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## Academic Appointments

- 2015 Lecturer in Politics, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow
- 2013 Senior Research Officer (postdoc), Department of Government, University of Essex

## Education

- 2018 Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice (higher education), University of Glasgow
- 2013 PhD in Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2004 MPhil, University of Cape Town
- 1999 BA (Honours), University of Natal, Durban & Pietermaritzburg

## Research Interests

*Substantive:* political behaviour, public opinion, comparative politics, democratic values, intergroup conflict

*Methodological:* survey design and analysis, Bayesian methods, latent trait models

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2019 Gibson JL, Claassen C & Barceló J. Deplorables: Emotions, political sophistication, and political intolerance. *American Politics Research*
- 2019 Claassen C. Estimating smooth country-year panels of public opinion. *Political Analysis*
- 2018 Claassen C & Trautmüller R. Improving and validating survey estimates of religious demography using Bayesian multilevel models and poststratification. *Sociological Methods & Research*
- 2018 Claassen C & Gibson JL. Does intolerance dampen dissent? Macro-tolerance and protest in American metropolitan areas. *Political Behavior*
- 2018 Gibson JL, Claassen C & Barceló J. Putting groups back into the study of political tolerance, in Borgida E, Federico C & Miller J (eds.) *At the Forefront of Political Psychology: Essays in Honor of John L. Sullivan*, Routledge.
- 2016 Claassen C. Group entitlement, anger and participation in intergroup violence. *British Journal of Political Science*  
– Honourable mention, 2012 Otto Klineberg intercultural and international relations award, the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- 2015 Claassen C. Measuring university quality. *Scientometrics*
- 2015 Claassen C, Tucker P & Smith SS. Ideological labels in America. *Political Behavior*
- 2014 Claassen C. Who participates in communal violence? Survey evidence from South Africa. *Research & Politics*
- 2011 Schofield N, Claassen C, Ozdemir U & Zakharov A. Estimating the effects of activists in two-party and multi-party systems: A comparison of the United States and Israel. *Social Choice*

**and Welfare**

- 2011 Schofield N, Claassen C, Gallego M & Ozdemir U. Empirical and formal models of the United States presidential elections in 2000 and 2004, in Schofield N & Caballero G (eds.) *The Political Economy of Institutions, Democracy and Voting*, Springer.
- 2010 Gibson JL & Claassen C. Racial reconciliation in South Africa: Interracial contact and changes over time. *Journal of Social Issues*

**Other Publications**

- 2018 Claassen C. Support for democracy is declining – but not in the U.S. or other Western democracies. *Washington Post*, The Monkey Cage, 5 July
- 2018 Claassen C & Gibson JL. This map shows where more Americans are willing to support free speech. *Washington Post*, The Monkey Cage, 15 February
- 2017 Claassen C. Explaining South African xenophobia. Afrobarometer working paper no. 173.

**Working Papers**

- Claassen C. Does public support help democracy survive? (Invitation to revise and resubmit at *American Journal of Political Science*)
- Claassen C. In the mood for democracy? Democratic support as thermostatic opinion (Invitation to revise and resubmit at *American Political Science Review*)
- Claassen C & McLaren L. Do threats galvanize authoritarians or mobilize non-authoritarians? Experimental tests from 19 European societies

**External Research Grants**

- 2018 Principal investigator (£7,513): Does democracy require a supportive political culture? Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland
- 2018 Co-investigator (£9,761): Do immigrant numbers inflame anti-immigrant opinion? A time-series cross-sectional analysis of European immigrant numbers and opinions, 1995-2017. British Academy / Leverhulme Trust
- 2017 Principal investigator (£4,393): Estimating democratic political culture in 100+ countries over 20+ years. Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland

**Invited Talks**

- 2017 Does intolerance dampen dissent? Macro-tolerance and protest in American metropolitan areas, Symposium on political tolerance and the new world disorder, Uppsala University, Sweden (2 & 3 May)
- 2016 Macro-tolerance and protest: Does a culture of political intolerance dampen dissent? Department of politics and international relations, University of Edinburgh (23 November)
- 2016 Symposium on postcolonial legacies and the meaning of being human, Stellenbosch University, South Africa (10-12 August)
- 2013 The emotional logic of participation in xenophobic violence, Department of government, University of Essex (5 November)
- 2011 The emotional logic of participation in xenophobic violence, African centre for migration and

society, University of the Witwatersrand (11 May)

## Conference Presentations

Elections, Public Opinion and Parties 2018

International Total Survey Error Workshop 2018

European Political Science Association Annual Meetings: 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017

Political Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2017

International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting: 2016

British Council / Newton Fund Symposium on Affirmative Action in Brazil: 2016

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings: 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013 & 2016

Eastern Academic Research Consortium (Essex, UEA & Kent) Workshops: 2014 & 2015

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2013

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2011

## Courses Taught

### *University of Glasgow*

Democratisation (undergraduate)

Intergroup conflict and reconciliation (undergraduate)

Comparative politics in a globalising world (co-taught; undergraduate)

Comparative public opinion (co-taught; postgraduate)

### *University of Essex*

Introduction to OLS (undergraduate)

The analysis of categorical and count data (undergraduate)

Institutions of democracy (undergraduate)

### *Washington University in St. Louis*

Methods and research design in international affairs (postgraduate)

Introduction to comparative politics (undergraduate)

## University and Disciplinary Service

Proposed IR degree steering committee member, University of Glasgow, 2018

Politics REF review committee member, University of Glasgow, 2017-

Politics UG and PGT dissertations officer, University of Glasgow, 2016-

Acting Director, EssexLab Social Science Experimental Laboratory, University of Essex, 2014

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Analysis*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Psychology*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Public Library of Science One* and *Conflict Management and Peace Science*