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Academic Positions

Incoming Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida, School of Politics, Security and International Affairs (2022)

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, 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” (Forthcoming 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 Working Paper](#)]

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)
[Revise and Resubmit 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

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| 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 (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

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| 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

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| 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 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

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| 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

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| 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 |