political Science Research and Methods* 4(3):477-492. 2016.

Benjamin E Lauderdale and Drew A Linzer. "Under-performing, Over-performing, or Just Performing? The Limitations of Fundamentals-based Presidential Election Forecasting" *International Journal of Forecasting* 31(3):965-979. 2015.

Melody Crowder-Meyer and Benjamin E Lauderdale. "A Partisan Gap in the Supply of Female Potential Candidates in the United States" *Research and Politics* 1(1). 2014.

Benjamin E Lauderdale and Tom S Clark. "Scaling Politically Meaningful Dimensions Using Texts and Votes." *American Journal of Political Science* 58(3):754-771. 2014.

Benjamin E Lauderdale. "Does Inattention to Political Debate Explain the Polarization Gap Between the U.S Congress and Public?" *Public Opinion Quarterly* 77(S):2-23. 2013.

Benjamin E Lauderdale and Tom S Clark. "The Supreme Court's Many Median Justices" *American Political Science Review* 106(4):847-866. 2012.

Benjamin E Lauderdale. "Compound Poisson-Gamma Regression Models for Dollar Outcomes that are Sometimes Zero" *Political Analysis* 20(3):387-399. 2012.

Tom S Clark and Benjamin E Lauderdale. "The Genealogy of Law" *Political Analysis* 20(3):329-350. 2012.

Cesar Zucco Jr. and Benjamin E Lauderdale. "Distinguishing Between Influences on Brazilian Legislative Behavior" *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 36(3):363-396. 2011.

Tom S Clark and Benjamin E Lauderdale. "Locating Supreme Court Opinions in Doctrine Space" *American Journal of Political Science* 54(4):871-890. 2010.

Benjamin E Lauderdale. "Unpredictable Voters in Ideal Point Estimation" *Political Analysis* 18(2):151-171. 2010.

Benjamin E Lauderdale. "Pass the Pork: Measuring Shares in Bicameral Legislatures" *Political Analysis* 16(3):235-249. 2008.

Reports/Other

Oral (5 September 2017) and written evidence to UK House of Lords Select Committee on Political Polling and Digital Media

YouGov models for the 2017 German Federal Election, 2017 UK General Election, 2016 US Presidential Election & 2016 UK Referendum on EU membership.

Sturgis, P. Baker, N. Callegaro, M. Fisher, S. Green, J. Jennings, W. Kuha, J. Lauderdale, B. and Smith, P. Report of the Inquiry into the 2015 British general election opinion polls, London: Market Research Society and British Polling Council. 2016.

Co-developer (with Nick Vivyan and Chris Hanretty) of the electionforecast.co.uk

website and forecasting engine for the 2015 UK General Election, used by BBC Newsnight and FiveThirtyEight.com.

Research Grants	<p>Benjamin E Lauderdale. 2011. "Inducing Partisan Disagreement About Political Facts." Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences.</p> <p>Benjamin E Lauderdale. 2010. "Does Congress Represent Public Opinion As It Is or As It Might Be?" Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences.</p> <p>Tom S Clark and Benjamin E Lauderdale. 2010. "Scaling Supreme Court Opinions." US National Science Foundation SES-0961058.</p>
Teaching	<p>Applied Statistical Computing using R. 2016, 2018. (LSE MY454, MSc/PhD)</p> <p>Special Topics in Quantitative Analysis. 2012-2015. (LSE MY459, MSc/PhD)</p> <p>Applied Regression Analysis. 2011-2014, 2017. (LSE MY452, MSc/PhD)</p> <p>Introduction to Quantitative Analysis. 2011, 2014-2017. (LSE MY451, MSc)</p> <p>Fundamentals of Social Science Research Design. 2011, 2014-2017. (LSE MY400, MSc)</p> <p>The Development of Political Beliefs. 2011. (Harvard Government 98pb, Undergraduate)</p> <p>Democratic Theory and Practice. 2010. (Harvard Government 90bl, Undergraduate)</p> <p>Senior Thesis Workshop. 2010. (Harvard Government 99, Undergraduate)</p>
Honors and Awards	<p>Best Journal Article. 2013. Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association.</p> <p>Best Journal Article. 2011. Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association.</p> <p>Best Conference Paper. 2009. Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association.</p> <p>Best Poster. 2009. Society for Political Methodology Summer Conference.</p> <p>Emerging Scholar Award. 2009. Midwest Political Science Association.</p>
Professional Service	<p>Associate Editor, American Political Science Review, 2016-2019</p> <p>External Examiner, University College London Q-Step Centre, 2015-2018</p> <p>Program Committee, Political Methodology Society Summer Meeting 2017</p> <p>Methodology Section Chair, European Political Science Association General Conference 2014</p> <p>Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, British Journal of Political Science, Chapman Hall/CRC Press, Electoral Studies, International Journal of Forecasting, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Public Opinion Quarterly, Public Understanding of Science, Research and Politics, Sociological Methods and Research</p>
University and Departmental Service	<p>Graduate Studies Sub-Committee, 2015-2018.</p> <p>Doctoral Programme Director, 2015-2017.</p> <p>Deputy Head of Department, Lent Term 2015.</p> <p>Departmental Teaching Committee Chair, 2014-2017.</p> <p>Pensions Advisory Group, 2014-2015.</p>

Publications
(Other Academic
Fields)

Olivier Arnaiz, Nathalie Mathy, Céline Baudry, Sophie Malinsky, Jean-Marc Aury, Cyril Denby Wilkes, Olivier Garnier, Karine Labadie, Benjamin E Lauderdale, Anne Le Mouël, Antoine Marmignon, Mariusz Nowacki, Julie Poulain, Małgorzata Prajer, Patrick Wincker, Eric Meyer, Sandra Duharcourt, Laurent Duret, Mireille Bétermier, and Linda Sperling. 2012. "The Paramecium Germline Genome Provides a Niche for Intragenic Parasitic DNA: Evolutionary Dynamics of Internal Eliminated Sequences" *PLOS Genetics* 8(10):e1002984

John Komlos and Benjamin E Lauderdale. 2007. "Falling Behind in an Opulent Economy: The Remarkable Stagnation of American Heights 1955-2000" *Social Science Quarterly* 88(2):283-305

John Komlos and Benjamin E Lauderdale. 2007. "The Mysterious Relative Decline of American Heights in the Second Half of the 20th Century" *Annals of Human Biology* 43(2):206-215

John Komlos and Benjamin E Lauderdale. 2007. "Spatial Correlates of U.S Heights and BMIs, 2002" *Journal of Biosocial Science* 39(1):59-78

Matthias E Mobius, Benjamin E Lauderdale, Sidney R. Nagel, and Heinrich M. Jaeger. 2001. "Brazil-nut Effect: Size Separation of Granular Particles" *Nature* 414:270

Fernando X. Villarruel, Benjamin E Lauderdale, Daniel M. Mueth, and Heinrich M. Jaeger. 2000. "Compaction of Rods: Relaxation and Ordering in Vibrated, Anisotropic Granular Material" *Physical Review E* 61(6):6914-6921