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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 in Political Economy, University of Cape Town  
1999 BA (Honours), University of Natal, Durban & Pietermaritzburg

## Research Interests

Substantive: Political behaviour, Public opinion, Comparative politics, Intergroup conflict  
Methodological: Survey design and analysis, Bayesian methods, Latent trait models

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2018 Claassen, C. "Estimating Smooth Country-Year Panels of Public Opinion." *Political Analysis*  
2018 Claassen, C. & Traunmüller, R. "Improving and Validating Survey Estimates of Religious Demography using Bayesian Multilevel Models and Poststratification." *Sociological Methods & Research*  
2018 Claassen, C. & Gibson, J.L. "Does Intolerance Dampen Dissent? Macro-Tolerance and Protest in American Metropolitan Areas." *Political Behavior*  
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, S.S. "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*  
2010 Gibson, J.L. & Claassen, C. "Racial Reconciliation in South Africa: Interracial Contact and Changes over Time." *Journal of Social Issues*

## Other Academic Publications

- 2018 Gibson, J.L., 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.

2017 Claassen, C. "Explaining South African Xenophobia." Afrobarometer Working Paper no. 173.

2011 Schofield, N., Claassen, C., Gallegom 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.

### Other Writing

2018 Claassen, C. & Gibson, J.L. "This Map Shows Where More Americans Are Willing to Support Free Speech." *Washington Post, The Monkey Cage*, 15 February

### Working Papers

Claassen, C. "Does Public Support Help Democracy Survive?"

Claassen, C. "In the Mood for Democracy? Democratic Support as Thermostatic Opinion"

Claassen, C. & Gibson, J.L. "Macro-Tolerance: Estimating the Political Tolerance of the States"

Gibson, J.L., Claassen, C. & Barceló, J. "Deplorables: Emotions, Political Sophistication, and Political Intolerance"

Gibson, J.L., Barwick, C., Baird, V. & Claassen, C. "Popular Judicial Support in a Federal Legal System: State-Level Estimates of Both U.S. Supreme Court and State High Court Legitimacy"

### Invited Talks and Presentations

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 British Council / Newton Fund Symposium on Affirmative Action in Brazil, Brasilia, Brazil (4-8 December)

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

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

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

## Grants

- 2017 Research Incentive Grant (£4,393), Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland  
2016 Adam Smith Research Foundation seed corn grant (£1,650), University of Glasgow  
2014 EssexLab seed corn grant (£1,500), EssexLab experimental laboratory, University of Essex  
2011 Research grant (\$1,700), Center for New Institutional Social Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis

## Courses Taught

### *University of Glasgow*

- Democratisation (undergraduate)
- Intergroup Conflict and Reconciliation (undergraduate)
- Comparative Politics (undergraduate)
- Comparative Public Opinion (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 Interim Review committee member, University of Glasgow, 2017  
Politics UG and PGT Dissertation 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*, *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*