

Luke C. Bellinger

Curriculum Vitæ

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Education

Stanford University

August 2026 - approx. 2031

Doctoral Student in Political Science, *Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology*

University of Texas at Austin (UT)

August 2024 - May 2026

Bachelor of Arts in Government and Humanities, minors in Religious Studies and Statistics and Data Science, with Departmental Honors in Government, College Honors in Humanities, High Honors (top 10%). *Fields: American Politics, Statistical Methods, Public Law*

Visiting Student - Duke University/Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (8 hours, A+), Texas Christian University (33 hours, 4.00), Tarrant County College (45 hours, 3.93), Dallas College (10 hours, 4.00)

Works in Progress

Links to pdfs can be clicked through the [\[pdf\]](#) brackets or can be found on my website.

Bellinger, Luke. "Essays on Christianity and Politics in Early 21st Century America." Humanities Honors Thesis supervised by Dr. Angie Gutierrez [\[pdf\]](#)

Bellinger, Luke. "Four Vignettes on Race, Religion, and Politics." Government Thesis supervised by Eric McDaniel. **Presented at APSA 2025** [\[pdf\]](#)

Bellinger, Luke "Posibilidades: An Analysis of Hispanic Voting Power in Texas" Developed for the Political Parties class taught by Dr. Daron Shaw. [\[pdf\]](#)

Bellinger, Luke "Is Irreligion correlated with increase in Leftism? Evidence from 23,000 Constituency-Years" Developed for the Spatial Data Science and Maps class taught by Dr. Yuhao Kang. [\[pdf\]](#)

Bellinger, Luke. "¿Quieres ir a misa?: Religious Change and Latino Party Identification" Developed for the Politics of Latino Identity class taught by Dr. Angie Gutierrez. [\[pdf\]](#)

Bellinger, Luke "A Texan VRA Claim: Gerrymandering and Race in the Lone Star State" Project developed for Applied Research Methods I and II under Danny Cowser. [\[pdf\]](#)

Bellinger, Luke "Evaluating American Politics Datasets' Use in REP" Project developed for RBSI. [\[pdf\]](#)

Bellinger, Luke "The Effect of Cracking and Packing on Trust in Government" Developed for the Public Opinion/Representation class taught by Dr. Christopher Wlezien. **Presented at MPSA** [\[pdf\]](#)

Non-Refereed Publications

Bellinger, Luke "Towards a Theory understanding Church Homophily in Political Socialization" 2025. *Proceedings of the Association for the Scientific Study of Religion* **Presented at SPSA 2025, SWCRS 2024**

Academic Employment

Note: SB 17 compliant, background check complete, clear for employment with Texas State Gov't, Agencies, or Public Universities, IRB training up-to-date.

Senior Research Assistant Research Assistant

September 2025-

September 2024-August 2025

Crime Trends Working Group, Initiative for Law, Societies and Justice, LBJ School, supervised by Jamein Cunningham.

Undergraduate Course Assistant

Fall 2025, Spring 2026

SDS 322E: Elements of Data Science, Lab Sections 62530, 62415



Research Assistant

Christopher Wlezien, Timothy Hellwig, Matt Grossman
Eric McDaniel (Interviews)
Danny Cowser (AI engineering for Qualitative Research)
Cheyenne Lee (Text Embeddings)

September-December 2025
July-August 2025
January 2025-
September 2024-January 2025

Research Apprentice (URAP)

Qualitative text coding of church sermons

January 2025-May 2025

Non-Academic Employment

Ballotpedia

Editorial Intern

June 2024-August 2024

Get Out The Vote

Political Outreach Intern

June 2022-June 2024

Voteriders

Subcontractor through GOTV
Voter IDs for Homeless People

June 2022-June 2024

Teaching Refugees to Understand English (AISD)

Volunteer Tutor

October 2024-December 2024

Conference Participation

As noted before, APSA 2025, SPSA 2025, MPSA 2025, SWCRS 2025

Bellinger, Luke “An Analysis of ‘Christian-tok’, Algorithmic Depictions of Women, and a Critical Perspective on the Perceptions on Women’s Rights amongst Young People.” April 2024. John F. Weatherly Conference on Women, Human Rights, and Religion, Fort Worth, TX.

Bellinger, Luke “Comparative Quantitative Text Analysis of International News Articles across Biases of Language and Ideology.” March 2024. Capitol of Texas Undergraduate Research Conference, Austin, TX.

Bellinger, Luke “The Interactive Relationship between Race, Literalism, and Acceptance of Queer People.” March 2024. American Academy of Religion-Southwest, Dallas, TX.

Talks

UT Proyecto Latino Working Group
COMM 10123—Communicating Effectively, TCU

2025
2024

Associations

APSA MPSA SPSA AAR CWA-TSEU (Local 6186) $\Pi\Sigma A$ (α Chapter) ΦBK (α of Texas Chapter)

Methods

I have used in research, have training in, or have taught the following methods: Regressions (OLS, diff-in-diff, spline, MMR, quasi-poisson, GLM), Classifiers (Binary, Ordinal, Categorical Logits and Probits, Decision Trees, K-nearest neighbors), Unsupervised learning (PCA and categorical alternatives, K-means/medioids and DBSCAN clustering, random forest), Qualitative (Interviews, Ethnographies), Text Analysis (lexicon based sentiment and LDA topicmodels), GIS methods (spatial error and lag, SKATER clustering, GWR, cartography, spatial panels, spatio-temporal models), Time-Series (Error Correction Models, cross-lag, autoregressive stuff, panels), Unobserved variables (Structural Equation Modeling, LISREL, McDonald’s Omega, CFA), Unobserved data / Imputation (Ecological Inference, MRP, IPF)

Skills

Spanish (Intermediate)
R (Advanced) including GIS packages such as sf and terra, preferred IDE: RStudio, preferred format: .qmd and .rproj
Python (Intermediate) including GIS functions from geopandas and rasterio and datawrangling with pandas and llm development with openai and oogabooga, preferred IDE: VSCode, preferred format: .ipynb
 $\LaTeX$ (Basic), preferred compiler: Xe $\LaTeX$ or (within R) knitr and Lua $\LaTeX$
ArcGIS (Basic)
Qualtrics (Basic)
Git / Github (Basic)



Awards and Honors	Departmental Honors, Department of Government, UT	2025
	Harry Hale Award for Undergraduate Research,	2025
	Association for the Scientific Study of Religion, Southwest	
	Faculty Choice Award in Spanish and Hispanic Studies, TCU	2024
	Dean's Honor List, University Honors, UT-Austin	
	Cum Laude Magna et Ampla	Spring 2025
	Magna Cum Laude	Fall 2024
Fellowships	Dean's Honor Roll, TCU Scholar	Fall 2023, Spring 2024
	Merit List, TCC	Spring 2023
	Sumners At-Large Scholar	
	Ralph Bunche Summer Institute	May 2025-June 2025
	APSA Diversity Mentor-Mentee Program	January 2025-
	Mentored by Paige A Hill, Stanford.	
	AEI Winter Honors Program (Foundations of Conservatism)	January 2025-February 2025
Grants	Oxford Consortium for Human Rights—Oxford, England 2024 - New Technology and Human Rights	July 2024
	TCU Student Summer Research Program	June 2024-August 2024
	Oxford Consortium for Human Rights—Sonoma, California 2024 - Human Rights, Activism, And Community Action	January 2024
	COLA Undergraduate Research Grant, \$1000	2025
	Undergraduate Research Fellowship, \$996	2025
	Undergraduate Research Fellowship, \$350	2025
	Marion Burke Smith Scholarship for Conference Travel, \$1250	2024
Scholarships	TCU Dept. Of Political Science Undergraduate Research Award, \$150	2024
	Karym Diane Cameron Endowed Presidential Scholarship in the Humanities, \$3000	2025
	Sumners Foundation At-Large Scholarship, \$30000	2024-2026

References

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