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EDUCATION

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ

Exp 2027 Ph.D., Political Science

Dissertation: *Negativity Bias Revisited: Changes in the effects of campaign appeals over time*

Committee: Richard Lau, Katherine McCabe, Nathan Kelly, Kira Sanbonmatsu & Stuart Soroka (UCLA)

2024 M.A., Political Science

Major Field: American Politics

Minor Field: Statistical Methodology

Stockton University, Galloway, NJ

2022 B.A., Political Science – Minor in Holocaust & Genocide Studies

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Eagleton Institute of Politics, New Brunswick, NJ

2022 - Lead Graduate Research Assistant

Data Management - Young Elected Leaders Project (YELP)

Center for Youth Political Participation (CYPP)

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Under Review

George Quinn and Richard Lau. “*Steering AI for classifying open-ended text: An Evaluation of ANES 2020 Candidate Likes and Dislikes.*”

- Revise and Resubmit at *Public Opinion Quarterly* ([Link to Paper](#))

George Quinn “*The Age Penalty - Evidence from Two Survey Experiments*”

- Under Review at *Journal of Experimental Political Science* ([Link to Paper](#))

Maria Ovalle and **George Quinn** “*Challenging the Narrative: Latino Voting in Presidential Elections.*”

- Under Review at *Political Research Quarterly* ([Link to Paper](#))

Fred Traylor and **George Quinn** “*Providing Electricity Increases Support for Data Centers: Evidence from a Survey Experiment*”

- Under Review at *Nature Energy* ([Link to Paper](#))

In Development

George Quinn “*The Age Representation Gap in U.S. State Legislatures: A New Dataset of Legislator Age and State Population Demographics.*”

George Quinn & Richard Lau “*Unlocking Open Ended Data – ANES Like Dislike Classification 2012 – 2024*”

Fredric Traylor & **George Quinn** “*Schemas of Energy Supply and Demand: How do New Jerseyans Link Data Centers to Energy Development?*”

George Quinn & Fredric Traylor “*AI Politics is Local: Textual Trends and Data Center Politics*”

George Quinn & Zachary Winograd “*Racial Attitudes and Vote Choice*”

Santos Rivera-Cardona & **George Quinn** “*Puerto Rico: Is Independence for the Rich and Statehood for the Poor?*”

George Quinn & Jessica Grassetti “*Dynamic Voter Behavior in Polarized Times: Longitudinal Analysis of Electoral Choice in 2016 and 2020*”

George Quinn & Jan Kubik “*Cultural Impacts on Measuring Authoritarianism in American Elections*”

DATASETS

- 2026 American National Election Study – Open Ended Response Database. Author Created Database of Candidate Likes/Dislikes in 2020 & 2024 (2012 & 2016 Election Years in Development)
- 2024 Young Elected Leaders Project. Age in State Legislatures 2017–2024 [Dataset]. Young Elected Leaders Project, Center for Youth Political Participation, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University. Corresponding Author: George D. Quinn
- 2024 Young Elected Leaders Project. Age in the United States Congress 2002–2024 [Dataset]. Young Elected Leaders Project, Center for Youth Political Participation, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University. Corresponding Author: George D. Quinn

RESEARCH FUNDING

External

- 2026 APSA Travel Award - Reimagining Accessibility in the Discipline Working Group (\$1,000)

Internal

- 2026 Rutgers Democracy Lab - Democracy Summer Research Fellowship (\$2,000)
- 2025 Political Science Department Student Travel Funds Award (\$1,500)
- 2024 Political Science Department Student Travel Funds Award (\$1,500)
- 2024 ICPSR Rutgers Departmental Scholarship University of Michigan - Ann Arbor (\$3,200)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024 AAPOR Best Student Poster Award (\$500)
- 2023 Political Science Department Excellence Fellowship - Rutgers University
- 2022 Political Science Department Excellence Fellowship - Rutgers University
- 2022 Stockton Board of Trustees Fellowship (\$500)
- 2021 Adele & Joseph Dancyger Holocaust Research Scholarship (\$1,500)

CONFERENCE AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 Santos Rivera–Cardona and **George Quinn**. “Puerto Rico: Is Independence for the Rich and Statehood for the Poor?” *Accepted at Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC)*, Boulder CO, November 2026
- 2026 **George Quinn** “Today’s Voter: Experimenting with the Effects of Campaign Tone” *Accepted at New York Political Science Conference*, Rochester NY, September 2026
- 2026 **George Quinn** “Unlocking Open Ended Data – ANES Like Dislike Classification 2012 – 2024.” DC – AAPOR Conference, September 2026
- 2026 Traylor, Frederic and **George Quinn**. “AI Data Centers: Congressional Framings and Their Electability.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
- 2026 **George Quinn**. “Priming Negativity: Open-Ended Text Classification and Campaign Appeals” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
- 2026 **George Quinn** and Shauna Shames. “Passing the Torch: How Gen-Z Is Seeking Office on Their Own Terms” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2026 **George Quinn**, “Negativity Bias Revisited: Assessing Candidate Evaluations and Campaign Environments” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2026 **George Quinn** & Jessica Grasseti, “Dynamic Voter Behavior in Polarized Times: Revisiting Markus and Converse with 2016–2020 ANES Panel Data” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2026 **George Quinn** & Zachary Winograd, “Racial Attitudes Effect on Vote Choice – Senate Elections in Georgia” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA
- 2026 **George Quinn** & Zachary Winograd, “Racial Attitudes Effect on Vote Choice – Senate Elections in Georgia” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA
- 2026 Maria Ovalle & **George Quinn**, “Challenging the Narrative: Latino Voting in Presidential Elections” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA
- 2025 **George Quinn** & Zachary Winograd, “Racial Attitudes Effect on Vote Choice” Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL
- 2025 Maria Ovalle & **George Quinn** “Challenging the Narrative: Latino Issue Voting in Recent Elections” Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC), Boulder CO, September 2025
- 2025 **George Quinn** & Jacob Ausubel, “Young Elected Leaders: Perspectives on Age and Elected Leaders” APSA - Pre Conference / Short Course - 2025, Vancouver, BC Lead Pre-Conference Organizer
- 2025 **George Quinn** & Richard Lau, “Negativity Bias Revisited” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC.
- 2025 **George Quinn** & Jessica Grasseti, “Dynamic Voter Behavior: Longitudinal Analysis of Electoral Choice in 2016 and 2020” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC.
- 2025 Maria Ovalle & **George Quinn** “Challenging the Narrative - Do Immigration Attitudes Still Predict Latino Voting Preferences in American Elections?” American Association of Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, St Louis, MO.
- 2025 **George Quinn** & Richard Lau, “Steering AI for Classifying Open-Ended Text: An Evaluation of Anes 2020 Candidate Likes & Dislikes” American Association of Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, St Louis, MO.

- 2025 **George Quinn**, “The Age Penalty: Two Experiments Evaluating Public Perceptions of Candidate Age within Simulated Primary Elections” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2025 **George Quinn** & Richard R. Lau, “Steering Generative AI for Classifying Open-Ended Text: An Evaluation of ANES Open-ended Data” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2025 **George Quinn**, “Age and Candidate Perceptions” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, PR.
- 2025 **George Quinn** & Richard R. Lau, “Negativity Bias Revisited” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, PR.
- 2024 **George Quinn** & Richard R. Lau, “Steering Generative AI for Classifying Open-ended Text” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA
- 2024 Evaluating AI and Structured Topic Modeling for Open-ended Responses within the 2020 ANES” – American Association of Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
Winner of the 2024 AAPOR Student Poster Award

TEACHING

Instructor

Introduction to American Government

Summer 2025, Summer 2026

Teaching Assistant

Advanced Topics in American Politics - Baker’s Dozen
 (Experiential course for honors political science students)

Fall 2026

Introduction to American Government

Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Political Methodology

Fall 2024, Spring 2025

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Political Methodology

Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Areas Prepared to Teach

American Politics, Methods, Computational Political Science, Generative AI Policy & Implications, Campaigns & Election, Political Psychology, Hispanic Politics, Race & Ethnic Politics, Experiential Learning in Political Science.

SERVICE

Reviewer for:

Party Politics (1)

To the Field

2026 AAPOR Conference Program Committee Member

- Abstract Reviewer In particular, developing conference tracks for AI: Data Science, Machine Learning, and Big Data AI: LLMs, NLP, and Generative AI

2024 - 25 Co-Chair, Journal Scholars Exchange

- JSE is a structured two-month program designed to prepare undergraduate researchers for careers in the professional, industrial, and academic fields.
- Joint program with AAPOR and ASA

To the University

Rutgers University

2024 – 2025 Co-Chair, AI Collaborative (Joint with Sociology and Communication)

Stockton University

2020 - 2022 President of Stockton University's National Political Science Honors Society

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA) | American Association of Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) | Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) | Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) | Pi Sigma Alpha - Political Science Honors Society | American Statistical Association (ASA)

SKILLS, METHODS, TRAINING & PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Statistical Packages: R/R Studio, Stata, SPSS, Qualtrics; Familiar with Python

Quantitative: MLE, Causal Inference, Experiments, Survey Design, Bayesian Analysis, Time Series, Network Analysis, Multilevel Modeling

Computational: Generative AI, Prompt Dialogue, Web Scraping, Text Analysis, Machine Learning, API calls, Social Media Scraping

Qualitative: Focus Groups, Thematic Analysis, Content analysis, Elite Interviewing

External Methods Training:

2026 Political Networks Pre Conference Workshop, The University of Manchester, UK

2024 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Focus on Network Analysis and Time Series Analysis

2022 The Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), Rutgers University
