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Academic Appointments Assistant Professor of Political Science and Social Data Analytics, 2019
Pennsylvania State University

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2018-2019
Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University

Education New York University Department of Politics PhD 2013-2018

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 2012
B.A. in Mathematics and B.A. in Economics (Honors)

Publications: 2019

Peer-Reviewed

“All the News That’s Fit to Click: The Economics of Clickbait Media” 2019
Political Communication, DOI: 10.1080/10584609.2019.1687626.

“Tweeting for Peace: Experimental Evidence from the 2016 Colombian 2019
Plebiscite” (Jorge Gallego, Juan D. Martínez, **Kevin Munger**,
y Mateo Vásquez), *Electoral Studies*, Volume 62, 102072.

“Measuring and Explaining Political Sophistication Through Textual 2019
Complexity” (Ken Benoit, **Kevin Munger**, and Arthur Spirling),
American Journal of Political Science, 491-508.

“How Accurate Are Survey Responses on Social Media and Politics?” 2019
(Andrew Guess, **Kevin Munger**, Jonathan Nagler, and Joshua Tucker),
Political Communication, 241-258.

“Elites Tweet to get Feet off the Streets: Using Social Media 2019
to Measure Regime Response to Protest” (**Kevin Munger**, Richard Bonneau,
Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker), *Political Science Research*
& *Methods*, 7.4: 815-834.

Other Scholarly Publications

“The Limited Value of Non-Replicable Field Experiments in Contexts 2019
with Low Temporal Validity” *Social Media + Society*, Vol 5 Issue 3.

“Social Media, Political Science, and Democracy” 2019
Journal of Politics, e62-e67.

“Frenemies: How Social Media Polarizes America” 2019
Public Opinion Quarterly, Volume 83: 643-646.

“The Dumbing Down of the State of the Union? Trends in the Complexity 2019
of Political Communication” (with Arthur Spirling and Ken Benoit)

In *Can America Govern Itself?* (ed. Nolan McCarty and Frances Lee),
Cambridge University Press

**Publications:
Earlier**

Peer-Reviewed

“Tweetment Effects on the Tweeted: Experimentally Reducing Racist Harassment”, *Political Behavior*, Volume 39, Issue 3. 2017
Winner, APSA EPVOB award for Best Paper published in *Political Behavior*.

Choosing in Groups: Analytical Politics II (with Michael Munger); Cambridge University Press 2014

Working Papers

“The (Null) Effects of Clickbait Headlines on Polarization, Trust and Learning” (with Mario Luca, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker), Conditionally accepted, *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

“Experimentally Reducing Partisan Incivility on Twitter”

“Temporal Validity, Prediction and the Problem of Replicability” (With Adam Lovett)

“Political Knowledge and Misinformation in the Era of Social Media: Evidence from the 2015 U.K. Election” (with Patrick Egan, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker)

**Statistical
Software**

“sophistication” R package: implements the new measure of textual complexity developed by Benoit, Munger & Spirling

**Conference
Presentations**

Social Science Foo Camp	Feb 2020
MIT Conference on Digital Experimentation	Oct 2019
LSE Text Analysis R Package Developers’ Workshop	Apr 2017
NYU Center for Experimental Social Science	Mar 2017, 2018
Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop	Nov 2016, Sep 2018
Princeton SSRC Anxieties of Democracy Conference	Oct 2016
New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data	Oct 2016
MIT Online Harassment Workshop	Aug 2016
Harvard Harmful Speech Online Workshop	June 2017
Political Methodology Summer Meeting (Poster)	2015, 2016, 2017
Crowdsourcing and Online Behavioral Experiments Workshop	Apr 2016
Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference	2016, 2017
American Political Science Association	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Midwestern Political Science Association	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Southern Political Science Association	2017, 2020
European Political Science Association	2017

Invited Talks

Cornell Digital Experimentation	March 2020
Stanford Cyber Policy Center	January 2020
Pew Research Center (Washington DC)	November 2019
Central European University	March 2019
Texas Tech	February 2019
UC Santa Barbara	February 2019
International Methods Colloquium	November 2018
Princeton Quantitative Social Science Lunch Seminar	November 2018

	Princeton CITP Lunch Seminar	October 2018
	Facebook (San Francisco) Research Presentation	August 2018
	Twitter (San Francisco) Data Science Tech Lunch	August 2017
	Columbia Computational Social Science Working Group	May 2017
	Kings College London	Apr 2017
	SUNY Stony Brook Political Psychology Speaker Series	Mar 2017
	USC Networked Democracy Lab	Feb 2017
	Universidad de Rosario Facultad de Economía	Feb 2017
	Yale Human Nature Lab	Dec 2016
	Yale ISPS Experiments Workshop	Oct 2015
Teaching Experience	UG Text as Data (Penn State)	2019
	PhD Seminar Media, Social Media and Politics (Penn State)	2019
	MA Intro to Data Science Summer Course (U Rosario)	2018
	TA: MA (Center for Data Science) Text-as-Data (Arthur Spirling)	2016
	TA: MA (CDS) Intro to Data Science (Brian D'Alessandro)	2016
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Academic Honors	APSA EPVOB award for Best Paper published in <i>Political Behavior</i>	2018
	APSA Political Communication award for Best Graduate Student Presentation	2018
Grants	Penn State Center for Social Data Analytics Seed Grant	\$20,000
Professional Service	Reviewer for <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>	
	<i>American Political Science Review</i>	
	<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	
	<i>Journal of Politics</i>	
	<i>Science Advances</i>	
	<i>Political Behavior</i>	
	<i>Political Analysis</i>	
	<i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i>	
	<i>Journal of Communication</i>	
	<i>Political Science Research & Methods</i>	
	<i>Political Communication</i>	
	<i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i>	
	<i>Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly</i>	
	<i>Public Choice</i>	
	<i>Electoral Studies</i>	
	<i>International Journal of Press/Politics</i>	
	<i>International Journal of Communication</i>	
	<i>WWW (The Web Conference)</i>	
	<i>ICWSM (International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media)</i>	
	<i>International Conference on Computational Social Science</i>	
	<i>Abusive Language Online Workshop</i>	
	<i>European Sociological Review</i>	