

# Jacob Harris

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## EDUCATION

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### Cornell University

*Ph.D. Candidate in Government*

Ithaca, NY

*Aug. 2020 – May 2025 (expected)*

#### *Dissertation Committee:*

Professor Peter Enns (chair), Professor Suzanne Mettler, Professor Douglas Kriner

#### *Dissertation Project:*

The Citizens Prison Make: Three Essays on Policy Feedback and Partisanship in Prisons

### Brigham Young University

*Bachelor's of Art in Political Science (with distinction), cum laude*

Provo, UT

*Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2019*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Punishment, public policy, political behavior, causal inference

## PUBLICATIONS

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3. Peter Enns, **Jacob Harris**, John Kenny, Andra Roescu, and Will Jennings. 2022. "Public responsiveness to declining crime rates in the United States and England and Wales." *British Journal of Criminology* 62(5): 1093-1115.
2. **Jacob Harris**, Melissa Jones, and Quin Monson. 2022. "Religion, punitive sentiment, and the mediating effect of racial resentment." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 61(1):142-160.  
Featured in: PsyPost
1. **Jacob Harris** and Melissa Jones. 2020. "Shaping youths perceptions and attitudes toward the police: Differences in direct and vicarious encounters with police." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 67:101674.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- *Under review.* **Jacob Harris**. Does Brown beat Biesiada? Name Fluency and Electoral Success. (Link to working paper).
- *Under review.* **Jacob Harris**, Kaitlyn Sims, John Eason, Louis Chuang, Victoria Ylizaliturri, Isabel Anadon, and Erin Eife. The Prison Bust: Declining Carceral Capacity in an Era of Mass Incarceration. (Link to working paper).
- *Under review.* Louis Chuang, **Jacob Harris**, and Melissa Jones. Race, religion, and death: How racial attitudes contextualize the relationship between religion and support for capital punishment. (Link to working paper).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- Policy Feedback in Prisons: The Effect of Prison Incarceration on Voter Turnout in North Carolina
- Conditions of Confinement: The Lasting Consequences of Carceral Conditions
- Who are Correctional Officers? Descriptive Representation and Punishment in Prisons. *With Benjamin Goehring.*
- Punctuated Policy Feedback and the Carceral State: A Conceptual Model and Empirical Application

## SOFTWARE AND PACKAGES

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- **Jacob Harris.** 2021. *speedycode*: Automate Code for Adding Labels, Renaming Variables, and Converting ASCII Files. Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN).  
<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=speedycode>

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- Kathleen Wheldon and **Jacob Harris.** 2022. “Cornell University: A Leader in Public Opinion and Survey Research from the 1940s to Today.” Roper Center for Public Opinion Research.
- **Jacob Harris.** 2022. “ASCII Conversion in R.” Roper Center for Public Opinion Research.
- **Jacob Harris.** 2021. “Using Historical Survey Data on Military Base Closures to Understand Public Support for Prison Closures.” Roper Center for Public Opinion Research.

## FUNDING

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### Fellowships:

- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow (\$138,000)
- Warren J. Mitofsky Fellowship, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research (\$28,654)
- Kohut Summer Research Fellowship, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research (\$4000)

### Research Grants:

- American Political Science Association Spring Centennial Research Grant (\$2,500)
- Cornell Population Center Rapid Response Grant (\$750)
- Politics of Race, Ethnicity, Immigration, Class, and Ethnicity (PRICE) research grant (\$645)
- Survey module selected for inclusion in the 2022 administration of the General Social Survey
- Rural Black Lives Microgrant, Cornell University (\$350)
- Jack and Marilyn Roberts Family Endowment Award (\$500)
- Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture conference travel grant (\$900)
- Criminal Justice and Politics conference travel grant (\$600)

## CONFERENCES

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- Who are Correctional Officers? Descriptive Representation and Punishment in Prisons. Criminal Justice and Politics Conference. Newark, New Jersey. *Upcoming.*
- Policy Feedback in Prisons: The Effect of Prison Incarceration on Voter Turnout in North Carolina. American Political Science Association. Los Angeles, CA. *Upcoming.*
- How Exposure to Violence Shapes Political Participation: An Analysis of Correctional Officers. Criminal Justice and Politics Conference. August 5, 2022. New Haven, CT.
- Punitive Places: Toward a Place-Based Measure of Public Punitiveness. Midwest Political Science Association Conference. April 2022.
- Does rural prison building mobilize voters? American Political Science Association Conference. September 2021. Virtual format.

- Does Jones beat Janczewski? Testing the relationship between the processing fluency of political candidates surnames and election outcomes. Midwest Political Science Association Conference. April 14-18, 2021. Virtual format.
- Getting Tough: The Effects of Racial Resentment and Religion on Punitive Attitudes. BYU Political Science Poster Conference. December 10, 2019. Provo, UT.
- Shaping Youth Attitudes Toward Police: Differences in Direct and Vicarious Police Encounters. BYU Political Science Poster Conference. December 10, 2019. Provo, UT.
- To Bond or to Bridge: The Social Capital Dilemma in America. Mary Lou Fulton Poster Conference. April 11, 2019. Provo, UT.

## TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

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- Main Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference. Chicago, IL. *Upcoming*.
- Mixtape Sessions. Regression Discontinuity Design with Roco Titiumik. May 17-19, 2023.
- Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture Graduate Student Workshop. April 21-23, 2022. Orange, California.

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Research Assistant for the Migrant Rights Initiative (Summer 2023 - current)  
Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, New York
- Researcher (Winter 2021 - Current)  
Prison Proliferation Project, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Research Assistant to Peter Enns (Winter 2021 - 2022)  
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
- Data Analyst Intern (Summer 2020)  
Y2 Analytics, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Research Assistant to Quinn Mecham et al. (Summer 2019 - Summer 2020)  
Brigham Young University and the Utah County Attorneys Office
- Research Assistant to Darren Hawkins (May - August 2019)  
Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University

## TEACHING

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- Teaching Assistant  
Cornell Prison Education Program, Elmira Correctional Facility (Fall 2021)
- Teaching Assistant  
Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University  
Comparative Politics with Professor Quinn Mecham (Fall 2019)
- Teaching Assistant  
Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University  
Political Inquiry with Professor Darren Hawkins (Winter 2019)

## TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

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R, Stata, Qualtrics, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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