

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Michigan State University (Expected May 2023).

*Subfields:* Comparative Politics and Methodology.

*Dissertation:* Constituency Representation and Electoral Success in African Legislatures

*Committee:* Michael Wahman (Co-Chair), Jeffrey Conroy-Krutz (Co-Chair), Shahryar Minhas, and Eric Chang

M.A., Political Science, Michigan State University, 2020.

*Certificate in Computational Modeling* (Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering)

M.A., Political Science, University of Missouri, 2018.

B.A., Political Science and Public Administration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 2015.

## Research Interests

Comparative Politics: Political Behavior, Institutions, Elections, Legislatures, African politics

Research Methodology: Research Design, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning

## Research

### *Peer Reviewed Publications*

3. Wahman, Michael, **Nikolaos Frantzeskakis**, and Tevfik Murat Yildirim. 2021. "From Thin to Thick Representation: How a Female President Shapes Female Parliamentary Behavior." *American Political Science Review* 115.2: 360-378
2. **Frantzeskakis, Nikolaos**, and Yuko Sato. 2020. "Echoes of a Fading Past: Authoritarian Legacies and Far Right Voting." *Electoral Studies* 66: 102163.
1. Park, Brandon Beomseob, **Nikolaos Frantzeskakis**, and Jungsub Shin. 2019. "Who is Responsible? The Effect of Clarity of Responsibility on Voter Turnout." *West European Politics* 42.3: 464-494.

### *Editor Reviewed Publications*

1. **Frantzeskakis, Nikolaos**, Michael Wahman, and Tevfik Murat Yildirim. 2021. "Malawi: Parliamentary Debate under Executive Dominance" in Bäck Hanna, Marc Debus, and Jorge M. Fernandes (Ed.). *The Politics of Legislative Debate*. Oxford University Press.

### ***Manuscripts Under Review***

3. "The Legislative Agenda in 13 African Countries: A Comprehensive Database" (with Henrik Seeberg)  
- Invited to revise and resubmit at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*
2. "Armed and Dangerous: Legacies of Incumbent-Military Ties and Electoral Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa" (with Brandon Beomseob Park)  
- Invited to revise and resubmit at *Electoral Studies*
1. "Putting Parliamentarians Back in Parliament: Fairer Elections and MPs as Representatives"

### ***Selected Working Projects***

3. "Cheerleaders for Autocracy: Parliamentary Speech Making During Democratic Backsliding in Malawi and Zambia" (with Alejandra López Villegas and Michael Wahman)
2. "Acting out and Speaking Up: The Parliamentary Behavior of Ex-Rebel Women" (with Elizabeth L. Brannon)
1. "Coding Parliamentary Speech through Time and Space: A Neural Networks Approach"

### ***Conference Presentations***

7. "Representation and Reelection in Sub-Saharan Africa"
  - To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montréal, Québec, Canada, 2022.
  - Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science VIII, Michigan State University, 2022.
6. "Putting Parliamentarians Back in Parliament: Fairer Elections and MPs as Representatives"
  - Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, 2021.
5. "Flattening the Curve: Legislative Output in African Democracies" (with Henrik Seeberg)
  - Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference, Aarhus, Denmark, 2021.
4. "African Legislatures and Horizontal Accountability: Malawian MPs during Democratic Erosion" (with Michael Wahman and Peter VonDoepp)
  - Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 2019.
3. "Echoes of a Fading Past: Authoritarian Legacies and Far Right Voting" (with Yuko Sato)
  - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2019.
2. "From Thin to Thick Representation- How a Female President Shapes Female Parliamentary Behavior" (with Michael Wahman and Tevfik Murat Yildirim)
  - Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 2019.
  - Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, 2018.
1. "New Game, Old Rules? Authoritarian Coercive Capacity and Multiparty Electoral Violence"
  - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2018.

### ***Visiting Fellowships***

Aarhus University, Department of Political Science (May-June 2019).

## Teaching

### *Michigan State University*

*Quantitative Methods Teaching Fellow (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)*

- Provided support for graduate level Quantitative Methods courses.
- Planned and hosted a series of Quantitative Methods workshops using the R programming language.

*Lab Instructor*

PLS 201 - Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis (Spring 2021)

*Teaching Assistant*

ISS 305 - Evaluating Evidence (Summer 2022)

PLS 351 - African Politics (Fall 2020)

ISS 318 - Pandemics and Social Science (Summer 2020, Summer 2021)

PLS 345 - Religion and World Politics (Spring 2020)

PLS 200 - Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2019, Fall 2022)

PLS 201 - Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis (Summer 2019)

PLS 140 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2019)

PLS 160 - Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2018)

### *University of Missouri*

*Teaching Assistant*

PS 4640 - African Politics (Spring 2018)

PS 4750 - Power and Money (Fall 2017)

PS 4630 - Politics of Modern Europe (Spring 2017)

PS 4790 - The Age of Democratization (Spring 2017)

PS 1100 - American Government (Fall 2016)

## Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

### *Awards*

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Political Science, MSU, 2022.

- For "Putting Parliamentarians Back in Parliament: Fairer Elections and MPs as Representatives"

### *Fellowships*

Rhode Fellowship, MSU, \$2,100 (Fall 2022).

Bratton Fellowship, MSU, \$7,500 (Summer 2022).

Quantitative Methods Teaching Fellowship, Department of Political Science, MSU, \$1,500 (Fall 2021).

Publication Support Fellowship, Department of Political Science, MSU, \$500 (Summer 2021).

Research Scholarship Grant, Department of Political Science, MU, \$1,000 (Summer 2017).

### *Grants*

Summer Research Grants (data collection), Department of Political Science, MSU, \$23,700 (2020-2022).

Summer Research Grant (travel), Department of Political Science, MSU, \$4,100 (2019).

Conference Travel Grants, Department of Political Science, MSU (APSA 2021, 2019, 2018; MPSA 2019).

Conference Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, MU (MPSA 2018).

## Service

Professional Memberships: American Political Science Association, African Studies Association Journal

Peer-Reviews: *British Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*

Editorial Boards: *Journal of Politics* (Replication Analyst)

## Consultancy and Assignments

Department of Defense (DoD), United States (2022): Development of news based event dataset with the use of neural networks.

- with Scott de Marchi, Shahryar Minhas, and Max Gallop

## Skills

Languages: Greek (native), English (fluent), German (basic), French (basic)

Software:  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , R, Python, Stata, MATLAB

Methods: Econometrics, Computational Modeling, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning

Fieldwork: Malawi (summer 2022)

## Professional Experience

Research Assistant, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan State University, Summer 2018

Assistant Researcher, Institute of International Economic Relations (Athens, Greece), 2015-2016

Research Assistant, Centre for Asia-Minor Studies (Athens, Greece), 2014-2015

Interviewer, Metron Analysis S.A. (Athens, Greece), 2015

## References

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