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## DOMINIK A. STECUŁA

### academic positions

2020-present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Colorado State University

2018-2020

Martin Fishbein Postdoctoral Fellow in the Annenberg Center for Advanced Study in  
 Communication, Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow (nonresident), Centre For Public Opinion and Political  
 Representation, Simon Fraser University

### education

Ph.D, Political Science, University of British Columbia, 2018

Major field: *American politics* Minor field: *Comparative politics*

Dissertation: *Mainstream media and political polarization in the US*

Recipient of SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship and the Four Year Fellowship

Committee: Paul Quirk (Chair), Fred Cutler, Richard Johnston, and Stuart Soroka (Michigan)

M.A., Political Science, McGill University, 2012

Major field: *Comparative politics*

Thesis: *Public Opinion and Democracy in Poland*

Supervisor: Stuart Soroka

B.A., Political Science & History, University of Michigan, Dearborn, 2008

*Dual major*

*Summa cum laude*

Recipient of the Chancellor's Medallion

### refereed publications

Stecula, D.A., Kuru, O., & Jamieson, K.H. 2020. "Policy views and negative beliefs  
 about vaccines in the United States, 2019," forthcoming at the *American Journal  
 of Public Health*.

Merkley, E. & Stecula, D.A.. 2020. "Party Cues in the News: Democratic Elites, Re-  
 publican Backlash, and the Dynamics of Climate Skepticism," *The British Jour-  
 nal of Political Science*. [LINK](#)

Pickup, M., Stecula, D.A., & van der Linden, C. 2020. "Novel Coronavirus, Old  
 Partisanship: COVID-19 Attitudes and Behaviours in the United States and  
 Canada," *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. [LINK](#)

- Motta, M., **Stecula, D.A.**, & Farhart, C. 2020. "How Right-Leaning Media Coverage of COVID-19 Facilitated the Spread of Misinformation in the Early Stages of the Pandemic in the U.S.," *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. [LINK](#)
- Stecula, D.A.**, Kuru, O., and Jamieson, K.H. 2020. "How Trust in Experts and Media Use Affect Acceptance of Common Anti-Vaccination Claims," *The Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review* 1:1, 37-47. [LINK](#)
- Motta, M., Chapman, D., **Stecula, D.A.**, and Haglin, K. 2019. "An Experimental Examination of Measurement Disparities in Public Climate Change Beliefs," *Climatic Change* 154:1/2, 37-47. [LINK](#)
- Stecula, D.A.** and Merkley, E. 2019. "Framing Climate Change: Economics, Ideology, and Uncertainty in American News Media Content From 1988 to 2014," *Frontiers in Communication* 4:6. [LINK](#)
- Merkley, E. and **Stecula, D.A.** 2018. "Party Elites or Manufactured Doubt? The Informational Context of Climate Change Polarization," *Science Communication* 40(2), 258-274. [LINK](#)
- Wlezien, C., Soroka, S.N., and **Stecula, D.A.** 2017. "A Cross-National Analysis of the Causes and Consequences of Economic News," *Social Science Quarterly* 98(3), 1010-1025. [LINK](#)
- Soroka, S.N., **Stecula, D.A.** and Wlezien, C. 2015. "It's (Change in) the (Future) Economy, Stupid: Economic Indicators, the Media, and Public Opinion," *American Journal of Political Science* 59(2), 457-474. [LINK](#)
- Thrall, A.T., **Stecula, D.A.** and Sweet, D. 2014. "May We Have Your Attention Please? Human Rights NGOs and the Problem of Global Communication," *The International Journal of Press/Politics* 19(2), 135-159. [LINK](#)
- Stecula, D.A.** 2019. "Source credibility in the age of fake news," in Sara Bannerman, Tony Porter and Netina Tan (Eds.), *Digitization and Challenges to Democracy*, Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition, McMaster University, Working Paper 19/1. [LINK](#)
- Thrall, A.T. and **Stecula, D.A.** 2017. "All the World's a Stage: The Rise of Transnational Celebrity Advocacy for Human Rights," in Howard Tumber and Silvio Waisbord (Eds.), *The Routledge Companion to Media and Human Rights*, New York: Routledge. [LINK](#)
- Thrall, A.T., **Stecula, D.A.** and Moyer, R. 2013. "Building a Better Boomerang? Human Rights, NGOs and the New Media," in Franziska Oehmer (Ed.), *Politische Interessenvermittlung und Medien. Funktionen, Formen und Folgen medialer Kommunikation von Parteien, Verbänden und sozialen Bewegungen*, Berlin: Nomos Publisher. [LINK](#)

**book  
chapters  
& edited  
volumes**

**research  
grants**

2018 - Prolific's Junior Researcher Grant (\$1,000) - [LINK](#)

**professional  
experience***Teaching (at the Simon Fraser University)*

Developed and taught an upper level Media and Politics course (POL339) in the summer of 2018.

*Teaching (at the University of British Columbia)*

Developed and taught an upper level Media and Politics course (POLI333b) in the summer of 2017.

Co-Instructor for POLI492, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, with Prof. Antje Ellermann in the 2017/18 academic year.

*Teaching Assistantships*

At the *University of British Columbia*: teaching assistant for POLI380 (quantitative methods - 6x) and POLI110 (introduction to scientific political analysis - 1x).

At *McGill University*: teaching assistant for POLI325 (politics and government of the US - 2x).

*Research Assistantships*

Several appointments at the *University of British Columbia*, including the Public Opinion Laboratory under Prof. Paul Quirk - 2012-2017.

RA for Prof. Stuart Soroka at the *McGill University*, 2010-2012.

RA for Prof. Richard Nadeau at the *Universite de Montreal*, 2011-2012.

*Professional*

Research Fellow at the *Piast Institute* (Detroit, Michigan) - 2006-2018.

Member of the Board of Directors at the *Piast Institute* (Detroit, Michigan) - 2018-Present.

Member of the National Advisory Council at the *Polish American Communication Initiative* (Detroit, Michigan) - 2014-present.

**other  
publications**

2020

“Who believes in COVID-19 conspiracies and why it matters” in *Policy Options*, July 6, 2020, with Mark Pickup and Cliff van der Linden, [LINK](#)

“Dlaczego Ameryka sie sypie?” in *Gazeta Wyborcza*, June 14, 2020. [LINK](#)

“What do we know about misinformation during the coronavirus outbreak?” in *Mischiefs of Faction*, April 6, 2020. [LINK](#)

“Demokraci wyciagneli wnioski z bledow republikanow” in *Kultura Liberalna*, March 12, 2020. [LINK](#)

2019

“Trump is moving to secure the Polish American vote in 2020. Here’s how.” in *The Washington Post (The Monkey Cage Blog)*, October 11, 2019. [LINK](#)

“Vaccines should not become a partisan issue” in *Philadelphia Inquirer*, July 10, 2019. [LINK](#)

“Do most Americans believe in climate change? The answer is more complicated than you might think.” in *The Washington Post (The Monkey Cage Blog)*, June 5, 2019, with Matthew Motta, Daniel Chapman, and Kathryn Haglin. [LINK](#)

“Measles outbreaks point to need for mandatory vaccination” in *Policy Options*, March 13, 2019. [LINK](#)

2018

“Countering misinformation about flu vaccine is harder than it seems” in *The Conversation*, December 6, 2018, with Matthew Motta and Kathryn Haglin. [LINK](#)  
Reprinted in *Nieman Journalism Lab* and *American Council on Science and Health*. The article was also translated into Spanish. [LINK](#)

“Subtle sexism in political coverage can have a real impact on candidates” in *Columbia Journalism Review*, September 4, 2018, with Rachel Garrett. [LINK](#)

“Teaching your first political science course” in *SocArxiv*, August 3, 2018. [LINK](#)

“More Republicans in the news? That’s not media bias” in *The Conversation*, July 31, 2018. [LINK](#)  
Reprinted in *Raw Story*, *Salon*, and *PennLive*

2017

“An inconvenient truth about An Inconvenient Truth” in *The Conversation*, August 16, 2017, with Eric Merkley. [LINK](#)

Reprinted in *Newsweek*, *RealClearScience*, *Salon*, and *The National Post*

“The real consequences of fake news” in *The Conversation*, July 26, 2017. [LINK](#)

Reprinted in *The National Post*, *University Affairs*, and *J Source*

“Fake news might be harder to spot than most people believe” in *The Washington Post (The Monkey Cage Blog)*, July 10, 2017. [LINK](#)

2015

“You can blame CNN (and the news media) if childhood vaccinations go down” in *The Washington Post (The Monkey Cage Blog)*, Sept 18, 2015, with Eric Merkley. [LINK](#)

[LINK](#)

Covered in *Mother Jones*

“How to win the (women’s) World Cup” in *The Washington Post (The Monkey Cage Blog)*, July 6, 2015, with Daniel Drugge. [LINK](#)

Covered in *New York Daily News*

“The media and public opinion react to changes in economic conditions, not the state of the economy in general” in *USApp – American Politics and Policy Blog of the London School of Economics*, Jan 15, 2015, with Stuart Soroka and Christopher Wlezien. [LINK](#)

2014

“It’s (Change in) the (Future) Economy, Stupid: Economic Indicators, the Media, and Public Opinion” in *AJPS Blog*, December 15, 2014, with Stuart Soroka and Christopher Wlezien. [LINK](#)

“New media, old problems in human rights” in *The Washington Post (The Monkey Cage Blog)*, June 26, 2014, with A. Trevor Thrall. [LINK](#)  
Covered in *Slate* and *Harvard’s Journalist’s Resource*

“Macierewicz nie przekonał Polonii do teorii o zamachu w Smolensku. Co sadza o tym Polacy za granica?” in *NaTemat.pl*, June, 2014. [LINK](#)

“Amerykanie polskiego pochodzenia - tozsamosc, wartosci, sympatie polityczne” in *Biuletyn Migracyjny*, Issue 47, April, 2014, published by the University of Warsaw, with Thaddeus C. Radzilowski. [LINK](#)

“Polonia: Today’s Profile, Tomorrow’s Promise,” with Thaddeus C. Radzilowski. Report published by the Piast Institute. [LINK](#)

2011

“Jaka jest Polonia amerykanska?” in *Nowy Dziennik. Polish Daily News (New York City)*, September 16, 2011, online edition. [LINK](#)

2010

“Polish Americans Today. A Survey of Modern Polonia Leadership,” with Thaddeus C. Radzilowski. Book published by the Piast Institute.  
Cited in the *New York Times*

2009

“Glos Polonii” in *Polityka*, May 8, 2009, online edition. [LINK](#)

“Polonia and Elections. Why We Matter” in John Kromkowski (Ed.), *Race and Ethnic Relations*, Unit 9, Chapter 45, New York: McGraw-Hill, 2009. [LINK](#)

**conference presentations**

*American Political Science Association (APSA)*: 2019, 2016, 2015.

*Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)*: 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19), 2019, 2018.

*International Communication Association (ICA)*: 2019.

*Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)*: 2019, 2013, 2010.

*Western Political Science Association (WPSA)*: 2017.

*Pacific Northwest Political Science Association (PNWPSA)*: 2016, 2013.

*International Studies Association (ISA)*: 2013, 2012, 2011.

*Polish American Historical Association (PAHA)*: 2014.

*American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR)*: 2013.

*University of Miami Conspiracy Theories Conference*: 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

**invited talks  
& symposia**

*Trust in the news and source credibility in the age of misinformation*, Department of Political Science Speaker Series, at the Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, 2019.

*Party cues in the news: Explaining the dynamics of climate change skepticism* with Eric Merkley, paper presented at the Michigan Symposium on Media and Politics: Environmental advocacy in a polarized world, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2019.

*Source credibility in the age of fake news*, paper presented at the Digital Democracy: Transformations and Public Contestations workshop at McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, 2018.

*Source credibility in the age of fake news* invited talk delivered at the Department of Political Science at Simon Fraser University on November 14, 2017 in Burnaby, BC.

*What To Do Post-Grad?* invited panel discussion about things that can be done with a political science degree for the Political Science Students Association on October 20, 2017 in Vancouver, BC.

*PressReader Covers Politics* invited panel discussion about the media's role in the 2016 Presidential election at Wavefront Accelerator on October 18, 2016 in Vancouver, BC.

*The Dynamics of Polarization. How the Media and Party Elites Facilitated the Growth of Climate Skepticism* with Eric Merkley, presentation delivered at the UBC Journal of Politics Launch Party, April 4, 2016.

*A Cross-National Analysis of the Causes and Consequences of Economic News*, with Christopher Wlezien and Stuart Soroka, paper presented at "The New World of Comparative Political Communication" symposium at Texas A&M University, 2016.

*Polonia: Today's Profile, Tomorrow's Promise* with Thaddeus Radzilowski, presentation delivered at the 11th Annual Dekaban Lecture, November 17, 2013 in Detroit, MI.

*Polish American Community Today. A Comprehensive Picture* with Thaddeus Radzilowski, paper presented at the Polish American Congress National Conference, Chicago, IL, 2009.

**additional  
training**

Simon Fraser University (Vancouver, Canada), Summer 2015

*Introduction to time series analysis*

*Graduate class on time series, taught by Mark Pickup, usually offered at ICPSR*

Calvin College (Grand Rapids, Michigan), Summer 2009

*Graduate workshop in survey research, American religion and politics - "Pollsters and Parishioners"*

*Fully funded through The Henry Institute at Calvin College*

University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Summer 2008

*ICPSR Summer Program in Methods*

*Introductory statistics course*

*Fully funded by the Metro Detroit's Polish-American Community*

**scholarships,  
honors,  
& awards**

William J. Branstron Award for the Outstanding Performance as a Freshman (2004); University of Michigan at Dearborn Humanities Department Intern of the Year (2007); Jan Adolf Gorecki National Scholarship for Polish and Polish American Students (2007, 2008, 2010); American Institute for Polish Culture Harriet Irsay Scholarship (2007, 2008); Friends of Polish Art Frank Filipek Scholarship for Outstanding Polish Students in Michigan (2008); Andrzej Kapiszewski Piast Institute Scholarship (2006); American Council for Polish Culture Skalny National Scholarship (2008); Honorary committee member of the Young Polonia Foundation's Triada Cultural Events in Warsaw and Vilnius for contributions to preserve Polish language and culture abroad (2009); Chancellor's Medallion (University of Michigan, 2008); The Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship (2010 - declined); Four Year Fellowship (UBC; 2012-1017), SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (2015-2017), APSA Travel Grant (2015), SSHRC Talent Award (nominated by the department), CPSA Travel Grant (2018), SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (2018-2020).

**service to the  
profession**

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *West European Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Environmental Communication*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Electoral Studies*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Psychological Bulletin*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Political Behavior*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Research & Politics*, *Politics & Gender*, and *Climate Policy*.

Member of the APSA Political Communication Division Nominating Committee (2018-2020).

**media  
appearances**

CFOX Radio Victoria, *Global BC* morning television show, *CBC Early Edition* radio show, *Roundhouse Radio* (Vancouver), *News 1130* (Vancouver), *Toronto Sun*, *Slate*,

*New York Daily News*, *Gazeta Wyborcza* (largest Polish daily newspaper), *KCBS Radio San Francisco*, *National Geographic España* (Spain), *La Repubblica* (Italy), *The Irish Times*, *Science Daily*, *The Augusta Chronicle*, *Contagion Live*, *US News & World Report*, *International Business Times*, *Agence Science Presse* (Canada), *Forskning & Framsteg* (Sweden), *Afternoons with Rob Breakenridge* (Canada).

**other  
relevant  
experiences**

Columnist for the *Polish Times* weekly newspaper (2008-2009); Young Polonia Foundation US Representative (2009); contributed to variety of other Polish-American, Polish and American media outlets, including radio (WDET Detroit, WNVR 1030 Chicago); started a Polish-American online journal *Nihil Novi* (2013); Hamtramck Complete US Census Count Committee Advisory Board (2009-2010); Member of the Selection Committee for the POLISH WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME.

**other  
information**

*Languages*: Polish (Native), English (Fluent).  
*Citizenship*: Poland (EU), Canada. Permanent resident in the United States.  
*Software*: Stata, **R**, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python (basic), Automated Content Analysis & Supervised Machine Learning.

**references**

Available upon request:

*Paul Quirk* (University of British Columbia)  
*Stuart Soroka* (University of Michigan)  
*Kathleen Hall Jamieson* (University of Pennsylvania)  
*Matthew Levendusky* (University of Pennsylvania)  
*Richard Johnston* (University of British Columbia)  
*A. Trevor Thrall* (George Mason University)  
*Chris Wlezien* (University of Texas at Austin)