

# Christopher Junk

Political Science PhD Student  
341 Schaeffer Hall · Iowa City · IA 52242

✉ [christopher-hollis@uiowa.edu](mailto:christopher-hollis@uiowa.edu) ☎ 309 313 3071 🌐 [junkpolisci](https://junkpolisci.github.io) 🐦 [Junk\\_polisci](https://twitter.com/Junk_polisci) | Updated: March 4, 2019

## Education

University of Iowa, PhD, Political Science 2016-present

Major in statistical methodology and international relations.

St. Ambrose University, BA, International Studies and Spanish 2016

## Skills & Expertise

**Software Proficiency:** R, Stata, Excel, Python, Microsoft Office

**Methodology:** Ordinary Least Squares (OLS), Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE), Markov-Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC), Time Series, Network Analysis, Spatial Analysis

**Soft skills:** Collaboration, Oral/written communication, Time management

## Data Experience

**Research Assistant**, “Informal Economies, Societal Stability and Regime Resilience in China and Russia” with William Reisinger, Marina Zaloznaya, Wenfang Tang January 2019 - present

Managed and cleaned data collected through surveys in China and Russia regards social networks and corruption.

I used Stata and R to recode and restructure the dataset for use in analyses as well as estimating and interpreting analyses and reporting findings to the primary researchers.

**Managing Editor & Replication Analyst**, Foreign Policy Analysis May 2018 - present

As managing I handle plagiarism reports, proofreading, and general workflow of manuscripts from submission to publication.

As replication analyst I attempt to replicate the empirical analyses in manuscripts and correspond with authors to assure validity of inferences and correct coding practices.

**Collaboratory Manager**, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa August 2018 - January 2019

I managed the updating and maintenance of the computer lab for graduate students and undergrads enrolled in statistical courses.

I served as an informal TA for undergraduate and graduate statistics courses.

Assist undergraduate and graduate students in statistical modeling and analysis.

## Working Papers

*Democratic Repression: Responding in Kind?*

In this paper I use webscraped events data (SPEED Project) to analyze the dynamic relationship between public dissent and state repression. Using a series of random effects logit models I find that democracies typically respond to dissent with an equivalent use of force.

*Terrorism and Spanish Elections: Does Terrorism Impact Support for the Central Government?*

In this paper I use Spanish polling data to assess the impact of terrorism in Spain on support for the two major political parties. Using time series models (ADL and GECM) I find that only particularly catastrophic events influence public opinion, while average terrorism has no effect.

## Conferences Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association (2019)

Iowa Association of Political Scientists (2014, 2016)