

# Maneesh ARORA

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

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- 2025-        Jane Bishop '51 Associate Professor of Political Science, **Wellesley College**  
2019-2025   Assistant Professor of Political Science, **Wellesley College**
- 2024-2026   Democracy Visiting Fellow, Ash Center, **Harvard Kennedy School**  
2022-2023   Academic Visitor, Mesopolhis Center, **Sciences Po Aix**  
2019-2021   Research Affiliate, Taubman Center, **Brown University**

## EDUCATION

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- JUNE 2019   PhD, Political Science, **University of California, Irvine**  
Fields: Race and Ethnicity, American Politics  
Advisor: Michael Tesler
- APR. 2017    Master of Political Science, **University of California, Irvine**
- SEPT. 2014   Master of Education, **Boston University**  
Curriculum and Teaching, Emphasis in Special Education
- JUNE 2012    Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, **University of Oregon**  
Minor in Political Science; Departmental Honors

## BOOK MANUSCRIPT

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*Parties and Prejudice: The Normalization of Antiminority Rhetoric in U.S. Politics.* 2025. University of Chicago Press.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Arora, Maneesh, Hannah June Kim, Natalie Masuoka, and Christopher Stout. 2025. "[How Crises Shape Interest in Elected Officials of Color: Social Media Activity, Race and Responsiveness to Members of Congress on Twitter.](#)" *Political Communication*, 1-18.
- Lieb, Anna, Maneesh Arora, and Eni Mustafaraj. 2024. "[Online News Coverage of Critical Race Theory Controversies: A Dataset of Annotated Headlines.](#)" Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media 18 (1):1979-90.
- Kim, Hannah June and Maneesh Arora. 2023. "[Democratic Citizenship in the United States: Measuring Democratic Support during the Trump Era.](#)" *Social Science Research*, 31(2), 76-123.
- Han, Hahrie and Maneesh Arora. 2022. "[Igniting Change: An Evangelical Megachurch's Racial Justice Program.](#)" *Perspectives on Politics*, 20(4), 1260-1274.
- Lemi, Danielle Casarez, Maneesh Arora, and Sara Sadhwani. 2022. "[Black and Desi: Indian American Perceptions of Kamala Harris.](#)" *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*, 43(3), 376-389.
- Arora, Maneesh and Christopher Stout. 2021. "[After the Ballot Box: How Explicit Racist Appeals Damage Constituents Views of Their Representation in Government.](#)" *Research & Politics*, 8(2), DOI: 20531680211052135.

- Arora, Maneesh**, Sara Sadhwani, and Sono Shah. 2021. "Unpacking Identity: Opportunities and Constraints for Cross-Racial Collaboration." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 7(2), 93-110.
- Le, Danvy, **Maneesh Arora**, and Christopher Stout. 2020. "Are You Threatening Me? Asian American Panethnicity in the Trump Era." *Social Science Quarterly*, 101(6), 2183-2192.
- Arora, Maneesh** and Hannah June Kim. 2020. "Stopping the Hate: Political Condemnations of Anti-Asian Rhetoric during the COVID-19 Crisis." *Journal of Asian American Studies*, 23(3), 387-405.
- Arora, Maneesh**. 2020. "Immigrant Opposition in a Changing National Demographic." *Political Research Quarterly*. DOI: 1065912919827107.
- Arora, Maneesh**, Davin L. Phoenix, and Archie Delshad. 2019. "Framing Police and Protesters: Assessing Volume and Framing of News Coverage Post-Ferguson, and Corresponding Impacts on Legislative Activity." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 7(1): 151-164.
- Arora, Maneesh**, and Christopher T. Stout. 2019. "Letters for Black Lives: Coethnic Mobilization and Support for the Black Lives Matter Movement." *Political Research Quarterly*. 72(2): 389-402.
- Phoenix, Davin L., and **Maneesh Arora**. 2018. "From Emotion to Action among Asian Americans: Assessing the Roles of Threat and Identity in the Age of Trump." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 6(3): 357-372.
- Arora, Maneesh**, and Rein Taagepera. 2017. "The Stubborn Law of Female-Male Literacy: Why the Gap May Widen." *Journal of Education and Social Policy* 7(1): 35-46.

## BOOK CHAPTERS AND BOOK REVIEWS

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- Lemi, Danielle, **Arora, Maneesh**, and Sara Sadhwani. 2023. "Black and Desi: Indian American Perceptions of Kamala Harris" in Nadia E. Brown, Christopher J. Clark, Anna Mitchell Mahoney (Eds.). *Women of Color Political Elites in the U.S.: An Intersectional Approach*. Routledge.
- Prasad, Shubha Kamala, **Arora, Maneesh**, and Sara Sadhwani. 2023. "Attitudes of the Indian-American Diaspora towards Politics in India." In Chris Ogden (Ed.). *Global India: The Pursuit of Influence and Status*, pp. 208-225. Routledge.
- Arora, Maneesh**, Davin L. Phoenix, and Archie Delshad. 2021. Framing Police and Protesters: Assessing Volume and Framing of News Coverage Post-Ferguson, and Corresponding Impacts on Legislative Activity. In Nadia E. Brown, Ray Block Jr., and Christopher Stout (Eds.) *The Politics of Protest: Readings on the Black Lives Matter Movement*. Routledge.
- Phoenix, Davin L., and **Maneesh Arora**. 2020. From Emotion to Action among Asian Americans: Assessing the Roles of Threat and Identity in the Age of Trump. In Andrew Aoki and Pei-te Lien (Eds.) *Asian Pacific American Politics: Celebrating the Scholarly Legacy of Don T. Nakanishi*. Routledge.
- Arora, Maneesh**. 2022. Review of "Nowhere to Run: Race, Gender, and Immigration in American Elections." by Christian Dyogi Phillips. Oxford: Oxford University Press. *Perspectives on Politics*, 20(2): 716-717.
- Arora, Maneesh**. 2020. Review of "Producers, Parasites, Patriots: Race and the New Right Wing Politics of Precarity" by Daniel Martinez HoSang and Joseph E. Lowndes. *Political Science Quarterly*, 135(4), 753-754.

## MEDIA ARTICLES

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- Arora, Maneesh** and Christopher Stout. (February 11, 2022). [More and more candidates are campaigning on racially charged issues. That could backfire in office.](#) *Washington*

*Post/Monkey Cage.*

- Arora, Maneesh.** (January 18, 2022). [The Promise of Black Lives Matter: How to sustain a popular movement that can dismantle structural racism in America.](#) *Public Seminar.*
- Arora, Maneesh.** (December 6, 2021). [Rep. Boebert labels Rep. Omar a jihadist. Why don't GOP leaders condemn the slur?](#) *Washington Post/Monkey Cage.*
- Gause, LaGina and **Maneesh Arora.** (July 2, 2021). [Not all of last year's Black Lives Matter protesters supported Black Lives Matter.](#) *Washington Post/Monkey Cage.*
- Arora, Maneesh** and Hannah June Kim. (March 19, 2021). [Asian American women legislators have been speaking out against anti-Asian violence.](#) *Washington Post/Monkey Cage.*
- Sadhwani, Sara, and **Maneesh Arora.** (January 4, 2021). [Kamala Harris will be vice president. Expect Indian Americans to get more involved in politics.](#) *Washington Post/Monkey Cage.*
- Arora, Maneesh.** (August 5, 2020). [How the coronavirus pandemic helped the Floyd protests become the biggest in U.S. history.](#) *Washington Post/Monkey Cage.*
- Phoenix, Davin L., and **Maneesh Arora.** (August, 2020). [Will The Recent Black Lives Matter Protests Lead to Police Reform?](#) *APSA Raise The Vote.*
- Arora, Maneesh,** Christopher Stout, and Kelsy Kretschmer. (2020, June 18). ["What helps non-black people support Black Lives Matter? A signal from someone in their own ethnic group."](#) *Washington Post/Monkey Cage.*
- Arora, Maneesh,** and Davin L. Phoenix. (2020, June 11). ["Will the Floyd protests lead to police reform? Here's what we know."](#) *Washington Post/Monkey Cage.*
- Arora, Maneesh.** (2019, May 2). [Policy makers should focus on reducing segregation to alleviate hostility towards immigration.](#) *LSE United States Politics and Policy blog.*
- Arora, Maneesh.** (2018, November 26). [Is it possible to combat appeals to prejudice? Here's new evidence from Duncan Hunter's 'anti-Muslim' campaign ad.](#) *Washington Post/The Monkey Cage.*
- Arora, Maneesh.** (2016, February 5). [Humanitarianism Through Local Efforts: The Example of Teach For America.](#) *Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa.*

## WORKING MANUSCRIPTS

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- "Race, Age, and Support for the Congressional Black Caucus" (with Christopher Stout, Jennifer R. Garcia, and Katherine Tate). *Revise and resubmit.*
- "Policies Policing Police: Examining State Measures on Law Enforcement Post Ferguson." (with Davin Phoenix)
- "Unaligned Activists: How Digital Technologies, Decentralized Leadership, Post-Materialism, and Self-Identification Facilitate Unaligned Participation in Contemporary Social Movements" (with LaGina Gause). **WPSA Blacks Politics Best Paper Award**

## TEACHING

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### Wellesley College

Campaigns & Elections; Immigration Politics & Policy; Research Methods in Political Science; American Politics; Asian American Politics

### Chapman University

Racial and Ethnic Politics in the US (Spring 2018; Spring 2019)

**University of California, Irvine**

Public Opinion (co-instructed with Michael Tesler) (Fall 2018); American Government (Summer 2017)

**California Polytechnic Institute, Pomona**

Introduction to American Government (Spring 2017)

**UCI, Teaching Assistant**

Public Opinion (Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016); Introduction to American Government (Winter 2017, Summer 2017); Introduction to Race and Ethnicity (Winter 2016); Introduction to Public Law (Fall 2015); Ethics and Justice in International Affairs (Fall 2014)

**Guest Lectures**

"Misinformation in U.S. Elections." Data Mining

"Media Effects on Public Opinion." Introduction to American Politics

"Education Inequality in the United States." Urban Politics and Policy

"Gender Identity and Public Opinion." Public Opinion

"Public Opinion is Group-Centric: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender" Public Opinion

**AWARDS & GRANTS**

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*Research Awards*

WPSA BLACK POLITICS BEST PAPER AWARD (2024)	
KNAPP SOCIAL SCIENCE CENTER FELLOWS PROGRAM (2020, 2021)	(\$2,000)
KNAPP SOCIAL SCIENCE CENTER FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT	(\$845)
GRADUATE DEAN' DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP (2019-2020), DECLINED	(\$23,589.75)
ASSOCIATE DEAN'S FELLOWSHIP (2019)	(\$6,900)
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRACY SEED GRANTS (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)	(\$13,500)
POLITICAL SCIENCE SUMMER AWARD (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)	(\$4,000)
ASSOCIATE DEAN'S FELLOWSHIP (2018)	(\$6,900)
FORD FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP, HONORABLE MENTION (2017)	
IQMR RESEARCH GRANT, POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT (2017)	
PELTASON FELLOW, CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRACY (2016)	
GERBER SCHOLAR, INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY (2016)	
ICPSR RESEARCH GRANT, POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT (2016)	(\$2,500)
DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH GRANT, POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT (2015)	(\$1,000)
ASIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION OF OREGON FELLOWSHIP (2011)	(\$1,000)

*Teaching and Leadership*

OUTSTANDING TEACHING CERTIFICATE (2015, 2016)	
RAY HAWK FRIARS LEADERSHIP AWARD (2012)	(\$2,000)
KOYL CUP LEADERSHIP AWARD (2011)	
INDUCTION INTO HONORARY SOCIETY FOR FRIARS (2011)	
STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY AWARD (2011)	(\$500)

*Travel Grants*

ISPP EARLY CAREER COMMITTEE TRAVEL AWARD (2019)	(\$500)
AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (2018)	(\$200)
DIVERSE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY & DOCTORAL EXPERIENCE (2017, 2018, 2019)	(\$1,300)
ASSOCIATED GRADUATE STUDENTS (2016, 2017, 2019)	(\$1,050)
PRESTAGE-COOK AWARD, SOUTHERN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (2017)	(\$250)

**INVITED TALKS**

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AI in Political Science: Past, Present, and Future workshop at Fudan University (June 2025)

UC Irvine (April 2025)

Wesleyan University's 2024 Post-election conference (Dec. 2024)

Boston University Research in American Politics Speaker Series (Nov. 2024)

UC Irvine 'Thriving at UCI panel' (Sept. 2021)  
Northwestern University Antiracist Thought and Action Speaker Series (Jan. 2021)  
First Joint Conference of the American Political Science Association and the Korea Political Science Association 'Pandemic and Democracy' panel (Dec. 2020)  
Taubman Center American Political Behavior Workshop, Brown University (Sept. 2020)  
Muhlenberg College (Fall 2020 - canceled due to the pandemic)  
Taubman Center American Political Behavior Workshop, Brown University (April 2020)  
Wesleyan University (April 2020 - canceled due to the pandemic)  
Wellesley College Asian Awareness Month Keynote Speaker (March 2020)  
Stanford Minority Politics Workshop (Feb. 2020)  
American Behavior Workshop, UC Riverside (June 2018)  
Money in Politics Conference, UC Irvine (Jan. 2018)  
Role of Money in Politics Workshop, University of Tampere (June 2016)  
Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences, UC Irvine (May 2016)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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American Political Science Association (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025)  
European Scholars of South Asian International Relations conference (2021)  
International Society of Political Psychology (2019)  
Russell Sage Foundation, *Asian Americans: Diversity and Heterogeneity* (2019)  
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (2017, 2018)  
Midwest Political Science Association (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
Western Political Science Association (2016, 2018, 2019, 2023, 2024, 2025)  
Center for the Study of Democracy Graduate Student Conference (2015, 2017, 2018)  
Southern Political Science Association (2017)  
Institutions in Context: The Role of Money in Politics (2016)

## ORIGINAL DATA COLLECTION (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR)

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Sadhwani, Sara and **Arora, Maneesh**. 2020. *Indian American Election Survey*.  
**Arora, Maneesh** and Christopher Stout. 2018. *Pre/Post 2016 Election Survey on Racial Attitudes*. Oregon State University.  
Phoenix, Davin, **Maneesh Arora**, and Archie Delshad. 2017. *State Legislative Action on Policing*. University of California, Irvine.  
Phoenix, Davin, **Maneesh Arora**, and Archie Delshad. 2017. *Media Perspectives on Policing*. University of California, Irvine.

## METHODS TRAINING

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Causal Inference Advanced Workshop (2018)  
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (2017)  
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (2016)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Assistant, Dr. Sara Wallace Goodman (2019)  
Research Assistant, Dr. Bernie Grofman (2015 & 2017)  
Society U.S. Team Leader (2015 & 2016)  
*Led a team of researchers to compile and code policy positions of United States House and Senate candidates to create a Voter Advisory Application.*  
<http://www.society.com/us2016congress/default/en/about-society>

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2012-2014 Special Education and General Science Teacher, Lilla G. Frederick Pilot  
Middle School, **Teach For America**

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

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APSA Committee on the Status of Asian Americans in the Profession (2020-2023)  
APSA Centennial Center Research Grants Reviewer  
Web Administrator for APSA Organized Section on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (2017-2019)  
Student Representative for the Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience  
Founder and Facilitator of the Race and Ethnicity Reading Group  
Book Review Editorial Assistant, *International Society of Political Psychology*  
Organizing Committee for the Methods Reading Group  
Instructor of Directed Study on Race and Policing Policies in the U.S.  
Organizing Committee for the South Asia Reading Group  
Referee for *Journal of Politics*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Law & Society Review*; *Political Psychology*; *Public Choice*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Political Communication*; *American Politics Research*; *Journal of Race and Ethnicity Politics*

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association  
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium

## SKILLS

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LATEX, R, SPSS, STATA, HINDI (CONVERSATIONAL)

## REFERENCES

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