

MELISSA LEE SANDS

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED Assistant Professor of Political Science	2017-
	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS Associate Faculty	2010
EDUCATION	HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA Ph.D., Government Fields: American Politics, Quantitative Methodology	2011 - 2017
	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, NEW YORK, NY M.P.A., Advanced Policy and Economic Analysis	2008 - 2010
	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, MADISON, WI B.A., Sociology with Integrated Liberal Studies certificate <i>Graduated with distinction (top 4% of class)</i>	2001 - 2005
PUBLICATIONS	“Exposure to inequality affects support for redistribution” (2017). <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> .	
	“Uncharted territoriality in coproduction: The motivations for 311 reporting” (2016). With Daniel Tumminelli O’Brien, Dietmar Offenhuber, Jesse Baldwin-Philippi, and Eric Gordon. <i>Journal of Public Administration, Research & Theory</i> .	
PAPERS	“The distributive politics of education policy: Party control of state government and transfers to localities” <i>Under review</i>	
	“Segregation drives racial voting: New evidence from South Africa” (with Daniel de Kadt) <i>Under review</i>	
	“Can Violent Protest Change Local Policy Support? Evidence from the Aftermath of the 1992 Los Angeles Riot” (with Ryan Enos and Aaron Kaufman) <i>Under review</i>	
	“‘Eyes’ on the street: What public camera feed data can teach us about civic and political behavior”	
	“Crises and threats in context: The Boston Marathon bombings as a natural experiment”	
	“How human subjects research rules mislead you and your university, and what to do about it (with Gary King)”	
	“Neighborhood stability and non-voting participation” (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner, Ryan Enos, and Michael Hankinson)	
	“Potential for contact in Boston: A geographic database”	
WORK IN PROGRESS	Using public video feeds to understand intergroup exposure” (with Bryce Dietrich)	
	“A field experiment to increase reporting of sex crimes against children” (with Gary King)	
	“Exploiting natural variation in housing assignment to assess the effects of diversity on intergroup capital” (with Ryan Enos)	
	“The prevalence of child pornography on the internet” (with Gary King and Molly Roberts)	

AWARDS	Best Paper Award	2017
	<i>Political Psychology Section, American Political Science Association</i>	
	Best Paper on Public Policy Award	2017
	<i>Public Policy Section, American Political Science Association</i>	
	Center for American Political Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship	2015 - 2016
	<i>Harvard University</i>	
	Norton Long Young Scholar Award	2014
<i>Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association</i>		
Joanne Toor Cummings Fellowship	2009 - 2010	
<i>Columbia University</i>		
Phi Beta Kappa	2005	
<i>University of Wisconsin</i>		
GRANTS	Graduate Student Council Conference Grant	2016
	<i>Harvard University</i>	
	Boston Area Research Initiative Grant (\$7,400)	2015
	(joint with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner, Ryan Enos, and Michael Hankinson)	
	<i>Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University</i>	
	Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative Research Grant (\$5,000)	2014
	<i>Harvard University</i>	
	Boston Area Research Initiative Seed Grant (\$5,000)	2014
<i>Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University</i>		
Institute for Quantitative Social Science Research Grant (\$2,000)	2014	
<i>Harvard University</i>		
Center for American Political Studies Research Seed Grant (\$1,000)	2013	
<i>Harvard University</i>		
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	Research Workshop in American Politics, University of California, Berkeley (2017)	
	Urban Space and Democratic Citizenship, Radcliffe Institute (2017)	
	Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-conference Plenary Session, Harvard University (2017)	
	International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Warsaw, Poland (2016)	
	Yale CSAP American Politics Conference, poster presentation (2016)	
	American University Department of Government Research Seminar Series (2016)	
	Neurostatistics Working Group Seminar, Harvard School of Public Health (2016)	
	Harvard Meeting on Political Geography, Harvard University (2015)	
	Political Methodology Graduate Workshop: "Spatial Data & Analysis in R", UCLA (2014)	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	International Society of Political Psychology Annual Conference (2016, 2017)	
	Tobin Project Doctoral Student Workshop on Inequality and Decision Making, Harvard University (2016)	
	Identity Politics Research Group Spring Meeting, Columbia University (2016)	
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016, 2017)	
	Harvard Experiments Working Group Graduate Student Conference (2016)	
	New York University CESS Experimental Political Science Conference, poster presentation (2016)	
	American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco (2016)	
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)	
	Boston Working Group on African Political Economy, MIT (2014)	
	American Politics Research Workshop, Harvard University (2013, 2015, 2016)	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>University of California, Merced 2017-</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Advanced Causal Inference (graduate)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Advanced Analysis of Political Data (undergraduate)</p> <p>Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2013 - 2016</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Empirical Methods II - accelerated section (graduate-level econometrics course), Prof. Amitabh Chandra, Harvard Kennedy School (Teaching Fellow in 2015, 2016)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Department Teaching Fellow in Quantitative Methods (2015 - 2017)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Senior Thesis Advisor (2015-2016)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Introduction to Political Science Research Methods, Prof. Arthur Spirling (Teaching Fellow in 2013; Head Teaching Fellow in 2014)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Senior Thesis Writers' Workshop (Teaching Fellow in 2013)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Undergraduate Research Mentor, Center for American Political Studies (2011-2014)</p> <p>Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, New York, NY 2010</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">The Politics of Policymaking (graduate-level core course), Profs. Kenneth Prewitt and Robert Lieberman (Teaching Assistant in 2009; Associate Faculty in 2010)</p>
CONSULTING WORK	<p>National Research Council. (2012). <i>Using Science as Evidence in Public Policy. Committee on the Use of Social Science Knowledge in Public Policy</i>, K. Prewitt, T.A. Schwandt, & M.L. Straf, Editors. Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.</p> <p>Congressional Research Service, Washington, DC (2009)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">"Risk Management and Stress Testing at Financial Institutions" (with M.P. Carvajal, E. Casado, L. Dmitrieva, J. Rush, and A.A. Shafar) <i>unpublished</i></p> <p>FATE Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria (Summer, 2009)</p>
OTHER EXPERIENCE	<p>The Jewish Home & Hospital Lifecare System, New York, NY 2007 - 2008</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Senior Development Associate</i></p> <p>University of Wisconsin-Madison Hillel Foundation, Madison, WI 2005 - 2006</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Program Associate</i></p> <p>NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin, Madison, WI 2005</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Public Policy Assistant</i></p> <p>Joe Parisi for Wisconsin State Assembly, Madison, WI 2004</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Volunteer Coordinator</i></p> <p>Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton, Madison, WI 2004</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Special Assistant</i></p> <p>Wisconsin Citizen Action, Madison, WI 2003</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Health Care Campaign Intern</i></p>