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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

University of California Irvine, Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2014-

Brown University, Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2011-2014

### **EDUCATION**

University of California Los Angeles, 2006-2011

Ph.D., Political Science, 2011

Fields: American Politics; Race, Ethnicity and Politics; Quantitative Methods

Dissertation: The Spillover of Racialization: Race and the Obama Presidency.

M.A., Political Science, 2009

B.A., Political Science, University of California Los Angeles, 2005

- Minor, Afro-American Studies
- *Summa Cum Laude*
- *College Honors*
- Cumulative GPA: 4.0

### **PUBLICATIONS/MONOGRAPHS**

#### ***Books:***

Tesler, Michael and David O. Sears. 2010. *Obama's Race: The 2008 Election and the Dream of a Post-Racial America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Tesler, Michael. Forthcoming. *Most Racial: The Growing Racialization of Mass Politics in the Obama Era*. Accepted for publication, University of Chicago Press.

### **Articles:**

Tesler, Michael. 2015. "Priming Predispositions and Changing Policy Positions: An Account of When Mass Opinion is Primed or Changed." *American Journal of Political Science*.

Tesler, Michael. 2015. "The Conditions Ripe for Racial Spillover Effects." *Advances in Political Psychology*. Volume 2.

Tesler, Michael. 2013. "The Return of Old Fashioned Racism to White Americans' Partisan Preferences in the Early Obama Era." *Journal of Politics*, 75(1): 110-123.

Tesler, Michael. 2012. "The Spillover of Racialization into Health Care: How President Obama Polarized Public Opinion by Race and Racial Attitudes." *American Journal of Political Science*, 56(3): 690-704.

### **Articles Invited to Revise and Resubmit:**

Tesler Michael. "Elite Domination and Public Doubts about Climate Change and Evolution." Revise and Resubmit, *Political Communication*

McThomas, Mary and Michael Tesler. "The Growing Influence of Gender Attitudes on Public Support for Hillary Clinton, 2008-2012." Revise and Resubmit, *Politics and Gender*

### **Chapters:**

Tesler, Michael and John Zaller. 2014. "The Power of Political Communications" in Kathleen Hall Jamison and Kate Kenski (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Political Communications*. New York: Oxford University Press.

### **Book Reviews:**

Review of: Kinder, Donald R. and Allison Dale-Riddle. 2013. *The End of Race: Obama, 2008, and Racial Politics in America* (Yale University Press). *Public Opinion Quarterly* 77(1): 420-23.

Review of: McIlwain, Charlton D. and Stephen M. Caliendo. 2012. *Race Appeal How Candidates Invoke Race in U.S. Political Campaigns* (Temple University Press). *Political Communication*. 29(2): 234-235.

Review of: Kenski, Kate, Bruce Hardy and Kathleen Hall Jamieson. 2012. *The Obama Victory: How Media, Money and Message Shaped the 2008 Election* (Oxford University Press). *Perspectives on Politics*. 10(1): 182-183.

### **ORIGINAL DATA COLLECTION (Principal Investigator)**

Jackman, Simon, John Sides, Michael Tesler and Lynn Vavreck. *The 2012 Cooperative Campaign Analysis Project*. A 44 week rolling cross-section of 3-wave panels, which conducted weekly re-interviews of 1,000 respondents between January 2012 and November 2012.

Tesler, Michael and David O. Sears. *Racial Attitudes and Health Care Opinions*. NSF funded (SES-0968830) re-interviews of 3,147 panelists from the 2007-2008 Cooperative Campaign Analysis Project, November 2009

Tesler, Michael, David O. Sears and Lynn Vavreck. *CCAP Re-interview Surveys*. NSF funded (SES-1023942) re-interviews of 3,000 panelists from the 2007-2008 Cooperative Campaign Analysis Project in the Spring of 2011 and Winter of 2012

Tesler, Michael. *Brown University Module, 2012 Cooperative Congressional Election Study*.

Tesler, Michael, David O. Sears and Lynn Vavreck. *UCLA Module, 2010 Cooperative Congressional Election Study*.

### **WORKING PAPERS/CURRENT PROJECTS**

Tesler, Michael. "President Obama and the Novel Influence of Anti-Muslim Attitudes in Congressional Elections."

Tesler, Michael and Lynn Vavreck. "Survey Mode and Race of the Interviewer Effects on Racial Attitudes."

Tesler, Michael. "Explaining President Obama's Minimal (Aggregate) Effects on White Americans' Racial Attitudes."

Tesler, Michael. "Patriot Priming in Presidential Elections: When and Why American Patriotism Matters in Voting for President."

### **AWARDS**

Salomon Research Award, 2012, Brown University (\$13,000)

Outstanding Academic Title of 2011 (for *Obama's Race*), *Choice*

*Swarr Prize* for Best Graduate Student Paper of 2009, UCLA Department of Political Science

2012 General Social Survey Module Competition, Proposal Acceptance of Presidential Approval Items (with David O. Sears)

Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2009-2010

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2009

First Year Fellowship, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2006-2007

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Tesler, Michael. "The Conditions Ripe for Racial Spillover Effects." APSA Annual Meeting, August 2014.

McThomas, Mary and Michael Tesler. "Out of a Bind: The Growing Importance of Gender Attitudes in Hillary Clinton's Unprecedented Popularity." MPSA Annual Meeting, April 2014.

Tesler, Michael and Lynn Vavreck. "Survey Mode Effects on Racial Attitudes." MPSA Annual Meeting, April 2014

Tesler, Michael. "The Growing Racialization of Partisan Attachments." APSA Annual Meeting, August 2013.

Tesler, Michael. "Explaining President Obama's Minimal (Aggregate) Effects on White Americans' Racial Attitudes." MPSA Annual Meeting, April 2013.

Tesler, Michael. "When Science and Ideology Collide: Elite Domination and Motivated Skepticism in Public Doubts about Evolution and Global Warming. MPSA Annual Meeting, April 2012.

Tesler, Michael. "President Obama and the Influence of Anti-Muslim Attitudes in the 2010 Midterm Elections." APSA Annual Meeting, September 2011.

Tesler, Michael. "Priming Predispositions and Projecting Policy Positions: An Account of When Political Communications Cause Priming or Projection. MPSA Annual Meeting, April 2011.

Tesler, Michael and David O. Sears. "President Obama and the Growing Polarization of Partisan Attachments by Racial Attitudes and Race." APSA Annual Meeting, September 2010

Tesler, Michael. "The Spillover of Racialization into Health Care: How President Obama Polarizes Public Opinion by Race and Racial Attitudes." International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, July 2010.

Tesler, Michael. "Patriot Priming in Presidential Elections: When and Why American Patriotism Matters in Voting for President." MPSA Annual Meeting, April 2010.

Tesler, Michael and David O. Sears. "Is the Obama-Presidency Post-Racial?" MPSA Annual Meeting, April 2010.

Sears, David O. and Michael Tesler. "Are We There Yet? White Youths, Symbolic Racism and the Obama Victory." International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, July 2009.

Tesler, Michael and David O. Sears. "Barack Obama and the Two Sides of Symbolic Racism: Explaining the Effects of Racial Resentment in the Primaries and Beyond." MPSA Annual Meeting, April 2009.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- UC Irvine, University Club Forum, February 2015
- USC, Department of Political Science, December 2014
- Roundtable, APSA, August 2014
- UC Irvine, Department of Political Science, December 2013

- Washington University in St. Louis, Conference on Panel Survey Methods, November 2013
- The Ohio State University, Mershon Center's 2012 Election Conference, October 2013
- UCLA, American Politics Workshop, October 2013
- Loyola Marymount, Politics, Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium, June 2013
- MIT, Political Science Department, April 2013
- Roundtable, MPSA, April 2013
- Mississippi State University, Political Science Department, February 2013
- Vanderbilt University, Political Science Department, December 2012
- University of Arizona, School of Government and Public Policy, November 2012
- Brown University, International Relations Undergraduate Group, November 2012
- Washington University in St. Louis, Political Science Department, October 2012
- Harvard University, Republican Primary Panel, May 2012
- Harvard University, Political Psychology and Behavior Workshop, September 2011
- UCLA, *Swarr Prize* Honorary Lecture, May 2010
- West Coast Experiments Conference, UCLA, May 2010
- The Ohio State University, Mershon Center's 2008 Election Conference, October 2009
- Stanford University, American Politics Workshop/Munro Lecture Series, September 2009
- UC Irvine, Political Psychology Workshop (with David O. Sears), May 2009
- UCLA, Race and the 2008 Election Conference, October 2008

## **COURSES**

### *UC Irvine:*

Quantitative Research Methods (graduate)  
 Public Opinion (undergraduate)  
 Racial Attitudes and American Politics (undergraduate)

### *Brown University:*

Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (graduate)  
 Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (graduate)  
 Campaigns and Elections (undergraduate)  
 Racial Attitudes and their Impact on American Politics (undergraduate)  
 Political Psychology (graduate)

### *UCLA:*

Racial Attitudes and their Impact on American Politics (undergraduate)

## **SERVICE**

### *Department:*

Colloquium Director, UCI Department of Political Science, 2014-2015  
 Race, Ethnicity and Politics Hiring Committee, Brown Political Science Department, 2012  
 Graduate Committee, Brown University Political Science Department, 2011-2012  
 Co-Organizer, Political Science Speaker Series, Brown University, 2011-2013.

Co-President, UCLA Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2009-2010

*Discipline:*

Panel Organizer: APSA Annual Meeting

Discussant: APSA Annual Meeting; MPSA Annual Meeting

Chair: APSA Annual Meeting; MPSA Annual Meeting

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

*Commentator:*

Model Politics: YouGov Survey Analysis Blog, <http://today.yougov.com/news/authors/m.tesler>

*Referee:*

*American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy; National Science Foundation; Norton; Journal of Communication; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law; Journal of Politics; Political Behavior; Political Communication; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Political Psychology; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Research and Methods; Presidential Studies Quarterly; Public Opinion Quarterly; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Routledge; Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences; University of Chicago Press*

*Media Interviews:*

NPR (*Morning Addition*); MSNBC (*Up with Chris Hayes*); Slate; The New York Times; The Atlantic; The Washington Post; Los Angeles Times; Associated Press; The Huffington Post; Newsweek/Daily Beast; Atlanta Journal Constitution; CNN.com; Salon; New York Magazine WNYC; Brown Daily Harold

*Memberships:*

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

International Society of Political Psychology

**REFERENCES**

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