

Education and Professional History

Academic Appointments:

- The University of Iowa, Assistant Professor of Political Science, August 2008–present.

Education:

- California Institute of Technology, Ph. D., Social Sciences, June 2008. M. S., Social Sciences, 2005.
- Northwestern University, B. A, *summa cum laude*, double major in Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences (MMSS) and Economics, 1997.

Other Work Experience:

- Technical Project Manager, Verizon, 2001–2002
- Senior Internet Consultant, Perficient, 1999–2001
- Information Technology Associate, Accenture (formerly known as Andersen Consulting), 1998–1999.

Publications

Refereed Articles

- 2012** Mattes, K. 2012. What Happens When a Candidate Doesn't Bark? Cursed Voters and Their Effect on Campaign Discourse. *The Journal of Politics*, forthcoming.
- Spezio, M., Loesch, L., Gosselin, F., Mattes, K., and R. M. Alvarez. 2012. Thin Slice Decisions Do Not Need Faces to be Predictive of Election Outcomes. *Political Psychology*, forthcoming.
- 2010** Mattes, K., Spezio, M., Todorov, A., Kim, H., Adolphs, R., and Alvarez, R.M. 2010. Predicting Election Outcomes from Positive and Negative Trait Assessments of Candidate Images. *Political Psychology*, 31(1), 41–58.
- Spezio, M., Rangel, A., Alvarez, R.M., O'Doherty, J.P., Mattes, K., Todorov, A., Kim, H., and Adolphs, R. 2010. A Neural Basis for the Effect of Candidate Appearance on Election Outcomes. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, 3(4), 344–352.

- 2007** Jackson, M., Mathevet, L., and Mattes, K. 2007. Nomination Processes and Policy Outcomes. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 2(1), 67-94.

Other Publications

- 2008** Mattes, K. When Candidates Attack: Who Goes Negative, and Why it Works, dissertation (defended May 2008).

Articles Submitted and Articles in Later Stages of Preparation

- 2011** Mattes, K. and Redlawsk, D. Negative about Negativity: Public Opinion and the Framing of Negative Campaigning. Submitted.
- Chyzh, O., and Mattes, K. The Role of Patriotic Symbols in Positive and Negative Candidate Assessments. Submitted.
- Chyzh, O., and Mattes, K. Sending Mixed Messages: A Theoretical and Empirical Model of Crisis Signaling. Submitted.
- Mattes, K., and Milazzo, C. Predicting UK Elections from Candidate Trait Assessments. In middle stages of preparation.
- Thomas, B., Tranel, D., Alvarez, R. M., Mattes, K., Adolphs, R., and Spezio, M. The Insula in Political Judgment. In final stages of preparation.
- Chyzh, O., and Mattes, K. The Role of Overt Patriotic Symbols in Positive and Negative Candidate Assessments. In middle stages of preparation.
- Mattes, K. Attack Politics: Who Goes Negative and Why? In final stages of preparation.
- Mattes, K. Lies or Negativity: Modeling What Voters Should Prefer in Campaigns. In middle stages of preparation.
- Mattes, K. and R. M. Alvarez. Who's Afraid of George Bush and John Kerry? Fear and Voting in Presidential Elections. In final stages of preparation.

Conference Presentations¹

- 2011** *Mattes, K. and Redlawsk, D. “Negative about Negativity: Public Opinion and the Framing of Negative Campaigning.” American Political Science Association, Seattle WA, September 2011.
- Chyzh, O. and Mattes, K. “The Role of Overt Patriotic Symbols in Positive and Negative Candidate Assessments” (poster). American Political Science Association, Seattle WA, September 2011.
- Invited discussant, Values and Economics panel. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March/April 2011.
- Mattes, K. and *Redlawsk, D. “Negative about Negativity: Public Opinion and the Framing of Negative Campaigning.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March/April 2011.
- 2010** Invited discussant and moderator. Neuropolitics Workshop, Pasadena, CA, December 2010.
- *Spezio, M., Loesch, L., Gosselin, F., Mattes, K., and R. M. Alvarez. “Thin Slice Decisions Do Not Need Faces to be Predictive of Election Outcomes.” Neuropolitics Workshop, Pasadena, CA, December 2010.
- Chyzh, O. and Mattes, K. “The Role of Patriotic Symbols in Positive and Negative Candidate Assessments.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. March/April 2010.
- *Thomas, B., Tranel, D., Alvarez, R. M., Mattes, K., Adolphs, R., and Spezio, M. “The Insula in Political Judgment.” PNC Conference, Montreal, QC, April 2010.
- 2009** Mattes, K. “Lies or Negativity: What Should Voters Prefer in Campaigns?” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2009.
- 2008** Mattes, K. “Attack Politics: Experimental Evidence on Going Negative.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2008.

¹ All are panel presentations unless otherwise indicated. For multi-authored works, presenter indicated with *.

- 2007** Spezio, M., *Mattes, K., Alvarez, R.M., Todorov, A., Kim, H., and Adolphs, R. "The Neuroimaging of Political Judgment: How Candidate Images Affect Election Results." American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2007.
- Mattes, K. "Attack Politics: Experimental Evidence on Going Negative." (poster) American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2007.
- *Mattes, K., Spezio, M., Todorov, A., Kim, H., Adolphs, R., and Alvarez, R.M. "Predicting Election Outcomes from Facial Judgments of Threat and Attractiveness." International Society of Political Psychology, Portland, OR, July 2007.
- Mattes, K. "Attack Politics: Who Goes Negative and Why?" Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2007.
- *Mattes, K. and R. M. Alvarez. "Fear and Voting in Presidential Elections." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2007.
- 2006** Jackson, M., Mathevet, L., and *Mattes, K. "Nomination Processes and Policy Outcomes." Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Istanbul, Turkey, July 2006.
- Jackson, M., Mathevet, L., and *Mattes, K. "Nomination Processes and Policy Outcomes." Society of Economic Design, Bodrum, Turkey, July 2006.
- Kunicova, J. and Mattes, K. "Democracy and Corruption: Invisible Hand or Iron Fist?" Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2006.

Courses

University of Iowa, undergraduate courses:

- Political Psychology
- Public Choice
- Strategy in Politics

University of Iowa, graduate courses:

- Political Psychology
- Problems in Political Theory (formal theory workshop)

Professional Service

Department Representative for Faculty Senate, University of Iowa, 2011–present.
Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*
Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*
Reviewer, *Experimental Economics*
Reviewer, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*
Reviewer, *Journal of Politics*
Reviewer, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*
Reviewer, *Political Analysis*

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Association for Psychological Science
International Society of Political Psychology
Midwest Political Science Association
Society for Social Choice and Welfare