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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, Democratic values, Intergroup conflict  
Methodological: Survey design and analysis, Bayesian methods, Latent trait models

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2018 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*)
- Gibson JL, Claassen C & Barceló J. “Deplorables: Emotions, Political Sophistication, and Political Intolerance” (Invitation to revise and resubmit at *American Politics Research*)
- Claassen C. “In the Mood for Democracy? Democratic Support as Thermostatic Opinion”
- Claassen C & McLaren L. “Do Threats Galvanize Authoritarians or Mobilize Non-Authoritarians? Experimental Tests from 19 European Societies”

### External Research Grants

- 2018 Small Research Grant (£9,761), British Academy / Leverhulme Trust
- 2017 Research Incentive Grant (£4,393), 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*