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Education

George Washington University, Washington, DC

Ph.D., Political Science, 2027 (expected)

Fields: American Politics, Research Methods

Committee: Danny Hayes (chair), Ethan Porter, Christopher S. Warshaw

M.A., Political Science, 2025

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude*, 2019

Advisor: John S. Lapinski

Honors Thesis: "Social media and the 2018 midterms: An analysis of House candidates' Twitter posts."

Research Interests

American Elections, Democratic Norms, Mis/Disinformation, Public Opinion, Religion and Politics

Research

Academic Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

1. "The reputational penalty: How fact-checking can penalize those who spread misinformation." 2025. *Political Behavior*. (with Annika Davies and Ethan Porter)

2. "Measuring age differences among opposite-sex couples: Across religions and 130 countries, men are older than their female partners." 2022. *Population Studies*. 76(3): 465-476. (with Stephanie Kramer, Anne Fengyan Shi, and Conrad Hackett)

3. "Measuring the size of the U.S. Jewish population: New estimates from a Pew Research Center survey of Jewish Americans." 2021. *Journal of Religion and Demography*. 8(1-2): 89-100. (with Conrad Hackett)

Works in Progress

1. "Age and representation: The link between elected officials' ages and their favorability."

2. "Strategic silence: Why Republican politicians avoided making statements about the 2020 election."

Other Publications

Pew Research Center

1. "Christians, religiously unaffiliated differ on whether most things in society can be divided into good, evil." *Pew Research Center*. December 21, 2021.

2. "Denominational switching among U.S. Jews: Reform Judaism has gained, Conservative Judaism has lost." *Pew Research Center*. June 22, 2021. (with Gregory A. Smith and Alan Cooperman)

3. "Populations skew older in some of the countries hit hard by COVID-19." *Pew Research Center*. April 22, 2020.

4. "Older people are more likely to live alone in the U.S. than elsewhere in the world." *Pew Research Center*. March 10, 2020.

5. "Globally, women are younger than their male partners, more likely to age alone." *Pew Research Center*. January 3, 2020.

Presentations

Conferences

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2026, 2025, 2024

Southern Political Science Association Conference, 2026

American Political Science Association Conference, 2025, 2024

Society for Practical Theology in South Africa, 2021

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2021

Workshops

Junior Americanist Workshop Series, 2026

American Politics Workshop (GW), 2025

Second Year Paper Workshop (GW), 2024

Professional Service

Co-organizer and Presenter

"Young Elected Leaders: Perspectives on Age and Elected Leaders" (APSA), 2025

Discussant

American Politics Workshop (GW), 2025, 2024, 2023

Comparative Politics Workshop (GW), 2025, 2024

Journal Referee

Political Behavior ($\times$ 2)

Teaching Experience

Primary Instructor

Political Science Graduate Math Camp (GW), 2025

Teaching Assistant

Scope and Methods of Political Science (GW), 2025, 2024, 2023

Introduction to American Politics (GW), 2023

Research Experience

Graduate Student Researcher

George Washington University, Political Science Department, 2022-

Research Assistant

Pew Research Center, Demography of Religion, 2019-2022

Research Intern

Brookings Institution, Governance Studies, 2018

Student Fellow

Penn Program on Opinion Research and Election Studies, 2018

Professional Development

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association, member, 2024-

American Political Science Association, member, 2023-

Skills

Tools and Languages: R, Stata, SPSS, Tableau, LaTeX, Qualtrics

Quantitative Training: Causal Inference, Data Visualization, Machine Learning, Panel Models, Regression Analysis, Survey Design, Text as Data

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