

John Konicki

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Education

University of California Berkeley

Ph.D. in Political Science

Expected May 2027

- *Fields: American Politics, Political Behavior, Methodology & Formal Theory*
- *Committee: David Broockman (co-chair), Gabriel Lenz (co-chair), Omar Wasow, Sarah Anzia*

M.A. in Political Science

May 2024

Vanderbilt University

August 2015 – May 2019

B.A. in Political Science, *Cum Laude*

Working Papers

- “The Rise of Affective Polarization: Is It What We Think, or Who We Are?” ([OSF](#))
 - *Conditionally accepted, American Journal of Political Science*

Research in Progress

- “The Political Evolution of Business Elites: Longitudinal Evidence from the Technology Industry” (with Olivier Bergeron-Boutin, Christian Caballero, Pia Deshpande, Greg Ferenstein, Amir Goldberg, and Neil Malhotra)
 - *Under review*
- “The Unmoved Mover? A Reassessment of Party ID’s Long-Term Durability”
- “Have Americans Polarized, or Just Sorted? Using Prediction Models to Revisit an Old Debate”
- “Ideological Resentment: How Substantive Grievances Fuel Negative Political Identities”
- “Comparing Demographic and Attitudinal Sorting’s Contributions to Rising Affective Polarization”
 - *Invited chapter for volume on affective polarization, edited by Shanto Iyengar and Paul Lendway*
- “Anti-Racists for Conservative Causes? Race and Ideology in Opinion Formation” (with Trent Ollerenshaw)

Teaching Experience

- POLSCI 1: Introduction to American Politics – TA for Paul Pierson Spring 2025
- POLSCI 103: Congress – TA for Eric Schickler Fall 2024
- POLSCI 109B: The Politics of Public Policy – TA for David Broockman Summer 2024
- POLSCI 103: Congress – TA for Eric Schickler Spring 2024

Grant & Fellowships

- Institute for Humane Studies Junior Fellowship (2026)
- Tideline Foundation Research Grant (2026) \$10,000
- University of Buckingham Heterodox Research Award (2026) \$13,500
- Berkeley Connect Graduate Fellowship (2025-2026)
- UC Berkeley Center for Right-Wing Studies, Mini-Grant (2025) \$1,000

- Berkeley-Aarhus Initiative Research Fellow (Summer 2024)
- Institute for Humane Studies, Expense Support Grant (2024) \$5,000
- Berkeley Center for the Study of American Democracy Award (2023) \$5,000
- Berkeley Center for the Study of American Democracy Award (2023) \$2,050
- Institute for Humane Studies, Publication Accelerator Grant (2022) \$5,000
- Citrin Center for Public Opinion Research, Citrin Fellow Grant (2022) \$2,000

Presentations

- American Political Science Association Annual Conference 2026 (expected), 2025, 2023
- Research Workshop in American Politics 2026
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2026, 2025
- Toronto Political Behavior Workshop – Graduate Student Poster 2026 (expected), 2025
- Citrin Center Fall Research Symposium 2025
- Polarization Research Lab Annual Meeting 2025
- Institute for Humane Studies – Graduate Paper Workshops 2025, 2024

Service

- Reviewer – *Political Behavior; Party Politics; Politics, Groups, and Identities*
- APSA Panel Chair – “Partisanship, Policy Views, and Belief Systems” 2026
- Undergraduate Mentor – Yardi Scholarship Program July 2025 – May 2026
- Coordinator – American Political Behavior Lab August 2022 – May 2023

Other Research Experience

University of California, Berkeley July 2023 – Present

Project Lead - Class of 2027 Cal Bear Values Survey

Institute for Governmental Studies, Berkeley IGS Poll June 2023 – Present

Data Analyst, Survey Programmer

American Enterprise Institute August 2019 – July 2022

Research Associate, Economic Policy - James Pethokoukis

Vanderbilt Political Science Department December 2016 – December 2018

Research Assistant - Cindy Kam, Peter Schram, Brett Benson, & Hye Young You

Cato Institute May 2017 – August 2017

Research Intern, Project on Public Opinion - Emily Ekins

Other Publications

Konicki, John A. & James Pethokoukis. (Spring 2022) “[Do Americans Care About Space?](#)” *The New Atlantis*.

Bowman, Karlyn & John Konicki (October 2021). “[Election Watch 2022: 400 Days to Go.](#)” *AEIdeas*.

Bowman, Karlyn & John Konicki (February 2021). “[Can Republicans Maintain a Conservative-Populist Alliance? An Interview with Henry Olsen.](#)” *AEIdeas*.

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