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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Oregon

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, 2024 -

New York University

Postdoctoral Associate, Center for Social Media and Politics, 2022-2024

EDUCATION

Princeton University

2022 Ph.D., Sociology
Committee: Molly Roberts (UCSD), Paul Starr, Brandon Stewart (chair),
Yu Xie
2017 M.A., Sociology

Harvard University

2014 M.A., Regional Studies: East Asia
2010 B.A., East Asian Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

sociology of media and information; contemporary China; computational social science;
sociology of perception

PUBLICATIONS (* denotes equal authorship)

Peer Reviewed Articles

Waight, Hannah and Adam Goldstein. In Press. "The Polarization of Inequality Perceptions in the New Gilded Age." *The American Journal of Sociology*.

Waight, Hannah*, Yin Yuan*, Molly Roberts, Brandon Stewart. 2025. "The Decade-Long Growth of Government-Authored News Media in China under Xi Jinping." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 122 (11).

Waight, Hannah. 2021. "Recovering John Dewey's Lost Vision for Social Science in Contemporary American Sociology." *The American Sociologist* 52 (2): 420-448.

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Under Review

Waight, Hannah,* Solomon Messing,* Anton Shirikov, Margaret E. Roberts, Jonathan Nagler, Jason Greenfield, Megan A. Brown, Kevin Aslett, Joshua Tucker. “Quantifying Narrative Diffusion Across Languages.” (revise & resubmit)

Manuscripts

Waight, Hannah,* Eddie Yang,* Yin Yuan, Solomon Messing, Molly Roberts, Brandon Stewart, Josh Tucker. “Propaganda is Already Influencing Large Language Models: Evidence from Training Data, Audits, and Real-World Usage.”

Waight, Hannah. “Media Manipulation (In)visibility and the Limits to Coordinated Control in China.”

Short Essays and Reviews

“Moral Economies and Economic Moralities in Recent Publications.” ASA Economic Sociology *Accounts* Newsletter. Summer 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

External Grants

2024 Templeton Foundation, “Propaganda Bias in Generative AI Large Language Models”, \$249,550, September 2024-April 2026, Key Personnel.

Fellowships

2023 Seigel Family Endowment, Research Fellow, Cohort 2023-2024
2018 Lawrence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship (\$36,000), Princeton University Center for Human Values
2014 Harvard University Graduate Fellowship

Internal Grants and Awards

2021 Princeton Data-Driven Social Science Initiative small grant (\$2,600)
2020 Princeton Center for Contemporary China grant (\$5,000)
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2019 Princeton Center for Contemporary China grant (\$5,000)
2019 Graduate student paper award, American Sociological Association History of Sociology section
2018 Princeton Center for the Study of Social Organization grant (\$2,000)
2018 Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies grant (\$1,000)
2017 Marvin Bressler Graduate Student Teaching Award

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- 2016 Princeton Center for the Study of Social Organization grant (\$5,000)
- 2015 Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies grant (\$5,000)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2024 University of California, San Diego, 21st Century China Center
- 2024 Institut Polytechnique de Paris, NLP & Social Sciences Seminar
- 2023 UC Berkeley/Stanford, Computational Culture Lab
- 2023 Simon Fraser University, Digital Democracies Institute
- 2022 New York University, Culture Workshop

Conference Presentations

- 2025 Social Media & Democratic Practice Conference, Hoover Institute, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 2025 AI and Disinformation Summit, Center for Informed Democracy and Social Cyber-Security (IDeaS), Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2024 American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada
- 2024 Generative AI and Sociology Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2023 Social Media and Contentious Politics Workshop, Peace Research Institute of Oslo
- 2023 American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 Media Sociology Workshop
- 2023 The Digital Reach of the Chinese State: Emerging Research Fields, Schloss Herrenhausen, Hannover
- 2023 Experimental Sociology Workshop
- 2022 American Political Science Association, Montreal, CA
- 2022 Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting, St. Louis, MO
- 2022 American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 Young Scholars Conference 2022 — New Directions in Survey Research, Fudan UC Center on Contemporary China, UCSD, San Diego, CA
- 2022 Quantitative China Studies Seminar, NYU, New York, NY
- 2019 American Sociological Association, New York, NY
- 2019 Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA
- 2018 Social Science History Association, Phoenix, AZ
- 2016 North American Chinese Sociologists Association, Seattle, WA
- 2016 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Berkeley, CA
- 2015 Pragmatism and Sociology Conference, Chicago, IL

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TEACHING

University of Oregon

- 2025 SOC 311: Research Methods (undergrad)
- 2024 SOC 312: Statistical Analysis in Sociology (undergrad)
- 2024 SOC 613: Text as Data (grad)

Princeton Freshman Scholars Institute

- 2021 SOC/POL 245: Visualizing Data
- 2020 FSI SOC: Visualizing Society

Princeton Prison Teaching Initiative

- 2018 English Composition, Spring
- 2017 Introduction to Sociology, Spring
- 2016 Introduction to Sociology, Spring
- 2015 Sociology of Inequality, Spring

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, LANGUAGES, AND SKILLS

- 2025- Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review*
- 2024 Membership Affairs Committee, Mathematical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2023 Panel Organizer, “Text as Data and Social Measurement,” American Sociological Association
- 2019 Graduate Student Representative, ASA History of Sociology Section
- 2016 Co-Editor, *Accounts*, ASA Economic Sociology Section

Ad-hoc reviewer for *Sociological Theory*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Quantitative Description*, *Sociological Methods & Research*, *Political Analysis*

Proficient in modern Mandarin Chinese; Programming languages: R