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Appointments

DePauw University. Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2016-present.

Education

Ph.D.: Political Science, University of Connecticut, 2016

Dissertation: *A Changing Climate in the Public Mind: How do Economic Risks and Partisan Divides Affect How We Think about Climate Change?*

Committee: Lyle Scruggs (chair), Matthew Singer, Paul Herrnson

Graduate Certificate in Human Rights: University of Connecticut. 2012.

M.A.: Economics, University of Connecticut, 2010.

B.Sc.: Chemistry, Illinois Institute of Technology, 2008

Peer reviewed articles, and chapters in edited volumes

Bayulgen, Oksan and Salil Benegal. 2018. "Green Priorities: How Economic Frames Affect Perceptions of Renewable Energy." Conditionally accepted/Forthcoming at *Energy Research & Social Science*.

Benegal, Salil. 2018. "Overconfidence and the Discounting of Expertise: A Commentary." *Social Science and Medicine*
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2018.07.039>

Benegal, Salil and Lyle Scruggs. 2018. "Correcting Misinformation About Climate Change: The Impact of Partisanship in an Experimental Setting." *Climatic Change* 148: 2, 61-80 <http://doi.org/10.1007/s10584-018-2192-4>

Benegal, Salil. 2018. "The Spillover of Race and Racial Attitudes into Public Opinion about Climate Change." *Environmental Politics* 27:4, 733-756
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2018.1457287>

Benegal, Salil. 2017. "The impact of unemployment and economic risk perceptions on attitudes towards anthropogenic climate change." *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-017-0452-7>

Benegal, Salil, and Lyle Scruggs. 2016. "Economic Conditions and Public Opinion on Climate Change" in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia on Climate Change Communication*. <http://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228620.013.310>

Chapman, Audrey R., and Salil Benegal. 2013. "Globalization and the Right to Health." in *The State of Economic and Social Human Rights: A Global Overview*, ed. Alanson Minkler. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 61-85.

Scruggs, Lyle, and Salil Benegal. 2012. "Declining Public Concern About Climate Change: Can We Blame the Great Recession?" *Journal of Global Environmental Change* 22(2): 505-515. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2012.01.002>

Bai, James, Kaleyhia Flowers, Salil Benegal, Milagros Calizo, Vrudhdhi Patel, and Sandra Whaley Bishnoi. 2009. "Using the Enzymatic Growth of Nanoparticles to create a Biosensor: An Undergraduate Quantitative Analysis Experiment." *Journal of Chemical Education* 86(6): 712-716. <http://doi.org/10.1021/ed086p712>

Courses taught

DePauw University:

POLS 150: Comparative Politics and Government
POLS 265: Introduction to Environmental Policy
POLS 290: Special Topics: Introduction to Human Rights
POLS 390: Special Topics: Political Psychology
POLS 390: Special Topics: Politics of Climate Change
POLS 450: Senior Seminar: Energy, Resources, and the Environment

University of Connecticut:

POLS 1202 - Introduction to Comparative Politics
UNIV 1810 - Introduction to Global House Learning Community
POLS/HRTS 3212 - Comparative Perspectives in Human Rights

Public Scholarship

The Washington Post, NPR Michigan Radio, Sierra Club Magazine

Invited talks

Wabash College (2016)

Recent Conference papers:

“Partisan norms in environmental action: Examining the effect of ingroup views on partisans' attitudes towards climate change”. 2018 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Lyle Scruggs.

“Is environmental concern a fair-weather friend? An experimental analysis of how environmental attitudes change in different economic contexts.” 2018 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

“Economic Rights and Public Support for the Welfare State: An Experimental Analysis”. 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Lyle Scruggs.

“The Effectiveness of Partisan and Non-Partisan Sources in Correcting Climate Change Denial” 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Lyle Scruggs.

"Thinking of Winners and Losers in the Economy: How Are Attitudes Towards Wealth Redistribution Changed by Narratives of Wealth and Poverty." 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Thomas Hayes.

"Media Framing and Public Opinion on Renewable Energy." 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. With Oksan Bayulgen.

"Environmental Concerns and Economic Tradeoffs: How Concern for the Environment Shifts When People Think About Jobs." 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

"Social Welfare Generosity and Public Opinion About Climate Change." 2014 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Lyle Scruggs.

"Procedural Justice and Political Risk." 2014 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Mikhael Shor.

"Social Welfare Generosity and Public Opinion About Climate Change." 2013 Council of European Studies 20th International Conference of Europeanists. With Lyle Scruggs.

"American Exceptionalism or Economic Erosion? What Explains Changing Attitudes to Global Warming?" 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

"Fair Weather Friends? Economics, Public Opinion and Climate Change." 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. With Lyle Scruggs.

Prior research grants:

"Media and Public Opinion about Renewable Energy", experimental survey design and analysis with Oksan Bayulgen, UConn Department of Political Science, 2015.

CIRI Human Rights Data Project, data coding for physical integrity rights violations for David Richards, UConn Human Rights Institute, 2013.

"Household Consumption and Gender Inequality: Evidence from India", data collection and analysis for Shareen Hertel and Nishith Prakash, UConn Human Rights Institute's Economic and Social Rights Program (ESRP), 2011.

"Explaining Public Opinion about Climate Change", data analysis with Lyle Scruggs, funded by UConn Center for Environmental Studies and Engineering (CESE), 2011.

"Hungry for Justice: Social Mobilization on the Right to Food in India", data analysis for Shareen Hertel, UConn Human Rights Institute's Economic and Social Rights Program (ESRP). 2010.

"Globalization and the Right to Health", data analysis with Audrey R. Chapman, funded by UConn Health Center, UConn Human Rights Institute's Economic and Social Rights Program, and University of Ottawa. 2010-2011.

Social and Economic Rights Fulfillment (SERF) Index Project, data coding for economic rights outcomes for Susan M. Randolph and Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, UConn Department of Economics and Human Rights Institute. 2010.

Grants and Awards:

DePauw University

- Faculty-Student Summer Research Grant (Summer 2017)
- J. William and Dorothy A. Asher Fund in the Social Sciences (Spring 2017)
- J. William and Dorothy A. Asher Fund in the Psychological Sciences (Spring 2018)

University of Connecticut

- Brain Imaging Research Center (BIRC) Seed Grant for fMRI Research (Fall 2015), with Mikhael Shor, Peter Molfese, and Thomas Hayes

Service

- Invited manuscript reviewer for the following journals: *American Politics Research*; *Climatic Change*; *Environmental Communication*; *Environmental Politics*; *Global Environmental Change*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*; *Journal of Human Rights*; *Journal of Politics*; *Political Behavior*; *Social Science and Medicine*
- Chair for conference panel at 2018 American Political Science Association Conference
- Discussant for conference panel at 2018 Midwest Political Science Association Conference
- Chair and discussant for conference panel at 2017 Midwest Political Science Association Conference

University service (at DePauw)

- Honors Scholar thesis advisor (2018)
- Environmental Fellows Honors Program Steering Committee (2017-)

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