

Alejandra Aldridge

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Presidential influence, executive politics, democratic norms, voter behavior, survey methods, experimental methods, gender and politics	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Brigham Young University , Provo, UT Assistant Professor, 2022-present	
EDUCATION	Stanford University , Stanford, CA Ph.D., Political Science, June 2022 M.A., Political Science, June 2018 Brigham Young University , Provo, UT B.A., Political Science, 2012-2016 • <i>Valedictorian, Political Science</i>	
OTHER ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS	Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy , 2022-present Pre-doctoral fellow, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law , Stanford, CA, 2021-2022	
PUBLICATIONS	1. Alejandra Gimenez Aldridge, Christopher F. Karpowitz, J. Quin Monson, and Jessica Robinson Preece. How durable are experimental increases in women's representation? <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i>, 2026 2. Christopher F. Karpowitz, J. Quin Monson, Jessica R. Preece, and Alejandra Aldridge. Selecting for masculinity: Women's under-representation in the republican party. <i>American Political Science Review</i>, 118(4):1873–1894, 2024 3. Alejandra Gimenez Aldridge, Christopher F. Karpowitz, J. Quin Monson, and Jessica Robinson Preece. How political parties can diversify their leadership. In Shauna Shames Mirya Holman, Rachel Bernhard and Dawn Teele, editors, <i>Good Reasons to Run</i>, chapter 9, pages 138–152. Temple University Press, 2020 4. Courtney Kennedy, Andrew Mercer, Scott Keeter, Nick Hatley, Kyley McGeeney, and Alejandra Gimenez. Evaluating online nonprobability surveys. Technical report, Pew Research Center, 2016	
WORKING PAPERS	1. “Decreasing Voter Support to Increasing Presidential Democratic Norm Violations” 2. “Gender Representation in US Municipalities” with Adam Dynes, Daniel Butler, and Michelle Torres 3. “Gender Ambition in US Municipalities” with Adam Dynes and Anna Nakaya	

4. “Presidential Unilateral Authority in Comparative Perspective” with Jeremy Pope (under review)
5. “Raise the [Party] Flag: The Effect of Explicit Partisan Cues on Support for Postponing an Election” (under review)
6. “‘Let Freedom Ring’: Using Text-Analysis Methods to Find What Voters Care About for Maintaining Democracy”
7. “Do Voters Hold Politicians Accountable for Policy Decisions? It Depends When You Ask” with David Broockman and John Konicki

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Introduction to American Politics (POLI 110)
Research Project: Survey Research and Public Opinion (POLI 310)
The US Presidency (POLI 314)

AWARDS AND
GRANTS

2025 FHSS Experiential Teaching Grant (\$3,000)
2025 FHSS Research Grant (\$6,500)
2024 FHSS Experiential Teaching Grant (\$3,000)
2020 Stanford Graduate Research Opportunity Funds recipient (\$5,000)
2020 Stanford Center for American Democracy Survey Research Grant (\$2,000)
2020 Hayek Fund recipient for conference travel (\$750)
2020-2021 IHS Humane Studies Fellowship (\$3,000)
2020 Hayek Fund recipient for survey research (\$750)
2019-2020 Ric Weiland Fellow (\$3,000)
2016-2021 Stanford Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education (EDGE) Fellow (\$12,800)
2016-2017 American Political Science Association Minority Fellow (\$4,000)

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

Stanford CDDRL Seminar	September 2021
BYU Young Scholars Conference	May 2019, 2022
Good Reasons to Run: A Conversation Between Advocates and Academics	Nov 2017
Emerging Scholars Conference at the University of Michigan	Nov 2015

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

APSA 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025
MPSA 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020 (*accepted but canceled due to COVID-19*), 2023
SPSA 2016, 2018
AAPOR 2016
PAPOR 2015
Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference April 2021

STUDENT
ADVISEMENT

Diana Gonzales, Honors thesis advisor (thesis successfully defended) 2022-2023
CSED Lab Project Advisor: Natalie Bria (2024), Hannah Criser (2024-25), Emma Hicken & Sydnee Beck (2025-2026)

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE

BYUPAS Faculty Advisor, BYU	Sept 2025-present
University Constitution Day Committee, BYU	Sept 2022-present
Political Science Department Belonging Representative, BYU	Aug 2024-Aug 2025
FHSS Belonging Committee, BYU	Sept 2022-Aug 2025
President, Latter-Day Saint Student Association at Stanford	June 2020-June 2021

Co-President, Latter-Day Saint Student Association at Stanford Oct 2019-June 2020

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Best Dissertation Committee member, APSA Executive Politics Section	2025
	Reviewer, <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Political Behavior</i> , <i>Electoral Studies</i> .	
	Graduate Representative, APSA Women and Politics Section	Sept 2019-Aug 2020
	Secretary, PAPOR Executive Council	Dec 2016-Dec 2017
	Student Representative, PAPOR Executive Council	Dec 2015-Dec 2016
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	American Association for Public Opinion Research	
	American Political Science Association	
	Midwest Political Science Association	
	Pacific Chapter of AAPOR (PAPOR)	
	Southern Political Science Association	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Methodology Intern	Jan 2016-Apr 2016
	Pew Research Center, Washington D.C.	
	Supervisor: Courtney Kennedy, Director of Survey Research	
ADDITIONAL SKILLS	Statistical Programming: R (advanced), STATA (advanced), SPSS (proficient)	
	Word Processing: L ^A T _E X, MS Word, WordPerfect	