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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*, 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.” (conditionally accepted at *Sociological Methods & Research*)

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.”

Manuscripts

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)

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- 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

- 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
- 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

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- 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

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

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