

**William Cullen Kidd**  
Curriculum Vitae

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**Academic Appointments:**

Visiting Assistant Professor August 2025 – Present  
University of Central Arkansas, Department of Government, Public Service, and  
International Studies

**Educational History:**

Ph.D., Political Science – American Politics and Methods Spring 2025  
University of California, Irvine

M.A., Political Science – American Politics and Methods Spring 2018  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

M.A., General Experimental Psychology Spring 2015  
California State University, Northridge

B.A., Psychology and Business Economics Spring 2013  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Highest Honors; College Honors*

**Peer Reviewed Publications:**

McWagner, Kyle, and William Kidd. "Affective Polarization and Anti-Democratic Attitudes: A Complex Relationship." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* (2025): 1-21.

Kidd, William. "Partisan (A)Symmetries in Hardball: Mass Level Support of Hardball Equivalent Across Party and Race." *Public Research Quarterly* 78.1 (2025): 247-263.

Kidd, William, and Joseph A. Vitriol. "Moral Leadership in the 2016 US Presidential Election." *Political Psychology* 43.3 (2022): 583-604.

Bell, Angela C., Collette P. Eccleston, Leigh A. Bradberry, William C. Kidd, Catherine C. Mesick, and Abraham M. Rutchick. "Ingroup projection in American politics: An obstacle to bipartisanship." *Social Psychological and Personality Science* 13.5 (2022): 906-915.

## **Current Projects:**

### In Preparation

Kidd, William. “Electoral Dynamics of Constitutional Hardball: Combating Democratic Erosion Under Compromise Penalty”

McWagner, Kyle, and William Kidd. “The Very Real Impact of Support for Hypothetical Violence.”

Kidd, William, and Joseph A. Vitriol. “(Mis)Perception of Moral Belief Among Mass and Elite Partisans.”

## **Conference Presentations:**

Kidd, William, April, 2025. *Tensions Between Strengthening Democratic Norms and Voter Turnout*. Paper presented at the 82<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

McWagner, Kyle and William Kidd, April, 2025. *Hypothetical Violence and Candidate Approval*. Paper presented at the 82<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Kidd, William, April, 2024. *Partisan Reactions to Elite Messages on Hardball: Tension Between Depolarization and Turnout*. Paper presented virtually at the 81<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Kidd, William, and Joseph A. Vitriol, September 2023. *Moral Congruence Among Mass and Elite Partisans*. Paper presented at the 119<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, California.

McWagner, Kyle and William Kidd, April, 2022. *Differential Effects of Affective Polarization Across Parties*. Paper presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Virtual).

Kidd, William, April, 2022. *Does Race or Partisanship Determine Support for Hardball?* Paper presented at the 79<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Kidd, William, and Joseph A. Vitriol, July 2021. *Moral Leadership in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election*. Paper presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (Virtual).

Kidd, William, April, 2021. *Which Partisans Play Hardball and Why?* Paper presented at the 78<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Virtual).

Kidd, William, and Howard Lavine, July, 2017. *Immigration, Threat, and Partisanship?* Paper presented at the 40th annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Boddupalli, Aravind, Howard Lavine, and William Kidd. September, 2017. *Economic Inequality and Redistribution: Shifting Preferences*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

Kidd, William, and Abraham Rutchick, February, 2015. *Can Political Coalition Override Automatic Racial Encoding?* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology and the 2015 Political Psychology Preconference, Long Beach, CA.

Rutchick, Abraham Collette Eccleston, Leigh Bradberry, and William Kidd, February, 2015. *Ingroup Projection In American Political Groups: An Obstacle To Bipartisanship*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

Kidd, William, David Sherman, and Abraham Rutchick, February, 2014. *Hypocrisy In Politics: Black Sheep Effect Or Self-Serving Bias?* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology and the 2014 Political Psychology Preconference, Austin, TX.

Kidd, William and David Sherman, May, 2013. *F.A.E. In Politics: Hypocrisy Is Relative*. Poster presented at the Thirteenth Annual Stanford Undergraduate Psychology Conference and the UCSB Undergraduate Research Colloquium.

Kidd, William, Tessa Dover, and Brenda Major, April, 2012. *Reactions To Pro-Diversity Messages In The Workplace: The Complications In Creating An Inclusive Workplace*. Poster presented at the UCSB Undergraduate Research Colloquium.

### **Teaching Experience**

#### University of Central Arkansas

*Lead Instructor*

Fall 2025 – Current

Courses Taught: U.S. Government and Politics

#### University of California, Irvine

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

Fall 2019 – Spring 2025

Introduction to American Government

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

Winter 2020

Introduction to Race & Ethnicity

*Graduate Teaching Assistant* Fall 2020  
Computational Research in Social Science

*Graduate Teaching Assistant* Winter 2021  
African American Politics

*Graduate Teaching Assistant* Fall 2022  
Political Psychology

*Lead Instructor* Summer 2023; 2024  
Summer Module on Constitutional Hardball.

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant* Fall 2016 – Spring 2018  
Courses Taught: Political Psychology of Mass Behavior, Political Tolerance in the U.S., U.S.  
Campaigns and Elections

California State University, Northridge  
*Graduate Teaching Associate* Fall 2014- Spring 2015  
Lab in Statistical Methods in Psychological Research

*Pedagogical Aide* Spring 2014-2015  
Capstone in Applied Social Psychology

### **Professional and Research Experience**

*Graduate Research Assistant* Summer-Fall 2023  
University of California, Irvine  
Supervisor: Prof. Carole Uhlaner

*Data Analyst* November 2018-August 2019  
Employer: Howard Lavine  
Funded by Ford Foundation grant and Human Rights Watch

*Graduate Research Assistant* Fall 2016-Summer 2017  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
Supervisor: Prof. Howard Lavine

### **Media Correspondence**

Email Interview: *PsyPost*  
<https://www.psypost.org/2022/01/new-study-indicates-republicans-revised-their-moral-beliefs-to-be-more-in-alignment-with-donald-trump-62439>