



# Research on Individuals, Politics, & Society

## 2009-2010 Academic Year Summary

### Content

Faculty and graduate students ran studies in the lab. The principal investigators and their topics were as follows:

Fall 2009:

**Jennifer Anderson:** A study of the effect of news media coverage of war and support for war

**Marc Hetherington & Efrén Pérez:** A study of race and authoritarianism

**Cindy Kam:** A study of emotion and risky decision-making

**Cindy Kam & Liz Zechmeister:** A study of name recognition and vote choice

**Liz Zechmeister & Josh Clinton:** A study of satisficing in the survey interview

Spring 2010:

**Cindy Kam and Carl Palmer (UC Davis):** A study of altruism and public opinion

**LAPOP:** A study of question wording of questions on trust and elections

**Liz Norell and Marc Hetherington:** A study of misinformation and public opinion

**Efrén Pérez:** A study of implicit attitudes towards immigrants and racial groups

**Liz Zechmeister & Jennifer Merolla (CGU):** A study of terror threat and political tolerance

### Subject Recruitment

The RIPS studies are made possible by the cooperation of our colleagues and their students. In the Fall semester, we recruited **494 students** from 20 undergraduate courses in Political Science, Humanities, and English. In the Spring semester, we recruited **327 students** from 17 undergraduate courses in Political Science.

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### Personnel

The RIPS lab benefited from superb research assistance from 4 graduate students (**Jennifer Anderson, Margarita Corral, Liz Norell, Matt Simpson**) and 6 undergraduates (**Desmond Dennis, Neelam Mohammed, Aimee Sohbani, Christine Stroud, Matthew Taylor, Paul Yeh**).

If you would like more information about the RIPS lab, check out our website:

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/rips>