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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, + indicates graduate student co-author)

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,* Solomon Messing,* Anton Shirikov, Margaret E. Roberts, Jonathan Nagler, Jason Greenfield+, Megan A. Brown+, Kevin Aslett, Joshua Tucker. "Quantifying Narrative Similarity Across Languages." 2025. *Sociological Methods & Research* 54(3).

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).

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

Under Review

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." (*revise & resubmit*)

Manuscripts

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

Short Essays and Reviews

"Americans' Shifting Perceptions of Income Inequality are a Story of Class and Partisan Identity." USAPP Blog. *London School of Economics*. 2025.

"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 Graduate student paper award, American Sociological Association History of Sociology section

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- 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
- 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

- 2025 Center for Social Media and Politics Conference, New York University, New York, NY
- 2025 Center for Statistics & the Social Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2025 Center for Information Networks and Democracy Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 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 University of California, San Diego, 21st Century China Center
- 2024 Institut Polytechnique de Paris, NLP & Social Sciences Seminar (online)
- 2023 The Digital Reach of the Chinese State: Emerging Research Fields, Schloss Herrenhausen, Hannover
- 2023 UC Berkeley/Stanford, Computational Culture Lab (online)
- 2023 Simon Fraser University, Digital Democracies Institute
- 2022 New York University, Culture Workshop

Conference Presentations

- 2025 PolNet-PACCS, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2025 American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL
- 2025 IC2S2, Norrköping, Sweden
- 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 Experimental Sociology Workshop
- 2022 American Political Science Association, Montreal, CA
- 2022 Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting, St. Louis, MO

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- 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

TEACHING

University of Oregon

- SOC 459/559: Data and Society (undergraduate/graduate, 2025)
- SOC 311: Research Methods (undergraduate, 2025)
- SOC 312: Statistical Analysis in Sociology (undergraduate, 2024, 2025)
- SOC 613: Text as Data (graduate, 2024)

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- Secretary/Treasurer, CITAMS, ASA
- 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

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Ad-hoc reviewer for Sociological Theory, Theory and Society, American Journal of Sociology, Sociological Methods & Research, Sociological Methodology, Journal of Quantitative Description, Political Analysis, Journal of Information Technology & Policy, Nature Scientific Data, Communication Methods and Measures, Chinese Language and Discourse, Chinese Sociological Review, Behavioral Science & Policy Association

Proficient in modern Mandarin Chinese; Programming languages: R