

Survey Invitation: Parenthood & Political Science PhD Experience

We invite current and former political science Ph.D. students who navigated parenthood or family planning *during their doctoral studies* to participate in this important online survey.

Study Purpose: This survey seeks to gather insights from current or former political science Ph.D. students and junior faculty on their perceptions of and experiences with pregnancy, childbirth, adoption, fostering, or parenthood during graduate school.

Specifically, we are interested in hearing from doctoral students, graduates, or junior faculty who attempted pregnancy, were pregnant, miscarried, gave birth, were a partner to a birthing parent, adopted, fostered, or parented a child during their political science (or equivalent) doctoral studies. This includes individuals who dropped out of or were dismissed from their postgraduate programs. Please share this survey link with anyone who might qualify.

We understand that reflecting on or answering questions related to your parenting or family planning experiences can be difficult or upsetting. However, please know that your responses will greatly contribute to advancing our understanding of the challenges doctoral students face while navigating parenthood and family planning during their studies. Rest assured that your responses will remain anonymous, and no identifiable information will be released publicly.

If you agree to participate, please click the link below to begin the survey. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hk8UzGGueoQ8DQ

We understand that your time is precious and that completing surveys can be challenging amidst your busy schedule. To ease this burden, we have designed the questionnaire to be concise and straightforward, excluding any survey experiments, manipulations, or hypothetical scenarios.

As a small token of our appreciation for your time, every 15th survey respondent until the 150th participant who completes the survey and provides their name and email address at the end of the survey will receive a \$30 digital gift card to Amazon. This research is supported by a small grant from APSA's Women, Gender & Politics Research Section.

We kindly request that you complete the survey by March 25, 2025.

If you have any questions about the study, please feel free to contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Marty Jordan, at jordan61@msu.edu. Thank you for considering this invitation. Your participation would be immensely valuable to our research.

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