

# Mackenzie Lockhart

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Yale University**

September 2023 - Present

Postdoctoral Associate

Democratic Innovations Program at the Institution for Social and Policy Studies

## EDUCATION

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**University of California, San Diego**

2023

Ph.D. in Political Science

Subfields: American Politics & Methods

Thesis: A Primary Source of Information: How News, Parties, and Campaigns Shape Congressional Primaries

Committee: Seth Hill (Chair), Pamela Ban, Dan Butler, Julie Cullen (Economics), James Fowler

**University of British Columbia**

2017

M.A. Political Science

Field: Canadian Politics. Thesis: *Voting Fast and Voting Slow*

**University of British Columbia**

2016

B.A. Political Science and Psychology

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Voter behaviour, public opinion, election administration, primary elections, Canadian and American politics, causal inference, survey methodologies.

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. Lal, Apoorva, **Mackenzie Lockhart**, Yiqing Xu, and Ziwen (Gary) Zu. Conditionally Accepted. "How Much Should We Trust Instrumental Variable Estimates in Political Science? Practical Advice based on 65 Replicated Studies." *Political Analysis*.
2. **Lockhart, Mackenzie** and Seth J. Hill. Early View. "How Do General Election Incentives Affect the Visible and Invisible Primary?" *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.
3. Biggers, Daniel R., Elizabeth Mitchell Elder, Seth J. Hill, Thad Kousser, Gabriel Lenz, and **Mackenzie Lockhart**. 2023. "Can Addressing Integrity Concerns about Mail Balloting Increase Turnout? Results from a Large-Scale Field Experiment in the 2020 Presidential Election." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.
4. Merolla, Jennifer, Zoe Nemerever, **Mackenzie Lockhart**, Seth J. Hill, Thad Kousser, and Mindy Romero. 2023. "Emotional Reactions to COVID-19 Projections and Consequences for Protective Attitudes and Behavior." *Political Psychology*.  
– Monkey Cage article
5. Rivard, Alex B. and **Mackenzie Lockhart**. 2022. "Government Preferences, Vote Choice, and Strategic Voting in Canada." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*.
6. Kousser, Thad, Seth J. Hill, **Mackenzie Lockhart**, Jennifer Merolla, and Mindy Romero. 2021. "How do Americans Want Elections to be Run During the COVID-19 Crisis?" *Research and Politics*.

7. Hill, Seth J., Thad Kousser, Gabriel Lenz, **Mackenzie Lockhart**, and Elizabeth Mitchell Elder. 2020. "How Can We Increase Turnout Among Low Propensity Voters?" *The California Journal of Policy and Politics*.
8. **Lockhart, Mackenzie**, Seth J. Hill, Jennifer Merolla, Mindy Romero, and Thad Kousser. 2020. "America's Electorate is Increasingly Polarized Along Partisan Lines About Voting by Mail During the COVID-19 Crisis." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.  
– Monkey Cage article

## WORKING PAPERS (AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)

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1. "Do You Know My Name? How local elites influence primary election outcomes." *Job Market Paper*.
2. "Declining Local News Benefits Incumbents and Extremists in Primary Elections."
3. "Primary Campaigns Advertising Strategies in Nomination Contests."
4. "Can official messaging on trust in elections break through partisan polarization?" with Jennifer Gaudette, Seth J. Hill, Thad Kousser, and Mindy Romero. *Under Review*.
5. "Why American Federalism is a Recipe for Distrust in Elections (And What to Do About It)" with Jennifer Gaudette, Seth J. Hill, Thad Kousser, Mindy Romero, and Laura Uribe.
6. "Do Prebunking Messages Reduce Delay Induced Mistrust in Elections? Yes." with Jennifer Gaudette, Seth J. Hill, Thad Kousser, Mindy Romero, and Laura Uribe.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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1. "Partisanship in Canada: Provincial partisanship and party systems" w/ Alex B. Rivard.
2. "Racial Disparities in U.S. Policy Responsiveness: Racial Threat in the Senate" w/ Jacob Hacker, Zoltan Hajnal, and Agustin Markarian.
3. "Representation in the US Congress: How the Senate shapes representational outcomes for Americans." w/ Jacob Hacker, Zoltan Hajnal, and Agustin Markarian.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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American Political Science Association, 2021, 2022  
Political Methodology, 2021  
Midwestern Political Science Association, 2021, 2022  
Election Science, Administration, and Reform Conference, 2020, 2023  
Canadian Political Science Association, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023  
Bell Chair Graduate Student Conference, 2019

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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Leon Weaver Best Paper Award, Representation and Electoral Systems Section. "Declining Local News Benefits Incumbents and Extremists in Primary Elections." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2021  
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, 2021-2022  
UCSD Political Science Methods Apprenticeship, 2021  
Lakoff Fellowship, 2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Instructor of Record**

Media and Politics, 2021

### **Teaching Assistant with Discussion Section**

Introduction to American Politics, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022

Causal Inference (PhD Level), 2020

Quantitative Methods II (Masters Level, Global Policy School), 2020

Introduction to Canadian Politics (University of British Columbia), 2017, 2018

### **Teaching Assistant**

Introduction to Policy Analysis, 2022

Policy Analysis and Public Welfare (Masters Level, Global Policy School), 2021

California Politics, 2019, 2020

Elections, Voting, and Campaigns, 2019

Judicial Politics, 2018

The Politics of Public Policy, 2018

The Presidency, 2017

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

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California's New Electorate Project (PI Thad Kousser & Seth Hill) 2019 - 2020

Yankelovich Center at UCSD (PI Thad Kousser & Zoltan Hojnal) 2022 - 2023

### **SERVICE**

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UCSD Omni Methods Group Coordinator, 2020 - 2023

Omnibus Political Science Survey Coordinator, 2017 - 2021

Political Science Graduate Student Association - Vice-President Recruitment, 2019 - 2020

Political Science Graduate Student Association - Vice-President Orientation, 2018 - 2019

**Referee Service:** *Lancet Infectious Diseases, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Journal of Politics, Journal of Experimental Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Research Quarterly, Justice Quarterly, Political Geography, Research and Politics, Social Science Quarterly*

### **LANGUAGES AND SKILLS**

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English (native), French (advanced)

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

Qualtrics, Luc.id

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