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EDUCATION	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b> Urbana, IL  Ph.D., Political Science <b>Dissertation:</b> <i>The Politics of Race and the Criminal Justice System</i> Committee: Jeffery Mondak (chair), Brian Gaines, James Kuklinski, & Cara Wong  <b>Cornell University</b> , Ithaca, NY  B.A., Government and Economics (Double Major) <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Deposited August 2016        May 2007
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Department of Political Science, Brown University <b>Visiting Assistant Professor</b> Department of Political Science, Brown University	Summer 2017-Present  Fall 2016-Summer 2017
RESEARCH INTERESTS	American Politics, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Racial and Ethnic Politics, Social Networks, Political Methodology, Causal Inference, Political Communication	
PUBLICATIONS	Bennouna, C., Giraudy, A., Moncada, E. Rios, E., Snyder,R., and <b>Testa, P. F.</b> (forthcoming), “Pandemic Policymaking in Presidential Federations: Explaining Subnational Responses to Covid-19 in Brazil, Mexico, and the United States” <i>Publius: The Journal of Federalism</i>  <b>Testa, P. F.</b> , Snyder,R., Rios, E., Giraudy, A., Moncada, E. and Bennouna, C.,(forthcoming), “Who Stays at Home? The Politics of Social Distancing in Brazil, Mexico, and the United States during the COVID-19 Pandemic,” <i>Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law</i>  Williams, T., <b>Testa, P. F.</b> , Britzman, K. and Hibbing, M. V., (2021) “Messengers Matter: Why Advancing Gender Equity Requires Male Allies” <i>PS: Political Science &amp; Politics</i> , 54(3), 512-513.  Manento, C. and <b>Testa, P. F.</b> , (2021), “In Party We Trust? Voter Support for Party-Backed Candidates in Primary Elections,” <i>Political Behavior</i> , 1-24  Adashi, E. Y., Burgess, M. M., Burall, S., Cohen, I. G., Fleck,L. M., Harris, J., Holm, S., Lafont C., Moreno, J. D., Neblo, M. A., Niemeyer, S. J., Rowe, E. J., Scheufele, D. A., <b>Testa, P. F.</b> , Vayena, E., Watermeyer, R.P., & Fung, A. (2020). Heritable Human Genome Editing: The Public Engagement Imperative. <i>The CRISPR Journal</i> , 3(6), 434-439.  <b>Testa, P. F.</b> , Williams, T., Britzman, K. and Hibbing, M. V., (2020) “Getting the Message? Choice, Self-Selection, and the Efficacy of Social Movement Arguments” <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> , 1-14. doi:10.1017/XPS.2020.24	

**Testa, P. F.**, Moffitt, S., & Schenk, M. (2020), "Public Preferences for New Information on Opioids" *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 45(2), 311-339.

**Testa, P. F.**, Bowers, J., (2019), "Better government, Better Science: The Promise of and Challenges facing the Evidence-Informed Policy Movement" *Annual Review of Political Science* 22(1), 521-542.

Mondak, J.J., Peffley, M. Hurwitz, J. & **Testa, P. F.**, "The Vicarious Bases of Perceived Injustice," (2017) *American Journal of Political Science* 61(4), 804-819

Sulkin, T. **Testa, P. F.**, & Usry, K.C. (2015), "What Gets Rewarded? Legislative Activity and Constituency Approval," *Political Research Quarterly* 68(4), 690-702

**Testa, P. F.**, Hibbing, M. V., & Ritchie, M. (2014), "Orientations toward Conflict and the Conditional Effects of Political Disagreement," *Journal of Politics* 76(3), 770-785

Winters, M. S., **Testa, P. F.** & Fredrickson, M. (2012). Using field experiments to understand information as an antidote to corruption. *Research in Experimental Economics*, 15, 213-246

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

**Testa, P. F.**, (2015). "Dwight Eisenhower: Farewell Address" In J.S. Ashley and M.J. Jamar (Eds.) *The Bully Pulpit, Presidential Speeches, and the Shaping of Public Policy*

**Testa, P. F.**, (2014), "10 Types of Treatment Effects You Should Know About," *Experiments in Government and Politics* available online at:  
<http://egap.org/resources/guides/effects/>

Fredrickson, M., **Testa, P. F.**, & Weidmann, N. (2011), "Collaboration for Social Scientists, or Software is the Easy Part," *The Political Methodologist* 18(2):19-23

WORKS IN  
PROGRESS

**Testa, P. F.**, (in progress), "Just the facts? How Self-Selection Conditions Efforts to Correct Misinformation about Immigration"

**Testa, P. F.**, Skarbek, D. and Davis, B. (in progress) "Assessing the Electoral Consequences of Interracial Marriage"

**Testa, P. F.**, and Dietrich, B.J., (in progress), "Seeing is Believing: How Video of Police Action Affects Criminal Justice Beliefs"

**Book Project: *Policing Beliefs*** Broadly, the book seeks to understand how it is that Americans of different racial, economic, social and political backgrounds have come to hold dramatic divergent views of justice in America. Chapter 1 explains why these divergent beliefs crucial to understanding and addressing the problems of criminal justice in the U.S. Chapter 2, situates standard explanations of racial gaps in criminal justice attitudes within a more general model of public opinion, clarifying the process through which gaps emerge and the conditions in which they will change. Chapter 3 consider the particular role of experiences with criminal justice play in shaping political attitudes and behavior combining novel analysis of survey and administrative data. Chapter 4 examines the extent to which technology has made the kinds experiential information that form the foundation of criminal justices beliefs available to much larger audiences, combining content analysis of cable and network news that document change with survey experiments that examine its effects. Chapter 5 argues the effect of such information depends not just on how it is received and but who it actually reaches, and shows

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how experimental methods can be adapted to study these questions. Chapter 6 applies the insights of Chapter 5 to specific debates surrounding reforms to the police, courts, and prisons and shows how support for such reforms depends both the message and messenger. Chapter 7 concludes by summarizing the theoretical and practical contributions of the book.

**Testa, P. F.**, Williams, T., Britzman, K. and Hibbing, M. V., “Does the Messenger Shape the Message’s Effect? Race, Black Lives Matter, and the Efficacy of Social Movement Messages” paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, April 2021.

**Testa, P. F.**, Williams, T., Britzman, K. and Hibbing, M. V., “Self Selection and the Persuasive Appeal of Social Movements” paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2019.

**Testa, P. F.**, Moffitt, S., & Schenk, M., “Choosing to Learn: The Political and Policy Determinants of Public Preferences for New Information.” paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2019.

Manento, C. and **Testa, P. F.**, “Voter Resentment and the Resonance of Party Outsiders in Primary Elections.” paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2019.

**Testa, P. F.**, (2018), “Seeing is Believing: How Video of Police Action Affects Criminal Justice Beliefs” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2018.

**Testa, P. F.**, and Hibbinh, M. V., (2018), “Intergroup Contact, Vicarious Information, and Perceptions of Justice in the U.S.” paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2018.

**Testa, P. F.**, and Dietrich, B.J., (2017), “Seeing is Believing: How Video of Police Action Affects Criminal Justice Beliefs” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 2017.

**Testa, P. F.**, “What’s Race Got to Do With it?: Who Perceives Racial Bias in Citizen-Police Interactions” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2017.

**Testa, P. F.**, (2016), “Contact with the Criminal Justice System and Political Participation,” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 2016.

**Testa, P. F.**, (2016), “Contact with the Criminal Justice System and Voter Turnout,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

Senters, K. & **Testa, P. F.**, (2016), “Political Polarization: A Measurement Analysis,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

**Testa, P. F.**, Althaus, S. and Caughell, L. (2015), “Using Open Source News Collections for Political Science Research,” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

Bowers, J. & **Testa, P. F.**, (2014), “Explaining the Shape of Political Participation: An Integrative Explanatory Framework,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2014.

**Testa, P. F.**, Hibbing, M. V., & Ritchie, M. (2013), "Orientations toward Conflict and the Conditional Effects of Political Disagreement," paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April, 2013.

**Testa, P. F.**, Usry, K., & Sulkin, T. (2013), "The Consequences of Legislative Behavior for Constituent Perceptions," paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April, 2013.

Ritchie, M. **Testa, P. F.**, & Hibbing, M. V., (2012), "Persuading the other Side: Persuaders and Cross-cutting Political Discussion" paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April, 2012

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION	<p><b>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting</b> April 2019  <b>Discussant</b>, "Group Empathy" Political Methodology</p> <p><b>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting</b> April 2016  <b>Discussant</b>, "Survey and Experimental Tools" Political Methodology</p> <p><b>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</b> September 2015  <b>Chair</b>, "Communication in Legislative and Executive Elections, both State and National" Political Communication</p>
INVITED TALKS	<p><b>New England Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research</b>  November 2020  "2020 Election Recap."</p> <p><b>NECTA Annual Convention</b> October 2019  "2020 Election Preview."</p> <p><b>Boston University</b> February 2019  "Self-Selection and the Persuasive Appeals of Social Movements"</p> <p><b>UC Merced</b> November 2018  "Incorporating Choice into the Design and Analysis of Experiments"</p> <p><b>Bradley University</b> March 2018  "The Politics of Data and Justice."</p>
AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- George T. Yu Travel Award April 2016  Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</li> <li>- Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics February 2015  Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics, Iowa State University</li> <li>- Schroeder Fellowship Summer 2014  Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</li> <li>- Ogren Prize for academic excellence May 2012  Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</li> <li>- List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent Spring 2011, Summer, Fall 2015, Spring 2016  University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</li> </ul>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Professor</b> Spring 2019  POLS 2590 - Quantitative Research Methods  Political Science, Brown University</p> <p><b>Professor</b> Fall 2016 - 2019  POLS 2580 - Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods  Political Science, Brown University</p> <p><b>Professor</b> Spring 2017, 2019  POLS 1824 - The Politics of Race and the Criminal Justice System  Political Science, Brown University</p> <p><b>Professor</b> Spring 2017, 2018, Fall 2019</p>

POLS 1600 - Political Research Methods  
Political Science, Brown University

**Instructor** Fall 2015, Spring 2016

PS 230 - Introduction to Political Research  
Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Instructor** Summer 2015

PS 220 - Introduction to Public Policy  
Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** Fall 2013, Spring 2014

PS 531 - Quantitative Political Analysis II  
PS 530 - Quantitative Political Analysis I  
PS 525 - Formal Theory I: Game Theory  
Taught by Brian Gaines, Ph.D

**Teaching Assistant** Fall 2010, Spring 2011

PS 101 - Introduction to American Politics  
Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

DISSERTATION  
COMMITTEES

**Cory Manento**, American Politics  
“The Price of Loyalty: Causes and Consequences of Party and Interest Group  
Competition in Congressional Primaries”

**Marie Schenk**, American Politics  
“Identity, Political Efficacy, and Everyday Talk”

**Rehan Jamil**, Comparative Politics  
“Social Policy and Changing Citizenship Boundaries in Pakistan”

**Rob Grace**, International Relations  
“Understanding Humanitarian Access Obstruction”

UNIVERSITY AND  
DEPARTMENTAL  
SERVICE

**Taubman Center for American Politics and Policy** Fall 2017 – Present  
- Faculty Affiliate organizing monthly political behavior workshop; Poll Advisory  
Board Member helping field the Center’s twice yearly polls

**Fellow, The Policy Lab at Brown** Spring 2019 – Present  
- Faculty Affiliate consulting on criminal justice policy

**Department of Political Science Graduate Committee** Fall 2019 – Present  
- Member of committee overseeing graduate admissions and Ph.D. program.

**Department of Political Science Undergraduate Committee** Fall 2017 – Spring  
2019  
- Member of committee overseeing undergraduate concentration.

ADDITIONAL  
SERVICE AND  
EXPERIENCE

**Reviewer:**  
- *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American  
Politics Research*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*

**Senior Social Scientist, The Lab @ DC** Summer 2017 – Fall 2018  
- Assisted in the design, implementation, and evaluation of insights from behavior  
science to public policy

**Research Associate, ideas42** Winter 2016 – Spring 2017  
- Provided research, analysis, and coding to help ideas42 apply behavioral science to  
public policy.

**Research Fellow, Social and Behavior Science Team** Summer 2016 – Spring 2017  
- Assisted General Service Administration’s Social and Behavior Science Team in  
applying findings from behavioral science to government programs.

**Consultant, ACLU of Northern California** Winter 2016 – Summer 2016  
- Provided consulting and analysis for study of district policies regarding police in  
schools in California.

**Urbana IDOT Traffic Stop Data Task Force**

Summer 2014 – Fall 2015

- Chaired Statistics Subcommittee analyzing traffic stop data for racial disparities

REFERENCES

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