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## Education

PHD | DECEMBER 2016 | BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY | BOISE, IDAHO

- Major Field: Public Policy and Administration
- Dissertation: Closed Primary, Exposed Preferences: Idaho's Primary System and the Bureaucratic Dilemma

MPA | DECEMBER 2012 | BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY | BOISE, IDAHO

BA | MAY 2010 | BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY | BOISE, IDAHO

- Major: Political Science (dual emphases)
  - American Government and Public Policy
  - International Relations
- Minor: History
- Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*

## Publications

Anderson, D. L., Schulwitz, S., **May, M.**, Hill, G., Koomjian, W., & McClure, C. J. W. (2020). "Can increased training and awareness take forest research to new heights?" *Trees, Forests and People*, 1, 100005.

**May, M.** & Moncrief, G. F. (2011). "Reapportionment and redistricting in the west." In G. F. Moncrief (ed.), *Reapportionment and Redistricting in the West*. Lanham: Lexington Books.

## Applied Research

Idaho Commission for Libraries, **Idaho Policy Institute**, & Link Up Idaho. (2023). *Digital access for all Idahoans plan*. Idaho Commission for Libraries: State of Idaho. [principal investigator for Idaho Policy Institute team consisting of **May, M.**, Larsen, B., Kim, C., Osterhout, G., McGinnis-Brown, L., Peterson, K. & McGurkin, K.]

Larsen, B., **May, M.**, Schafer, E., Hall, M., Kayed, A. & Redman, E. (2023). *Idaho department of health and welfare provider awareness campaign evaluation*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.

Larsen, B., **May, M.**, Schafer, E., Hall, M., Kayed, A. & Redman, E. (2023). *Idaho department of health and welfare fentanyl awareness campaign evaluation*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.

**May, M.** & Kim, C. (2023). *Evaluation of united policyholders metrics and data collection*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.

**May, M.**, Kim, C. & Kayed, A. (2023). *Idaho public television learningmedia assessment*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.

**May, M.**, McGinnis-Brown, L., & Kuisachor, E. (2023). *Eighth annual Idaho public policy survey*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.

Kayed, A., McGinnis-Brown, L., Larsen, B. & **May, M.** (2022). *Transfer of development rights programs*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.

**May, M.** & McGinnis-Brown, L. (2022). *Growth in the Treasure Valley in 2021*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.

**May, M.** & Pape, E. (2022). *City Go commuting habits 2021 survey results*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [survey design & results]

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- May, M.** & Pape, E. (2022). *Treasure Valley transportation habits & the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- Osterhout, G., **May, M.**, Pape, E., Kim, C., & Fry, V. (2022). *Motor vehicle service delivery: Analysis of Idaho's model and policy alternatives*. Idaho Transportation Department: State of Idaho.
- May, M.** & Osterhout, G. (2022). *Drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs survey*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [survey design & results]
- Fry, V.C., McGinnis-Brown, L., Kim, C., & **May, M.** (2022). *Idaho statewide housing analysis*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [infographic & online dashboard]
- May, M.**, McGinnis-Brown, L. & Fry, V. (2022). *Seventh annual Idaho public policy survey*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.**, Kim, C., & Kayed, A. (2021). *Idaho Public Television children and education programming survey*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [survey design & results]
- May, M.** & Hall, M. (2021). *Idaho literacy intervention program evaluation 2020-21*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.** & Moss, M. (2021). *Master of environmental management needs assessment*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- Lyons, J. & **May, M.** (2021). *Growth in the Treasure Valley in 2020*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- Lyons, J. & **May, M.** (2021). *Sixth annual Idaho public policy survey*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.**, Hall, M., & Fry, V. (2021). *Idaho literacy intervention program evaluation*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- Lyons, J. & **May, M.** (2020). *Idahoans attitudes about COVID-19*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.** & Larsen, B. (2020). *Idaho public television attitudinal awareness survey*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [survey design & results]
- May, M.**, Osterhout, G. & Pape, E. (2020). *Commute mode shift in Boise*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- Kim, C., **May, M.** & Fry, V. (2020). *City of Boise property tax analysis*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.** & Pape, E. (2020). *Downtown mobility collaborative awareness survey*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [survey design & results]
- May, M.**, Hall, M. & Fry, V. (2020). *Idaho literacy intervention program evaluation*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- Larsen, B., **May, M.**, Kim, C. & Fry, V. (2019). *Balance billing in Idaho*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.**, Kim, C., Larsen, B. & Fry, V. (2019). *Health provider network adequacy report #2*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- Kim, C., **May, M.**, Larsen, B. & Fry, V. (2019). *Health provider network adequacy report #1*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.** & Osterhout, G. (2019). *Military retirees in Idaho*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.**, Hall, M. & Fry, V. (2019). *Idaho literacy intervention program evaluation*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.** & Hill, G. (2018). *Peregrine Fund tree climbing survey*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [survey design & results]

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- May, M.**, Hill, G. & Fry, V. (2018). *Southern Idaho tourism market analysis*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [survey design & results]
- May, M.**, Wampler, B., Costa, A., Hill, G. & Jones, B. (2018). *Driggs law enforcement*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- Kim, C. & **May, M.** (2018). *Idaho Falls housing inventory*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- Kim, C., **May, M.**, McGinnis-Brown, L. & Hill, G. (2018). *Watercraft inspection station analysis*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.**, Sargeant-Hu, S., Hill, G. & Fry, V. (2018). *Istation program implementation evaluation*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.** & Hill, G. (2017). *Eagle fire consolidation study*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- May, M.** & Hill, G. (2017). *Idaho Department of Labor employee engagement and retention*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [survey design & technical assistance]
- May, M.** & Hill, G. (2017). *Elevated blood lead levels screening for Idaho Department of Health and Welfare*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [dataset & technical assistance]
- May, M.** & Hill, G. (2017). *Food insecurity at Boise State University*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [survey design & results]
- McGinnis-Brown, L., **May, M.**, Fry, V. & Hill, G. (2017). *Idaho by the numbers*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University.
- Vaughn, J. S., Lyons, J. & **May, M.** (2017). *Second annual Idaho public policy survey*. School of Public Service: Boise State University.

## Projects in Process

- Kim, C., **May, M.** & Fry, V. (2024). *The impact of local governing institutions on the implementation of COVID policy*. [under review for peer review publication]
- May, M.** & McGinnis-Brown, L. (2024). *Growth in the Treasure Valley in 2022*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [anticipated completion Spring 2024]
- May, M.** & Pape, E. (2024). *City Go commuting habits 2023 survey results*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [survey design & results] [anticipated completion Spring 2024]
- May, M.**, McGinnis-Brown, L., Fry, V. & Kuisachor, E. (2024). *The ninth annual Idaho public policy survey*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [anticipated completion January 2024]
- May, M.** & McGinnis-Brown, L. (2024). *Growth in the Treasure Valley in 2023*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [anticipated completion Spring 2024]
- Bostaph, L. G., **May, M.**, Alword, L., Jorgensen, C., Lee, J. & McGinnis-Brown, L. (2024). *Ada county community survey*. Idaho Policy Institute: Boise State University. [anticipated completion Spring 2024]
- May, M.**, Kim, C. & McGinnis-Brown, L. (2025). *Idaho alive at 25 young driver education program effectiveness evaluation*. Idaho Transportation Department: State of Idaho. [anticipated completion June 2025]

## Other Applied Research Publications

- Osterhout, G., McGinnis-Brown, L. & **May, M.** (2022, May 16). "Some Idahoans can now vote in Spanish, Native languages: Who's covered and what it means." *Idaho Capital Sun*, [<https://idahocapitalsun.com/2022/05/16/some-idahoans-can-now-vote-in-spanish-native-languages-whos-covered-and-what-it-means/>].

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- May, M.** (2021, November 12). “The Hatch Act, the law Trump deputies are said to have broken, requires government employees to work for the public interest, not partisan campaigns.” *The Conversation*,  
[<https://theconversation.com/the-hatch-act-the-law-trump-deputies-are-said-to-have-broken-requires-government-employees-to-work-for-the-public-interest-not-partisan-campaigns-171653>].
- Kim, C., **May, M.** & Fry, V. (2021, October 29). “Responses of municipal governments to the COVID-19 pandemic.” *The Blue Review*,  
[<https://www.boisestate.edu/bluereview/municipal-governments-covid19/>]
- Perry, L., Blain, K. N., & **May, M.** (2020, March 11). “Biden’s big night with moderates, African Americans and baby boomers.” *The Conversation*,  
[<https://theconversation.com/bidens-big-night-with-moderates-african-americans-and-baby-boomers-133135>].
- May, M.** (2019, July 12). “The Trump administration wants to dismantle the agency overseeing 2 million federal workers – and weaken safeguards against partisanship.” *The Conversation*,  
[<https://theconversation.com/the-trump-administration-wants-to-dismantle-the-agency-overseeing-2-million-federal-workers-and-weaken-safeguards-against-partisanship-119522>].
- May, M.** (2018, March 23). “Federal employees work for both democrats and republicans – even Kellyanne Conway.” *The Conversation*,  
[<https://theconversation.com/federal-employees-work-for-both-democrats-and-republicans-even-kellyanne-conway-93165>].
- May, M.** (2017, May 1). “The hidden cost of primary systems.” *The Blue Review*,  
[<https://www.boisestate.edu/bluereview/hidden-cost-primary-systems/>].

## Conferences

### *Posters*

- May, M.** (2015, October). Bureaucratic Turnout Under the Idaho Closed Primary. Poster presented at the meeting of Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Boise ID.

### *Panel Participant*

- Otter, B., Mayville, L. & **May, M.** (2023, October 25). Open primaries. Panel participant at College of Idaho’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Idaho Policy Forum, Caldwell ID.
- Fry, V., **May, M.**, Ahmed, S. & Eklund, E. (2021, October 6-8). The times they are a-changin’: Growth and demographics in Idaho. Panel participant at America Planning Association Idaho’s 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, virtual format.

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## *Papers*

Osterhout, G., McGinnis-Brown, L. & **May, M.** (2023, April 13-16). Voting Rights Act, Bilingual Ballots, and Election Turnout: Evidence from Florida. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL

## *Presentations*

**May, M.** & Osterhout, G. (2019, September 25). Economic Trends in Idaho. Presented at the annual meeting of the Idaho Association of Counties, Boise ID.

## Research and Technical Experience

- Spring 2022 – present, Research Scholar, Idaho Policy Institute, Boise State University
- Summer 2021 – present, Survey Research Director, School of Public Service, Boise State University
- Fall 2018 – Fall 2021, Senior Research Associate, Idaho Policy Institute, Boise State University
- Fall 2016 – Fall 2018, Postdoctoral Associate, Idaho Policy Institute, Boise State University
- Fall 2015 – Fall 2016, Journal Manager, *The Social Science Journal*
- Fall 2014 – Spring 2015, municipal rainy-day funds, graduate research assistant, Boise State University
- Fall 2014 – Spring 2015, county government strategic planning, graduate internship with Ada County, Idaho
- Fall 2013 – Spring 2014, state legislature comparative study, graduate research assistant, Boise State University
- Spring 2012, policy research internship with the Idaho Lieutenant Governor's Office
- Fall 2011 – Spring 2012, participatory budgeting, graduate research assistant, Boise State University
- Summer 2011 – Spring 2012, legislative turnover, graduate research assistant, Boise State University
- Fall 2010 – Spring 2011, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho Public Policy Survey, graduate research assistant, Boise State University
- Fall 2010 – Spring 2011, workplace aggression, graduate research assistant, Boise State University
- Summer 2009 – Fall 2009, legislative turnover, undergraduate research assistant, Boise State University
- Spring 2009, network management, undergraduate research assistant, Boise State University
- Spring 2008, internship with the Idaho Senate Majority Caucus

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## Service

- Reviewer
  - The Social Science Journal
  - SAGE Open
- Boise State University School of Public Service Strategic Enrollment and Retention Plan Working Group (2022-2023)

## Awards

- (2023) Idaho Press Club, Best of 2022 Opinion - Daily Print Award, 3rd place

## Courses/Trainings Taught

- (2024) The Annual Idaho Public Policy Survey, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Boise State University.
- (2024) SPS 504: Survey Research, Boise State University.
- (2023) Survey Research Methods, City of Boise.