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education

Ph.D, Sociology, Harvard University, 2023
A.M, Sociology, Harvard University, 2020
B.A., *Highest Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa*, Sociology (with Departmental Honors) and
Political Science, Indiana University-Bloomington, 2016

publications

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

Sean Bock and Landon Schnabel. 2022. "Distressed Democrats and Relaxed Republicans? Partisanship and Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *PLoS ONE*. 17(4): e0266562.

Bart Bonikowski, Yuval Feinstein, and Sean Bock. 2021. "The Partisan Sorting of 'America': How Nationalist Cleavages Shaped the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." *American Journal of Sociology*. 127(2), 492-561.
- Best Article Award, American Sociological Association, Political Sociology Section

Sean Bock and Landon Schnabel. 2021. "Visualizing Partisan Identification Switching in the General Social Survey Panel, 2016-2020." *Socius* 7: 1-3.
- Covered in *Washington Post* article: "More Americans than usual have been switching parties. Why?"

Sean Bock. 2021. "Conflicted Religionists: Measuring Political Backlash on Salient Issues." *Socius* 7: 1-24.

Landon Schnabel and Sean Bock. 2018. "The Continuing Persistence of Intense Religion in the United States: Rejoinder." *Sociological Science* 5: 711-721.

Landon Schnabel and Sean Bock. 2017. "The Persistent and Exceptional Intensity of American Religion: A Response to Recent Research." *Sociological Science* 4: 686-700.
- Most downloaded *Sociological Science* paper: Over 45k downloads as of January, 2023

Papers under review

Landon Schnabel, Sean Bock, and Michael Hout. "Switch to Web-based Surveys During Covid-19 Pandemic Left Out the Most Religious, Creating a False

Impression of Rapid Religious Decline”. Revise and Resubmit at *Sociology of Religion*.

Other publications

Sean Bock and Landon Schnabel. 2021. “More Americans than usual have been switching parties. Why?” *Washington Post*. December 16.

Works in progress

“Divided Dems, United Reps: Party strategy and within-party variation in immigration attitudes”

“Measuring Disagreement in the American political space: Polarization, sorting, and ideological coalitions”

“Nationalist Cleavages in Contemporary Democracies: Collective identity and support for radical politics”, with Bart Bonikowski

“American Exceptionalism or Republican Exceptionalism? A cross-national analysis of public opinion on health care policy”, with Jason Beckfield

academic
presentations

“American Exceptionalism or Republican Exceptionalism? A Cross-National analysis of Public Opinion on Health Care Policy.” Social Demography Seminar Series at the Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University, 2021.

“Conflicted Religionists: Measuring political backlash.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. St. Louis, Missouri, 2019.

“The Polarization of Nationalist Cleavages and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.” American Sociological Association. New York, New York, 2019.

“When Personal Views Conflict with Religion: Political Ideology and the Church.” North Central Sociological Association/ Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL 2016.

grants &
awards

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 2022

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Dissertation Writing Grant, Harvard University, 2022 (Declined)

Josefina Cintron Tiryakian and Edward A. Tiryakian Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowship Fund, 2022

Harvard GSAS Professional Development Grant, 2022

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 2021

Student Travel Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2019

Phi Beta Kappa, 2015

selected
media
coverage

New York Times, New Yorker, Washington Post, BBC, Science News, Columbus Dispatch, Reddit's front page, Salt Lake Tribune, Sacramento Bee

teaching	<p><i>New York University</i> Introduction to Computational Text Analysis (Graduate level) 2022 (Spring and Fall semesters)</p> <p><i>Harvard University</i> Undergraduate Research Methods 2022 Life and Death by Design 2021 & 2019. Department Quantitative Advisor 2020-2021. Department Writing Fellow 2020-2021. Political Sociology 2020.</p>
mentoring	<p>Senior Thesis Advisor: Katherine Lou (2020 at Harvard University) <i>Winner of the 2020 Hoopes Prize at Harvard University</i></p>
computer skills	<p>R (tidyverse, Rmarkdown, R Shiny), Stata, Python (Basic), LaTeX, Excel, SQL (Basic),</p>
affiliations	<p>American Sociological Association Sections: Political Sociology, Culture, Sociology of Religion Eastern Sociological Society Society for the Scientific Study of Religion The Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University</p>
service	<p>Department “Coffee Czar”, Harvard University, 2018-2022 Occasional reviewer for <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>, <i>American Sociological Review</i>, <i>Social Forces</i>, <i>Journal of Health and Social Behavior</i>, <i>Sociological Science</i>, <i>Sociology of Religion</i>, and <i>Socius</i>.</p>