

# ALEENA KHAN

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b> Ph.D. Student in Political Science, American Politics	Champaign, IL Fall 2018 - Present
<b>Simmons University</b> Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minors in Public Health and Public Policy	Boston, MA Fall 2013 - May 2016

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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American politics, identity politics, political psychology, political behavior

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## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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- Khan, A.** (September 2023). How Threats to American Identity Drive Support for Anti-Democratic Behavior. American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference.
- Khan, A.,** Moreira, J., & Steur, J. (September 2023). Vicarious Elite Contact & Cooperation: Reducing Affective Polarization in the U.S. Poster presentation at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference and Political Psychology Pre-Conference.
- Khan, A.,** Moreira, J., & Steur, J. (July 2023). Vicarious Elite Contact & Cooperation: Reducing Affective Polarization in the U.S. Presentation at the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Conference.
- Khan, A.,** Moreira, J., & Steur, J. (May 2023). Bridging the Divide: Mitigating Affective Polarization in America through Vicarious Elite Engagement. Poster presentation at the Chicago Area Behavior (CAB) Conference.
- Khan, A.** (April 2023). Understanding Threats to US Elections: How Threats to American Identity Drive Support for Anti-Democratic Behavior. Presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference.
- Day, J., **Khan, A.,** Loadenthal, M., Hiller, S. (April 2023). Threats and Harassment of Public Officials: Introducing a New Dataset. Presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference.
- Khan, A.** (September 2022). I Too Sing America: Group Contestation in the Construction of American Identity. Poster presentation at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference.
- Khan, A.** (April 2022). Anti-Americanism, Partisanship, and the Limits of In-Group Love and Out-Group Hate. Presentation at the Politics of Identity Across Subfields (PIAS) mini-conference at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference.
- Khan, A.** (November 2021). Anti-Americanism, Race, and the Limits of In-Group Love and Out-Group Hate. Presentation at the Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Consortium (PRIEC).
- Khan, A.** (April 2020). Understanding American Perceptions of Anti-Americanism. Presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference.
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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

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- Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL) Fellow (2023)
- Electoral Integrity Project (EIP) Fellow (2023)
- Public Scholar, American Political Science Association (APSA) (2021-2022)
- Teachers Ranked As Excellent, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Fall 2018, Spring 2020)

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### PUBLICATIONS

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Day, Joel, Aleena Khan, and Michael Loadenthal. 2022. *Threats and Harassment Against Local Officials*. Bridging Divides Initiative. <https://bridgingdivides.princeton.edu/THD>.

Khan, Aleena, Jair Moreira, Jessica S. Taghvaiee, and Andrea Benjamin. 2022. Concerns for BIPOC Students and Scholars and a Model for Inclusive Excellence. In Lorentz, Kevin G., Daniel J. Mallinson, and Julia Marin Hellwege, eds., *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*. American Political Science Association.

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### CURRENT WORKING PAPERS

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**Khan, Aleena**, Moreira, Jair, & Steur, James. Vicarious Elite Contact & Cooperation: Reducing Affective Polarization in the U.S.

**Khan, A.** Anti-Americanism, Partisanship, and the Limits of In-Group Love and Out-Group Hate.

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### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Associate Policy Researcher, Princeton University's Bridging Divides Initiative (June 2022-Present)

Graduate Research Assistant on Improving and Integrating Global Diversity Estimates Using Transparent Methods (NSF Project), *Avital Livny* (Summer 2020)

Graduate Research Assistant on Using the Audio from Telephone Surveys for Political Science Research, *Jeff Mondak and Bryce Dietrich* (Spring 2019)

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### MEDIA

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"Congresswomen Interrupted: Fighting for Time on Women's Issues." Featured in Political Science Today. <https://politicalsciencenow.com/congresswomen-interrupted-fighting-for-time-on-womens-issues/>

"How Lesbian and Gay People Came Out as Democrats" <https://politicalsciencenow.com/how-lesbian-and-gay-people-came-out-as-democrats/>

"Interest Groups and TV Ads: Can They Change Your Mind?" <https://politicalsciencenow.com/interest-groups-and-tv-ads-can-they-change-your-mind/>

"Enough is Really Enough: How the Public Shifts Their Votes After School Shootings." Featured in Political Science Today. <https://politicalsciencenow.com/enough-is-really-enough-how-the-public-shifts-their-votes-after-school-shootings/>

"Does the Internet Make Us Hostile?" <https://politicalsciencenow.com/does-the-internet-make-us-hostile/>

"How the COVID-19 Pandemic Helped Biden Win the 2020 Presidential Primaries" <https://politicalsciencenow.com/how-the-covid-19-pandemic-helped-biden-win-the-2020-presidential-primaries/>

"Have the George Floyd Protests Changed Public Opinion on Race and Policing? It's Complicated" <https://politicalsciencenow.com/have-the-george-floyd-protests-changed-public-opinion-on-race-and-policing-its-complicated/>

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### GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING

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Electoral Integrity Project seed funding (\$1518 CAD), March 2023

## **ALEENA KHAN**

Vicarious Elite Contact & Cooperation: Reducing Affective Polarization in the United States. (with James Steur and Jair Moreira) (\$3000 estimate), October 2022

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### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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Statistical Consultant, Center for Innovation, Teaching, and Learning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Fall 2022-Present)

Subject Pool Coordinator, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Fall 2020-Spring 2021)

Research Assistant, Human Services Research Institute (2016-2019)

Intern, Massachusetts State House, Barbara Lee Fellowship Program (Spring 2016)

Research Fellow, Columbia University Graduate School of Arts (Summer 2015)

Intern, Harvard School of Public Health (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)

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### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Instructor, Government Internship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

Online Instructor, US Racial & Ethnic Politics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to US Government & Politics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Fall 2018, Spring 2020)

Teaching Assistant, US Racial & Ethnic Politics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Fall 2019)

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### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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**Software** R, STATA, SPSS, SQL, Tableau, Qualtrics, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, LaTeX

**Statistics & Methods** Regression, experiments, survey methods, factor analysis

**Languages** Spanish (Intermediate), Urdu (Intermediate)

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### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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President, Political Science Graduate Student Association (2021-2022)

Vice President, Political Science Graduate Student Association (2020-2021)

Grievance Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Association (2019-2020)

Member, Survey Committee (2018-2021)

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### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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American Political Science Association

International Society of Political Psychology

Midwest Political Science Association