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## CURRENT POSITION

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**University of Iowa, PhD candidate**

*2019 - Present*

Department of Political Science

Research Assistant: Spring 2021 - Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant: Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Graduate Instructor: Fall 2020

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology (Quantitative), Mass Communication

## EDUCATION

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**MA, Political Science, University of Iowa**

*2020*

**MCRP, Community and Regional Planning, Iowa State University**

*2019*

Thesis: *Impact of The Decentralization Reform on The Quality of Local Public Services in Ukraine*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Political Communication** - I study how political actors use digital media and information communication technologies with a focus on the role of media in social movements and in challenging authoritarian regimes.

**Political Methodology** - network analysis, text analysis, causal inference, maximum likelihood estimation, multi-level modeling, linear regressions, time series, Bayesian statistics.

**Additional Research Interests** - contentious politics, decentralization policies, local development and politics.

## BOOK REVIEWS

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**Kuznetsova D.** (2021). *Russia, the Former Soviet Republics, and Europe Since 1989: Transformation and Tragedy*: by Katherine Graney, New York, NY, Oxford University Press, 2019, xxviii + 439 pp., \$99 (hardback), ISBN 9780190055080, \$37.95 (paperback), ISBN 9780190055097. *Democratization*, 28(2), 462–464. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2020.1798404> (book review)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Tolbert, C.J., & **Kuznetsova, D.** (2021). Editor's Introduction: The Promise and Peril of Ranked Choice Voting. *Politics and Governance*, 9(2). <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v9i2.4385>

**Kuznetsova D.** (2019). "Impact of the Decentralization Reform on the Quality of Local Public Services in Ukraine." Graduate Theses and Dissertations. <https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/etd/17491>

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

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**Kuznetsova, D.** & Tolbert, C.J. Globalizing Information Networks, Social Media and Participation [Under Review]

**Kuznetsova, D.** Broadcasting Messages via Telegram: The 2020 Protests in Belarus and 2022 Anti-war Protests in Russia [Under Review]

**Kuznetsova, D.** Combining Decentralization and Amalgamation: The Effects of Reforms on The Quality of Public Services in Ukraine [Under Review]

**Kuznetsova, D.** & LaSpisa, C. Disentangling The Party from The Leader: Public Approval of Authoritarian Leaders and Their Parties [Under Review]

Mossberger, K., Cho, S., Cheong P. & **Kuznetsova, D.** The Public Good and Public Attitudes Toward Data Sharing through IoT [Under Review]

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Kuznetsova, D.** & Tolbert, C.J. Modeling Temporal Dynamics: Does Internet Use Fuel Anti-Government Protests?

**Kuznetsova, D.** & Kim, J.W. Internet Access and Political Movements: Evidence from Regression Discontinuities and Difference-in-Differences

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**Kuznetsova, D.** & Tolbert, C.J. Globalizing Information Networks, Social Media and Participation. *International Communication Association Conference 2022*

**Kuznetsova, D.** Sovereign Internet through Ownership: The Case of Russia and China. *The International Association for Media and Communication Research Conference 2022, ICA Preconference 2022: Sovereignty and the Return of Governance for Digital Platforms*

**Kuznetsova, D.** Broadcasting Messages via Telegram: The 2020 Protests in Belarus and 2022 Anti-war Protests in Russia. *American Political Science Association Conference 2022*

**Kuznetsova, D.** & LaSpisa, C. Disentangling The Party from The Leader: Public Approval of Authoritarian Leaders and Their Parties. *Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2022*

**Kuznetsova, D.** & Kim, J.W. Internet Access and Political Movements: Evidence from Regression Discontinuities and Difference-in-Differences. *Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2022*

**Kuznetsova, D.** Combining Decentralization and Amalgamation: The Effects of Reforms on The Quality of Public Services in Ukraine. *International Public Policy Association Conference 2021*

## AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

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<b>Graduate College Post-Comprehensive Research Fellowship</b> (\$10,500) University of Iowa	<i>2022</i>
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<b>American Political Science Association (APSA) travel grant</b> (\$300) For the 2021 APSA Annual Meeting	<i>2021</i>
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<b>The 5th International Conference on Public Policy Travel Grant</b> The grant covered registration fees and accommodation	<i>2021</i>
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<b>Burgess Graduate Scholarship</b> (\$1,000) Iowa State University	<i>2019</i>
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<b>Fulbright Foreign Student Program</b>	<i>2017</i>
Received Fulbright Scholarship to complete a Master degree in the US (at Iowa State U)	
<b>Golden medal (highest recognition in high school)</b>	<i>2010</i>
Granted by The Ukrainian Ministry of Education	

## PUBLIC OUTREACH AND INVITED TALKS

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- Ukraine and Russia: Deciphering the Current Situation - An Obermann Conversation. University of Iowa and Iowa City Public Library. February 2022. <https://www.icpl.org/video/ukraine-and-russia-deciphering-current-situation-obermann-conversation>
- War in Ukraine, University of Iowa Center for Human Rights. March 2022. <https://uicr.uiowa.edu/guest-speakers-current-events/war-ukraine>
- Discussion on Current Events in Ukraine. Corruption, The Rise of Populism, and The Future Of Democracy Symposium. April 2022
- Ukrainian UI professor, Student Reflect on Media Use During Wartime. The Daily Iowan. April 2022. <https://dailyiowan.com/2022/04/03/ukrainian-university-of-iowa-professor-student-reflect-on-media-use-during-wartime/>

## GUEST LECTURES

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- Introduction to Stata: Data wrangling, analysis, and data visualization.** University of Iowa, Graduate level methods seminar. September 2022
- How to find reputable sources.** Lecture for an upper-level undergraduate student seminar. University of Iowa, September 2022

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Research Assistant, University of Iowa** *Spring 2021 - Fall 2022*
- Under the supervision of Professor Caroline J. Tolbert (University of Iowa) evaluated the role of digital micro-businesses on local economies and economic development (US counties) using data on 20+ million GoDaddy customers in the US. This research is a part of the GoDaddy Ventures Forward research initiative.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Graduate Instructor, University of Iowa**
- POLI 1601 Introduction to Social Media and Politics (80 students, online course) *Fall 2020*
- Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa**
- POLI 1400 Introduction to Comparative Politics (4 sections of 20 students) *Fall 2019, Spring 2020*
- Teaching Assistant, Iowa State University**
- CRP 293 Environmental Planning *Fall 2018, Fall 2019*
- CRP 301 Planning Methods Studio *Spring 2018, Spring 2019*

## SERVICE

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- Reviewer for Graduate and Professional Student Government Grants *2020 - Present*
- UE Local 896, Campaign to Organize Graduate Students (COGS) representative *Fall 2021 - Present*
- for Graduate Students in Political Science

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Consultant, Representation of Danish Refugee Council in Ukraine**

2019

Developed methodology for data collection (demographics and economic characteristics of communities, interviews with local stakeholders) and analysis for assessment of local economies of conflict-affected communities in Eastern Ukraine. Prepared a report underlining specific investment proposals based on the assessment findings.

### **Planning Intern, Community and Economic Development Department** *Summer 2018, 2019*

Assisted in developing strategies to attract new businesses to the community and identifying expanding opportunities for existing companies. Prepared maps and marketing materials for potential businesses

## LANGUAGES

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### **Native language**

Ukrainian

### **Foreign language**

Russian (fluent), English (fluent), Belarusian (reading proficiency)

## REFERENCES

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