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## DOMINIK A. STECUŁA

- academic positions Martin Fishbein Postdoctoral Fellow in the Annenberg Center for Advanced Study in Communication, University of Pennsylvania
- 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 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](#)

book  
chapters

Thrall, A.T. and Stecuła, 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., Stecuła, 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](#)

working  
papers

"News Media Diet and Climate Change Attitudes: A Reexamination," currently working on a manuscript for journal submission.

"The Dynamics of Polarization: How the Media and Party Elites Facilitated the Growth of Climate Skepticism," with Eric Merkley, currently working on a manuscript for journal submission. This is also part of both of our doctoral dissertations.

"Jenny McCarthy or Jim Inhofe? Understanding the Media's Role in Supporting Pseudo-Scientific Public Attitudes," with Eric Merkley, currently working on a manuscript of a paper looking at the media's role as the source of pseudoscientific beliefs in the American public.

"Public Opinion and Democracy in Poland," currently being prepared for submission to the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*.

"Polish-Americans. A Profile of a Modern American Ethnic Group," with Thaddeus C. Radzilowski, currently working on the book manuscript.

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-present.

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-present.

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

other  
publications

2017

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

Reprinted in *Newsweek*, *RealClearScience*, *Salon.com*, 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](#)

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

- The News They Are a-Changin’: An Analysis of 40 Years of News Media Content in the United States*, paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Regina, SK, 2018.
- News Media Diet and Climate Change Attitudes: A Reexamination*, paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, 2017.
- Party Elites, Organized Skeptics, and the Media: Understanding How Americans Polarized on Climate Change*, with Eric Merkley, paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Portland, OR, 2016.
- The Dynamics of Polarization. How the Media and Party Elites Facilitated the Growth of Climate Skepticism*, with Eric Merkley, paper presented at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, 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” conference at Texas A&M University, 2016.

- Jenny McCarthy or Jim Inhofe? Understanding the Media's Role in Supporting Pseudo-Scientific Public Attitudes* with Eric Merkley, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2015.
- Respecting the Past, Embracing the Future. A Study of Polish-American Public Opinion* with Thaddeus Radzilowski, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Polish American Historical Association, Washington, DC, 2014.
- Public Opinion and Democracy in Poland*, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, 2013.
- It's (Changes in) the (Future) Economy, Stupid. Media, Public Opinion and Economic Indicators* with Stuart Soroka and Christopher Wlezien, paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Public Opinion Research, Boston, MA, 2013.
- It's (Changes in) the (Future) Economy, Stupid. Media, Public Opinion and Economic Indicators* with Stuart Soroka and Christopher Wlezien, paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2013.
- May We Have Your Attention Please? Human Rights, NGOs, and the Problem of Global Communication* with A. Trevor Thrall and Diana Sweet, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, 2013.
- Building a Better Boomerang? Human Rights, NGOs and the New Media* with A. Trevor Thrall, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, 2012.
- Rational Polish Public? A Test of the Page and Shapiro Hypothesis in the Case of Poland*, paper presented at the Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (CSDC) Graduate Student Conference, Quebec City, QC, 2011.
- Ignorance, Ideology and International Relations: Public Opinion on Missile Defense in Four Nations* with A. Trevor Thrall and Michael Maclean, poster presented at the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association, Montreal, QC, 2011.
- Ignorance, Ideology and International Relations: Public Opinion on Missile Defense in Four Nations* with A. Trevor Thrall and Michael Maclean, paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2010.
- Polish American Community Today. A Comprehensive Picture* with Thaddeus Radzilowski, paper presented at the Polish American Congress National Conference, Chicago, IL, 2009.

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

service to the profession	Reviewer for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> , <i>West European Politics</i> , <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> , and <i>Political Behavior</i> .
media appearances	CFAX Radio Victoria, <i>Global BC</i> morning television show, <i>CBC Early Edition</i> radio show, <i>Roundhouse Radio</i> (Vancouver), <i>News 1130</i> (Vancouver), <i>Toronto Sun</i> , <i>New York Daily News</i> , <i>Gazeta Wyborcza</i> (largest Polish daily newspaper).
other relevant experiences	Columnist for the <i>Polish Times</i> 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 <i>Nihil Novi</i> (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	<i>Languages</i> : Polish (Native), English (Fluent). <i>Citizenship</i> : Polish (EU), permanent resident in the United States and Canada. <i>Software</i> : Stata, R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Python (basic), Automated Content Analysis & Supervised Machine Learning.
references	Available upon request