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## academic employment

2021-	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i> Annenberg School for Communication Political Science (Secondary Appointment)	Associate Professor
2016-2021	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i> Annenberg School for Communication Political Science (Secondary Appointment)	Assistant Professor
2012-2016	<i>University of Amsterdam</i> Amsterdam School of Communication Research	Assistant Professor

## education

2012	<i>PhD in Communication</i> PhD minor in Social Psychology	Stanford University
2008	<i>Master in Political Science</i>	Temple University
2005	<i>Bachelor in Political Science</i> and Journalism & Mass Communication	University of Wisconsin-Madison

## refereed journal articles

González-Bailón, Sandra & Lelkes, Yphtach. Do Social Media undermine Social Cohesion? A Critical Review. (In Press). *Social Issues and Policy Review*.

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- Yang, T., Ticona, J., & Lelkes, Y. (2021). Policing the Digital Divide: Institutional Gate-keeping & Criminalizing Digital Inclusion. *Journal of Communication*, 71(4), 572-597.
- Bakker, B. N., Lelkes, Y., & Malka, A. (2021). Reconsidering the link between self-reported personality traits and political preferences. *American Political Science Review*, 115(4), 1482-1498.
- \* Brenes-Peralta, C., Wojcieszak, M., Lelkes, Y. (2021). Can I Stick to My Guns? Motivated Reasoning and Biased Processing of Balanced Political Information. *Communication Society*, 49-66.
- \* Fischer, S., Jaidka, K., & Lelkes, Y. (2020). Auditing local news presence on Google News. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 4(12), 1236-1244.
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- \* Jaidka, K., Zhou, A., & Lelkes, Y. (2019). Brevity is the soul of Twitter: The constraint affordance and political discussion. *Journal of Communication*, (69)4, 345-372.
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Lelkes, Y. Commentary on *Frontiers*: Spilling the Beans on Political Consumerism: Do Social Media Boycotts and Buycotts Translate to Real Sales Impact? *Marketing Science*.

\* Moore-Berg, S. L., Parelman, J. M., Lelkes, Y., & Falk, E. B. (2020). Neural polarization and routes to depolarization. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(46), 28552-28554.

\* Fisher, S. & Lelkes, Y. (In Press) *The Internet and Affective Polarization*. In R. Nabi & J. Myrick (Eds.), *Our online emotional selves: The link between digital media and emotional experiences*. Oxford University Press.

Bakker, B. & Lelkes, Y. (2022) The structure, prevalence, and nature of mass belief systems. In C. Sibley & D. Osborne (Eds.), *Cambridge Handbook of Political Psychology*. Cambridge University Press.

Lelkes, Y. (2019) National and Cross-National Perspectives on Political Media Bias. In E. Suhay, B. Grofman, and Trechsel (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion*. Oxford, UK.

Sood, G., and Lelkes, Y. (2018) Expose Yourself: Discretionary Exposure to Political Information. In W. Thompson (Ed.), *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford, UK.

Malka, A., Lelkes, Y., and Holzer, N. (2017) Rethinking the Rigidity of the Right Model: Three Suboptimal Methodological Practices and Their Implications. *Frontiers of Social Psychology: Politics of Social Psychology*. J. T. Crawford, & L. Jussim (Eds.) Psychology Press: New York.

Lelkes, Y. (2010) Priming. *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, ed. George T. Kurian. CQ Press.

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## book reviews

Lelkes, Y. (2018). *Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became our Identity*. By Lilliana Mason. University of Chicago Press, 2018. 192p. \$105.00 cloth, \$20.00 paper. *Perspectives on Politics*, 16(4), 1179-1181.

## working papers

Fischer, S. & Lelkes Y. The Impact of Electoral Systems and Electoral Outcomes on Mass Attitudes: Experimental Evidence. Book in Preparation for Cambridge Elements Series in Experimental Political Science.

Hopkins, D., Lelkes, Y., & Wolken S. The Rise of and Demand for Identity-Oriented Media Coverage. Under Review.

Dias, N. & Lelkes, Y. Is It Really That Easy? Reconsidering the Easy-Hard Issue Distinction in American Politics. Under Review.

Huang, S. & Lelkes, Y. The dynamics and functions of the sharing of partisan negativity. In Preparation.

## funding

2022 New Pluralists (co-pi with Shanto Iyengar and Sean Westwood), *Polarization Research Lab*, \$100,000

2022 Knight Foundation (co-pi with Shanto Iyengar and Sean Westwood), *Polarization Research Lab*, \$450,000

2022 Charles Koch Foundation (co-pi with Shanto Iyengar and Sean Westwood), *Polarization Research Lab*, \$3,340,203

2021 Facebook (co-pi with Joe Turow), *Privacy Attitudes*, \$75,000

2020 University of Pennsylvania, Research Recovery Grant, *A theory of cue taking*, \$15,000

2020 New America Foundation, *Electoral Systems and Polarization*, \$30,000

- 2019 Comcast-Internet Essentials, *Impact of Internet Essentials on Life Outcomes*, \$430,000
- 2019 Facebook Integrity Grant, *Impact of Affordances on Polarization*, \$100,000
- 2018 Mozilla Research Grant, *Using the browser as an experimental platform*, \$30,000
- 2017 University of Pennsylvania, *Funding for Faculty Working Group Governance in a World of Pervasive Digital Communications*, \$4,400
- 2017 University of Pennsylvania, *Undergraduate Research Mentoring Program*, \$5,000
- 2015 International Society for Political Psychology, *Small Grant to host Benelux Political Psychology Conference*, 3,500€
- 2015 The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, *Small Grant to host Benelux Political Psychology Conference*, 4,500€
- 2014 Longitudinal Internet Studies for the Social sciences, *Immigrant attitudes towards immigrants*, 25,000€
- 2012 Google, *Selective Exposure and Affective Polarization*, \$75,000
- 2010 Stanford University, *Alumni Research Experience Program*, \$1000

## op-eds

Lelkes, Y., Westwood, S. J. (2022, November 19). We study political polarization. The midterm election results make us hopeful. <https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/3742552-we-study-political-polarization-the-midterm-election-results-make-us-hopeful/>

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Federico, C.M., Johnston, C.D., Lavine, H., Lelkes, Y., Malka, A., Soto, C. (2020, April 15), Will the COVID-19 pandemic shake up conservatives views on government spending and involvement in the economy? Maybe. The Washington Post. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/04/15/will-coronavirus-make-conservatives-love-government-spending/>

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## invited talks

April 2022: University of Michigan (scheduled)

November 2022: UW-Madison  
September – October 2022, 3 Lifelong Learning Lectures, Waverly Heights Senior Retirement Community  
August 2022: Blalock Lecture, ICPSR, University of Michigan  
June 2022: Summer Institute for Computational Social Science-Penn  
March 2022: Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas  
March 2022: University of Amsterdam  
June 2021: Tel Aviv University  
May 2021: Princeton University  
February 2021: Princeton, Julis-Rabinowitz Center for Public Policy Finance  
January 2021: Brigham Young University  
November 2020: GBH News Fourm: How to Bridge the Partisan Divide  
September 2020: Political Psychology & Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior webinar  
August 2020: Arizona State University-Princeton Polarization Conference II (virtually presented)  
September 2020: APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference, **Keynote**. (Cancelled due to Covid)  
June 2020: Hebrew University (virtually presented)  
April 2020: Duke University (Rescheduled due to Covid)  
March 2020: University of Minnesota (Rescheduled due to Covid)  
February 2020: New America Foundation  
January 2020: Arizona State University-Princeton Polarization Conference  
November 2019: Stonybrook University, Department of Political Science  
October 2019: University of Pennsylvania, Social and Behavioral Science Initiative  
June 2019: Facebook  
May 2019: **Keynote**, Social and Cultural Evolution Symposium, University of Pennsylvania  
April 2019: Princeton Conference on Youtube and Politics, Woodrow Wilson School  
February 2019: **Keynote**, Computation & Journalism Conference, Miami.  
February 2019: Communication Meets Political Science: Cross-Disciplinary perspectives on Social Media and Politics, Southern Political Science Association, Austin, Texas.  
February 2019: School of Communication, Austin Texas.  
February 2018: Network for Responsible Public Policy, Fairleigh Dickinson University  
November 2017: Facebook  
January 2016: Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania  
November 2016: George Washington University, School of Media and Public Affairs  
January 2015: Radboud University, Department of Communication.  
October 2015: Utrecht University, European Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations.  
May 2015: University of Haifa, Department of Communication.  
May 2015: University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication  
April 2015: Temple University, Department of Political Science.  
April 2015: Princeton University, Media and Polarization Conference.  
March 2014: Aarhus University, Department of Political Science.

March 2014: University of Southern Denmark, Department of Political Science.

September 2013: Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties Pre-Conference Workshop.

January 2012: Hebrew University, Department of Communication.

December 2012: Yeshiva University, Department of Psychology.

## **awards**

2019 Top Paper Award from the Political Communication Division, International Communication Association Meeting for “An Expressive Utility Account of Partisan Cue Receptivity: Cognitive Resources in the Service of Identity Expression” with Bert Bakker and Ariel Malka

2016 Teaching Excellence Award, University of Amsterdam

2015 Roberta Sigel Award for Best Paper Presented at the International Society for Political Psychology Conference by a Junior Scholar for “Limits of Partisan Prejudice” with Sean Westwood

2008 March Fong Eu Graduate Fellow, Stanford University

2007–2012 Departmental Fellowship, Stanford University

2008 Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association

2005–2007 University Fellowship, Temple University

## **service to the university**

Faculty Disciplinary Committee, 2018–

Vice Provost for Education Fellowship Selection Committee, 2018–

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Paideia Program Faculty Committee, 2020–

## **service to the department**

Graduate Studies Committee, 2017–

IT AV/Committee, 2018–

Undergraduate Thesis Award Committee, 2018, 2019

## **service to the discipline**

ad hoc reviewer	<i>American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Political Communication, The Review of Economic Studies, Political Studies, Political Psychology, Public Opinion Quarterly, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Political Behavior, American Politics Research, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Human Communication Research, Journal of Communication, Journalism and Mass Communication, New Media and Society, Journal of Cognitive Psychology, Communication Review, Communication Theory, International Journal of Communication, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Psychological Science, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Science, Political Analysis</i>
editorial board	<i>Journal of Communication (2022-) Journal of Quantitative Description (2020-) Political Communication (2015-) International Journal of Public Opinion Research (2012-2014)</i>
chair	<i>ICA/APSA Best Book in Political Communication Committee 2017</i>
chair	<i>International Society of Political Psychology Junior Scholar Award committee 2020</i>
co-founder	<i>Dutch Political Psychology Organization</i> Semi-Annual Meetings with 50+ participants from around Northern Europe