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APPOINTMENTS
- ACADEMIC

University College London

Head of Department, Department of Political Science 2021-2024
Professor, Department of Political Science 2019-

London School of Economics and Political Science

Visiting Professor, Department of Methodology, 2019-2021
Professor, Department of Methodology, 2018
Associate Professor, Department of Methodology, 2013-2018
Lecturer, Department of Methodology, 2011-2013

Harvard University

College Fellow, Department of Government, 2010-2011

- NON-ACADEMIC

YouGov

Senior Data Science Advisor, 2016-

EDUCATION

Princeton University

PhD, Politics, 2010
MA, Politics, 2007

Harvard University

AB, Physics, Magna Cum Laude, 2004

PUBLICATIONS
(POLITICAL
SCIENCE)

Jack Blumenau and Benjamin E Lauderdale. "The Variable Persuasiveness of Political Rhetoric" *conditionally accepted, American Journal of Political Science*

Noam Titelman and Benjamin E Lauderdale. "Can Citizens Guess How Other Citizens Voted Based on Demographic Characteristics?" *forthcoming, Political Science Research and Methods*

Lucy Barnes, Jack Blumenau and Benjamin E Lauderdale. "Measuring Attitudes towards Public Spending using a Multivariate Tax Summary Experiment" *published online, American Journal of Political Science* 2021.

Deborah Beim, Tom S Clark and Benjamin E Lauderdale.

“Republican-Majority Appellate Panels Increase Execution Rates for Capital Defendants” *published online, Journal of Politics* 2021.

Chris Hanretty, Benjamin E Lauderdale and Nick Vivyan. “A Choice-Based Measure of Issue Importance in the Electorate” *American Journal of Political Science* 64(3): 519-535. 2020.

Benjamin E Lauderdale, Jack Blumenau, Delia Bailey, Doug Rivers. “Model-Based Pre-Election Polling for National and Sub-National Outcomes in the US and UK” *International Journal of Forecasting* 36(2): 399-413. 2020.

Benjamin E Lauderdale, Chris Hanretty and Nick Vivyan. “Decomposing Public Opinion Variation into Ideology, Idiosyncrasy and Instability” *Journal of Politics* 80(2): 707-712. 2018.

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” *Journal of Politics* 80(2): 462-478. 2018.

Chris Hanretty, Benjamin E Lauderdale, and Nick Vivyan. “Comparing Strategies for Estimating Constituency Opinion from National Survey Samples.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 6(3): 571-591. 2018.

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” *published online: 25 October 2017, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A*

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 election polling models:

2019 UK General Election

2018 US House Election

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 Alan Renwick (PI), Meg Russell and Benjamin E Lauderdale. 2021-22. "Democracy in the UK after Brexit" UK Economic and Social Research Council. £724,000 FEC

Benjamin E Lauderdale. 2011. "Inducing Partisan Disagreement About Political Facts." Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences.

Benjamin E Lauderdale. 2010. "Does Congress Represent Public Opinion As It Is or As It Might Be?" Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences.

Tom S Clark (PI) and Benjamin E Lauderdale. 2010. "Scaling Supreme Court Opinions." US National Science Foundation SES-0961058. \$71,436.

TEACHING Voters, Public Opinion and Participation. 2021 (UCL PUBLO082, MSc)

Measurement in Data Science. 2019-2020 (UCL POLS0013, BSc)

Introduction to Quantitative Methods. 2019-2020 (UCL PUBLO055, MSc)

Fundamentals of Research Design for International Development. 2018 (LSE MY410, MSc)

Fundamentals of Social Science Research Design. 2011, 2014-2018. (LSE MY400, MSc)

Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Media and Communications (LSE MY464, MSc/PhD)

Applied Statistical Computing using R. 2016, 2018. (LSE MY454, MSc/PhD)

Introduction to Quantitative Analysis. 2011, 2014-2018. (LSE MY451, MSc)

Applied Regression Analysis. 2011-2014, 2017. (LSE MY452, MSc/PhD)

Special Topics in Quantitative Analysis. 2012-2015. (LSE MY459, MSc/PhD)

The Development of Political Beliefs. 2011. (Harvard Government 98pb, Undergraduate)

Democratic Theory and Practice. 2010. (Harvard Government 90bl, Undergraduate)

HONORS AND AWARDS Best Journal Article. 2013. Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association.

Best Journal Article. 2011. Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association.

Best Conference Paper. 2009. Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association.

Best Poster. 2009. Society for Political Methodology Summer Conference.

Emerging Scholar Award. 2009. Midwest Political Science Association.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Associate Editor, *American Political Science Review*, 2016-2020
External Examiner, University College London Q-Step Centre, 2015-2018
Program Committee, Political Methodology Society Summer Meeting 2017
Methodology Section Chair, European Political Science Association General Conference 2014

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 Elections*, *Public Opinion and Parties*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Public Understanding of Science*, *Research and Politics*, *Sociological Methods and Research*

UNIVERSITY AND
DEPARTMENTAL
SERVICE

University College London, London, UK

Head of Department, 2021-24
Director of Research (Department), 2020-21
Deputy Director of Research (Department), 2019-2020

London School of Economics and Political Science

Classification Scheme Review Group (University), 2018.
Chair, Social Research Methods Sub-Board of Examiners (Department), 2017-2018.
Graduate Studies Sub-Committee (University), 2015-2018.
Doctoral Programme Director (Department), 2015-2017.
Deputy Head of Department (Department), LT 2015.
Teaching Committee Chair (Department), 2014-2017.
Pensions Advisory Group (University), 2014-2015.

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, Malgorzata 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