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Education

Pompeu Fabra University

Barcelona, ES

PhD in Political & Social Sciences

Oct. 2018 - Nov. 2023

- Thesis: "Urban Fabric Designed for Diversity: How the Structure of Great European Cities Influences Attitudes and Behavior"
- Thesis received top mark of *sobresaliente* (excellent)
- Advisors: Dr. John R.B. Palmer, Pompeu Fabra University; Dr. Frederic Bartumeus, Center for Advanced Studies, Blanes
- Defense Committee: Dr. Erin York Cornwell, Cornell University; Dr. Alexia Katsanidou, Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences; Dr. Carmen Cabrera-Arnau, University of Liverpool

Pompeu Fabra University

Barcelona, ES

Master in Current Democracies: Nationalism, Federalism & Multiculturalism

Oct. 2017 - June 2018

- Thesis: "Competing Conceptions of Equality in Diversity Management: Comparing Barcelona's Interculturalism and Boston's Critical Multiculturalism"
- Four-time recipient of *matrícula d'honor* recognizing achievement in course work (Fundamentals of Research; Qualitative Research Methods; Research on Diverse Democracies) and thesis

Northeastern University

Boston, MA, USA

Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Sept. 2003 - May 2008

- Minor in Sociology
- Internships with the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Boston City Council, and Boston Municipal Research Bureau

Experience

Since 2020 **Founder & Chief Data Scientist**, Niche Analytics, sports data and analytics organization

2023-2024 **Academic Guest**, ETH Zürich, Social Networks Lab (under Prof. Dr. Ulrik Brandes)

2020-2024 **Research Assistant**, Pompeu Fabra University

2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Pompeu Fabra University

2010-2017 **Director**, The Raben Group, political strategy and communications firm

2008 **Coordinator of Out-of-State Volunteers**, Obama for America

2008-2010 **Press Assistant**, Office of Rep. Peter Welch, United States House of Representatives

Publications

Published

Kent, J. (2024). Does urban design drive sympathy for the far right?. *City, Culture and Society*, 36, 100553.

Rodon, T. & Kent, J. (2023). Geographies of EU dissatisfaction: Does spatial segregation between natives and migrants erode the EU project?. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 1-18.

Kent, J. (2022). Can urban fabric encourage tolerance? Evidence that the structure of cities influences attitudes toward migrants in Europe. *Cities*, 121, 103494.

In Progress

"A Machine Learning Approach to Predicting Human Encounters with Tiger Mosquitoes in Europe"

"Improving the Gravity Model of Human Mobility with Land Use Data & Machine Learning"

"Beware the Two-Goal Lead: The Truth Behind the Most Dangerous Lead in Soccer"

Conferences & Workshops

Fall 2022. *Regional Inequality and Political Discontent in Europe Workshop*, Copenhagen, DK.
Presentation: "Geographies of EU (Dis)satisfaction"

Spring 2022. *European Consortium for Sociological Research Annual Conference*, Amsterdam, NL.
Poster: "Does Urban Design Drive Sympathy for the Far Right?"

Fall 2020. *BigSurv: Big Data Meets Survey Science Annual Conference*, Virtual.
Presentation: "Using Geo-located Tweets to Calibrate Citizen Science Sampling Effort"

Spring 2019. *Joint Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference*, Barcelona, ES.
Poster: "Can Urban Fabric Encourage Tolerance"

Teaching

Spring 2019 **Research Methods Applied to Global Studies**, Seminar Instructor