

# RYAN BAXTER-KING

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## EDUCATION

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- Vanderbilt University** 2024 - present  
Predoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions
- University of California, Los Angeles** 2019 - 2025 (expected)  
Ph.D. Political Science  
Dissertation: *The Effect of Real-World Events on Political Behavior*  
Committee: Lynn Vavreck (Chair), Graeme Blair, Jeffrey Lewis, Chris Tausanovitch, Dan Thompson  
Subfields: American Politics and Quantitative Methods
- University of California, Los Angeles** 2022  
M.A. Political Science
- Haverford College** 2016  
B.A. Political Science and Economics (Honors)  
Minor: Statistics

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Electoral accountability, political behavior, public opinion, public policy, public health, health communication, causal inference, experiments, data science

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES

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- “Perceptions of COVID-19 Risk: How Did People Adapt to the Novel Risk?” Karen Sepucha, Aaron Rudkin, [Ryan Baxter-King](#), Annette L Stanton, Neil Wenger, Lynn Vavreck, Arash Naeim. *Medical Decision Making* 2024.
- “Parental intentions to vaccinate children against COVID-19: Findings from a US National Survey.” Rebecca J Guerin, Arash Naeim, [Ryan Baxter-King](#), Andrea H Okun, Derek Holliday, Lynn Vavreck. *Vaccine* 2023.
- “Strategies to increase the intention to get vaccinated against COVID-19: Findings from a nationally representative survey of US adults, October 2020 to October 2021.” Arash Naeim, Rebecca J Guerin, [Ryan Baxter-King](#), Andrea H Okun, Neil Wenger, Karen Sepucha, Annette L Stanton, Aaron Rudkin, Derek Holliday, Alexander Rossell Hayes, Lynn Vavreck. *Vaccine* 2022.
- “How Local Partisan Context Conditions Pro-Social Behaviors: Mask Wearing During COVID-19.” [Ryan Baxter-King](#), Jacob R. Brown, Ryan D. Enos, Arash Naeim, and Lynn Vavreck. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 2022.
- “Depressive Symptoms and Anxiety During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Large, Longitudinal, Cross-sectional Survey” James J. MacDonald, [Ryan Baxter-King](#), Lynn Vavreck, Arash Naeim, Neil Wenger, Karen Sepucha, Annette L Stanton. *JMIR Mental Health* 2022.
- “The Impact of COVID-19 on Routine Medical Care and Cancer Screening.” Neil S. Wenger, Annette L. Stanton, [Ryan Baxter-King](#), Karen Sepucha, Lynn Vavreck, and Arash Naeim. *Journal of General Internal Medicine* 2022.

- “Fatalities from COVID-19 are reducing Americans’ support for Republicans at every level of office.” Christopher Warshaw, Lynn Vavreck, and Ryan Baxter-King. *Science Advances* 2021.
- “Effects of Age, Gender, Health Status, and Political Party on COVID-19–Related Concerns and Prevention Behaviors: Results of a Large, Longitudinal Cross-sectional Survey.” Arash Naeim, Ryan Baxter-King, Neil Wenger, Annette Stanton, Karen Sepucha, and Lynn Vavreck. *JMIR Public Health Surveillance* 2021.
- “Effect of a predictive model on planned surgical duration accuracy, patient wait time and use of pre-surgical resources: a randomized controlled trial.” Christopher Strömblad, Ryan Baxter-King, Amirhossein Meisami, Shok-Jean Yee, Marcia R. Levine, Aaron Ostrovsky, Daniel Stein, Alexia Iasonos, Martin R. Weiser, Julio Garcia-Aguilar, Nadeem R. Abu-Rustum, Roger S. Wilson. *JAMA Surgery* 2021.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- “The Effect of Real-World Events on Political Attitudes and Preference Intensity: Evidence from Mass Shootings” (Job Market Paper)
- “How Does Information About Local Mass Shootings Shape Political Behavior?” (Survey experiment, funded by a Doctoral Dissertation Grant from the Rapoport Family Foundation)
- “Following Which Leader? Endorsements by Public Officials Affect Support for COVID-19 Restrictions,” with Derek Holliday
- “Endorsements vs. Information: Experimental Evidence of Backlash and Parallel Persuasion during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis,” with Alexander Coppock, Graham Straus, and Lynn Vavreck
- “How Local Partisan Context Conditions the Mental Health of Partisan Voters,” with Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos and Lynn Vavreck
- “The Effects of COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Orders on Gun Purchasing,” with Jack Kappelman, Haotian (Barney) Chen, Soonhong Cho, and Tanvi Shinkre

## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2023, 2024
Society of Political Methodology Annual Meeting	2024
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2022, 2024
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2021

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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<b>Dissertation Year Award, UCLA</b>	2024 - 2025
<b>Doctoral Dissertation Grant(\$15,000), Rapoport Family Foundation</b>	2024
<b>Political Psychology Fellowship, UCLA</b>	2022
<b>Graduate Research Mentorship Program, UCLA</b>	2022 - 2023
<b>Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, UCLA</b>	2022
<b>Graduate Research Mentorship Program, UCLA</b>	2020 - 2021
<b>Graduate Dean’s Scholar Award, UCLA</b>	2019 - 2021
<b>First Year Fellowship, UCLA</b>	2019 - 2020

## TEACHING

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<b>Health, Politics, and Culture: Medicare and Medicaid in the 1960s</b> Instructor	S2022, S2024
<b>America in the 60s</b> Teaching Assistant	F2023, W2024

## SERVICE

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<b>R Maven</b> , Political Science, UCLA	2022 - 2024
<b>Mentor</b> , Political Science Graduate Student Mentorship Program, UCLA	2021 - 2023
<b>Coordinator</b> , American Politics Graduate Student Workshop, UCLA	2020 - 2021

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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<b>PCI Lab Researcher</b> , Practical Causal Inference Lab, UCLA	2023 - present
<b>Researcher</b> , UCLA Health and Politics Project	2020 - present
<b>Attendee</b> , UCLA Political Psychology Lab (David Sears)	2020 - present

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

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<b>Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center</b> Strategic Analyst	2017 - 2019
<b>AIDS Institute, New York State Department of Health</b> Program Assistant	2016 - 2017

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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**Lynn Vavreck**, Marvin Hoffenberg Professor of American Politics and Public Policy. (vavreck@mac.com)  
**Jeffrey Lewis**, Professor of Political Science. (jblewis@polisci.ucla.edu)  
**Daniel Thompson**, Assistant Professor of Political Science. (dthompson@polisci.ucla.edu)