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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida, 2022-Present
School of Politics, Security and International Affairs

Postdoctoral Associate, New York University, 2019-2022
Center for Social Media and Politics

Affiliations

Faculty Research Affiliate, New York University, 2022-Present
Center for Social Media and Politics

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, **University of Washington**, 2020
Dissertation Title: The Effect of Economic Policies/Behavior on Contemporary Threats to Democracy

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

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

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Aslett, Kevin, Aaron Erlich, Jonathan Nagler, and Joshua Tucker. “How Language Shapes Belief in Misinformation: A Study Among Multilingual Speakers in Ukraine” Conditionally Accepted at *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. [[Link to Registered Report](#)]

Aslett, Kevin, Zeve Sanderson, William Godel, Jonathan Nagler, Nathaniel Persily, and Joshua Tucker. “Online searches to evaluate misinformation can increase its perceived veracity” *Nature* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-023-06883-y>. [[Link to Article](#)]
Media Coverage: [Scientific American](#), [Vice](#), [Forbes](#), [Newsweek](#), [Tech Policy Press](#)

Aslett, Kevin, Zeve Sanderson, William Godel, Jonathan Nagler, Richard Bonneau, Nathaniel Persily, and Joshua Tucker. “Testing The Effect of Information on Discerning the Veracity of News in Real-Time.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, (2023). doi:10.1017/XPS.2023.20. [[Link to Article](#)]

Aslett, Kevin, Andrew Guess, Jonathan Nagler, Richard Bonneau, and Joshua Tucker. “News credibility labels have limited average effects on news diet quality and fail to reduce misperceptions” *Science Advances*, 8.18 (2022). [[Link to Article](#)]
Media Coverage: [Politico](#), [Tech Policy Press](#), [Nieman Lab](#), [Popular Science](#)

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](#)]

Aslett, Kevin and Beatrice Magistro. “Principal Agent Problems Within EU Funds: A Case Study of Patronage in Hungary” *Europe-Asia Studies* (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](#)]
Media Coverage: [Washington Post](#), [Tech Policy Press](#), [The Register](#)

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](#)]

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](#)]

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

Under Review

When Republicans See Red but Democrats Feel Blue: Why Labeler-Characteristic Bias Matters for Data Annotation
[Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Politics*] [[Link to Working Paper](#)]
(with Webb Williams, Casas, and Wilkerson)

The Effects of Sustained Exposure to Fact-checking Information: Evidence from a Field Experiment on Twitter
[Under Review at *Nature: Human Behavior*]
(with Ventura, Loecherbach, Tucker, and Messing)

Measuring and Mitigating Belief in Misinformation at the Scale of the Social Media Ecosystem
[Under Review at *Science Advances*]
(with Tokita, Godel, Sanderson, Persily, Bonneau, Nagler, and Tucker) [[Link to Working Paper](#)]

Invited Contributions

Garibay, Ozlem, Niloofar Yousefi, **Kevin Aslett**, Jacopo Baggio, et al. “Entropy-Based Characterization of Influence Pathways in Traditional and Social Media.” *IEEE 8th International Conference on Collaboration and Internet Computing (CIC)* (2022). [[Link to Article](#)]

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications And Reports

Sanderson, Zeve, **Kevin Aslett**, William Godel, Richard Bonneau, Jonathan Nagler, and Joshua Tucker. “Its Not Easy For Ordinary Citizens To Identify Fake News” *The Washington Post* (April, 2020). [\[Link to Article\]](#)

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 Ecologically and Externally Valid Method for Assessing Belief in Popular Fake News (*with Godel, Sanderson, Tucker, Nagler, Bonneau, and Persily*) [\[Link to Working Paper\]](#)

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]

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]

Grants/Fellowships

Director’s Research Grant, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (University of Central Florida) (\$5,000)	2022
National Science Foundation (NSF) Award, “RAPID: Measuring Information Consumption and Beliefs During the Covid-19 Pandemic.” Key Research Personnel. Award Number 2029610 (\$199,596) [Link to Grant]	2020
Richard Wesley Graduate Fellowship in Comparative Political Economy (University of Washington) (\$2,000)	2019
Travel Grant, Political Science Department at the University of Washington (\$500)	2018
Graduate Research Grant, European Union Center at the University of Washington (\$1,900)	2018
Small Event Grant, Council for European Studies (\$750)	2018
Research Grant, Polish Studies Endowment Committee at the University of Washington (\$1,200)	2017
Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education (\$35,000)	2016
Senior Experience Grant, Lawrence University (\$890)	2013

Conference/Workshop Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA	2023
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2023
Online Trust and Safety Research Conference, Stanford, CA	2022
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

League of Women Voters of Orange County, Orlando, FL	2023
Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto	2023
NYU Center for Social Media and Politics Annual Conference	2023
Meta Social Science One Research Group	2022
Siegel Family Endowment Research Seminar	2022
National Democratic Institute for International Affairs	2021
USAID: DRG Evidence and Learning Lecture 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

Teaching Positions

Instructor of Record

- Scope and Methods (x4) (University of Central Florida)
- Politics of Online Security (x1) (University of Central Florida)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (x3) (University of Washington)
- Introduction to Political Economy (x2) (University of Washington)
- Introduction to International Relations (x3) (University of Washington)

Reviewer

Policy Studies Journal	2024
Journal of Politics	2024
Nature: Human Behavior	2023
British Journal of Political Science (BJPS)	2023
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) Nexus	2023
Political Communication	2023
Mass Communication and Society	2023
Information, Communication and Society	2023
Humanities & Social Sciences Communications	2023
Journal of Quantitative Description	2023
Journal of Online Trust and Safety	2022
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)	2021
The International Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)	2021
Computational Communication Research	2021

Service

Job Search Committee Member (UCF - SPSIA)	2023-Now
Masters Committee Member (UCF - SPSIA)	2022-Now
PhD Committee Member (UCF - SPSIA)	2023-Now
Promotions and Tenure (P & T) Committee Member (UCF - SPSIA)	2023-Now
Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Online Trust and Safety</i>	2021-Now
Dissertation Committee Member for Yanlai Wu (UCF)	2023-Now
Dissertation Committee Co-Chair for Alanna Reynolds (UCF)	2023-Now
Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member for Ana Bello Marin (UCF)	2023-Now
Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member for Patrick Oefelein (UCF)	2023-Now

Media Appearances

“How Doing Your Own Research Can Make You Believe Anything”, *The Briefing*, January 23, 2024 [[Link](#)]

“How ‘doing your own research’ can confirm fake news”, *NPR*, January 5, 2024 [[Link](#)]

“Fact-checking fake news can make you more likely to believe it”, *Newsable*, December 20, 2023 [[Link](#)]

“Salon owner wrongly targeted after Orlando racist rant goes viral”, *WESH 2 News*, November 22, 2022 [[Link](#)]