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## Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Associate, New York University, Center for Social Media and Politics

2019-Present

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, **University of Washington**, 2020

Dissertation Title: The Effect of Economic Policies/Behavior on Contemporary Threats to Democracy

Committee: Victor Menaldo (Chair), James Caporaso, James Long, and Caitlin Ainsley

Exams (2017): Political Economy (*with distinction*); Comparative Politics; Methodology

Certificate in Statistics (2017): Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences

M.A., Political Science, **University of Washington**, 2017.

B.A., Economics, Government, *magna cum laude*, **Lawrence University**, 2013.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

**Aslett, Kevin**, Andy Guess, Jonathan Nagler, Richard Bonneau, and Joshua Tucker. “News credibility labels have limited average effects on news diet quality and fail to reduce misperceptions” (Conditionally accepted at *Science Advances*). [[Link to Working Paper](#)]

**Aslett, Kevin** and Beatrice Magistro. “Principal Agent Problems Within EU Funds: A Case Study of Patronage in Hungary” (Forthcoming at *Europe-Asia Studies*). [[Link to Article](#)]

**Aslett, Kevin**, Nora Webb Williams, Andreu Casas, Wesley Zuidema, and John Wilkerson. “What Was the Problem in Parkland? Using Social Media to Measure the Effectiveness of Issue Frames.” *Policy Studies Journal*, 50.1 (2022). [[Link to Article](#)]

Guess, Andrew, **Kevin Aslett**, Jonathan Nagler, Richard Bonneau, and Joshua Tucker. “Cracking Open the News Feed: Exploring What US Facebook Users See and Share with Large-Scale Platform Data.” *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*, 1.1 (2021). [[Link to Article](#)]

Godel, William, Zeve Sanderson, **Kevin Aslett**, Jonathan Nagler, Richard Bonneau, Nathaniel Persily, and Joshua Tucker. “Moderating with the Mob: Evaluating the Efficacy of Real-Time Crowdsourced Fact-Checking.” *Journal of Online Trust and Safety*, 1.1 (2021). [[Link to Article](#)]

Chen, Zhouhan, **Kevin Aslett**, Jen Rosiere Reynolds, Juliana Freire, Jonathan Nagler, Richard Bonneau, and Joshua Tucker. An Automatic Framework to Continuously Monitor Multi-Platform Information Spread. *MISINFO 2021, Workshop on Misinformation Integrity in Social Networks*, (2021). [[Link to Article](#)]

**Aslett, Kevin** and James Caporaso. “Breaking Up Is Hard To Do: Why The Eurozone Will Survive.” *Economies*, 4.4 (2016). [[Link to Article](#)]

Caporaso, James, and **Kevin Aslett**. “The Question of German Imbalances within the Eurozone: Competitiveness versus Savings Explanations?” *International Trade, Politics, and Development*, 1.1 (2017). [[Link to Article](#)]

## Under Review

Testing The Effect of Information on Discerning the Veracity of News in Real-Time  
(with Godel, Sanderson, Tucker, Nagler, Bonneau, and Persily)  
[Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Experimental Political Science*] [[Link to Working Paper](#)]

When Republicans See Red but Democrats Feel Blue: Why Labeler-Characteristic Bias Matters for Image Analysis  
(with Webb Williams, Casas, and Wilkerson)  
[Under Review at *American Political Science Review*]

How Language Shapes Belief in Misinformation: A Study Among Multilingual Speakers in Ukraine  
(with Erlich, Nagler, and Tucker)  
[Under Review at *Journal of Experimental Political Science*] [[Link to Registered Report](#)]

## Grants/Awards/Fellowships

National Science Foundation (NSF) Award, “RAPID: Measuring Information Consumption and Beliefs During the Covid-19 Pandemic.” Key Research Personnel. Award Number 2029610 (\$199,596) [ <a href="#">Link to Grant</a> ]	2020
Richard Wesley Graduate Fellowship in Comparative Political Economy (UW) (\$2,000)	2019
Travel Grant, Durden Fellowship (UW) (\$500)	2018
Graduate Research Grant, EU Center (UW) (\$1,900)	2018
Small Event Grant, Council for European Studies ( <i>with Travis Nelson</i> ) (\$750)	2018
Research Grant, Polish Studies Endowment Committee (UW) (\$1,200)	2017
Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. U.S. Department of Education via Ellison Center (Polish, UW) (approx. \$35,000)	2016
Senior Experience Grant, Lawrence University (\$890)	2013

## Non-Peer Reviewed Publications And Reports

Its Not Easy For Ordinary Citizens To Identify Fake News (April). Monkey Cage. *The Washington Post*. 2020  
(with Sanderson, Godel, Persily, Bonneau, Nagler, and Tucker) [[Link to Article](#)]

## Working Papers

Automated Visual Clustering for Image Corpus Exploration, Stratified Random Sampling, and Annotation Cost Reduction (*with Casas, Webb Williams, and Wilkerson*) [[Link to Working Paper](#)]

An Externally Valid Method for Assessing Belief in Popular Fake News (*with Godel, Sanderson, Tucker, Nagler, Bonneau, and Persily*) [Available upon request]

Technological Change And Populism (*Sole Author*) [Available upon request]

Learning Media Quality from Facebook Data (*with Terechshenko, Buntain, Paskhalis, Bonneau, Nagler, and Tucker*) [Available upon request]

Do Your Own Research? Searching for Additional Information Online About Misinformation Increases Belief in Misinformation (*with Godel, Sanderson, Tucker, Nagler, Bonneau, and Persily*) [Available upon request]

Checking the Checkers: How Ideology and Source Credibility is Related to Third-Party Fact-Checking on Facebook (*with Terechshenko, Buntain, Paskhalis, Bonneau, Nagler, and Tucker*) [Available upon request]

## Conference/Workshop Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA	2021
Images-as-Data Dublin (IMG-DUB) Workshop, Online	2020
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Online	2020
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.	2019
Conference on Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS), Washington, D.C.	2019
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2019
Graduate Student Research Workshop on the European Union, Seattle, WA	2018
Public Choice Society, Charleston, SC	2018
Social Science History Association (SSHA), Montreal, QC, Canada	2017
Western U.S. Graduate Research Workshop on the E.U., Seattle, WA	2017
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2017
NW REECAS Conference, Portland, OR	2017
Reforming Southern Europe Workshop, Seattle, WA	2016
Western U.S. Graduate Research Workshop on the E.U., Seattle, WA	2016

## Invited Presentations

Siegel Family Endowment Research Seminar	2022
National Democratic Institute for International Affairs	2021
USAID: DRG Evidence and Learning Talk Series	2021
NYU Center for Social Media and Politics Annual Conference	2021
CrowdTangle: Researchers X Journalists	2020
Center For Information Technology Policy, Princeton University	2020
Facebook, Menlo Park, CA	2020
Facebook, New York, NY	2019
Text as Data Special Interest Group - eScience Institute , University of Washington	2019
Severyns Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, University of Washington	2018
Wesley Forum on Politics and Economics, University of Washington	2018
Economics Department, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI	2017
Monroe Correctional Facility, Seattle, WA	2016

## Research Positions

Research Assistant for Dr. John Wilkerson, Political Science Dept, UW	2018-2019
Research Assistant for Dr. James Caporaso, Political Science Dept, UW	2015-2019
Research Assistant for Dr. Caitlin Ainsley, Political Science Dept, UW	2017-2018
Research Intern, National Bank of Poland, Warsaw, Poland	2012

## Teaching Positions

### Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (x3) (UW)
- Introduction to Political Economy (x2) (UW)
- Introduction to International Relations (x3) (UW)

## Software and Programming Skills

Advanced: R, Python, GiS, MySQL, Stata, Latex, Amazon Web Services.  
 Intermediate: Java, HTML  
 Online Repository: <https://github.com/kaslett>

## Language

English (Native); Polish (Advanced) ; French (Beginner)

## Reviewer

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)  
 The International Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)  
 Computational Communication Research  
 Journal of Online Trust and Safety  
 Social Network Analysis and Mining

## Service

Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Online Trust and Safety</i>	2021-Now
Chair, APSA Panel (Misinformation and Disinformation Online)	2020
Mentor, MIT COVID-19 Datathon	2020
Mentor, Social Science Research at the Bronx High School of Science	2019-2020
Chair of panel at Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies (REECAS) NW Conference	2019
Graduate Chair of Severyns-Revenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics	2018-2019
Chair of panel at Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies (REECAS) NW Conference	2018
Co-organizer of EU Graduate Student Workshop, Seattle, WA	2018