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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)

Professional Appointments

Co-Founder and Editor, *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media* 2020-Present

Publications: Forthcoming

Peer-Reviewed

Boomer Ballast: How Generational Conflict Will Structure American Politics in the 2020s Under Contract with Columbia University Press

“The Upworthy Research Archive: A Time Series of 32,488 Experiments in U.S. Advocacy” (Nathan Matias, **Kevin Munger**, Marianne Aubin Le Quere, Charles Ebersole). Conditional Accept, *Scientific Data – Nature*

“Accessibility and Generalizability: Are Social Media Effects Moderated by Age or Digital Literacy?” (**Kevin Munger**, Ishita Gopal, Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker) *Research & Politics*, In-Principle Accepted Registered Report.

Other Scholarly Publications

“Measuring Humans in the 21st Century” (David Lazer, Eszter Hargittai, Deen Freelon, Sandra Gonzalez-Bailon, **Kevin Munger**, Katherine Ognyanova, Jason Radford) *Nature*

2021

Peer-Reviewed

“You Won’t Believe Our Results! But They Might: Heterogeneity in Beliefs About The Accuracy of Online Media” (Mario Luca, **Kevin Munger**, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker) *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, January 2021. 2021

2020

Peer-Reviewed

“#polisci Twitter: A Descriptive Analysis of how Political Scientists Use Twitter in 2019” (Jim Bisbee, **Kevin Munger**, Jennifer Larson), *Perspectives on Politics*, December 2020. 2020

“Political Knowledge and Misinformation in the Era of Social Media: Evidence from the 2015 U.K. Election” (**Kevin Munger**, Patrick J. Egan, Jonathan Ronen, Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker) *British Journal of Political Science*, December 2020. 2020

“Right-Wing YouTube: A Supply and Demand Perspective” (**Kevin Munger** and Joseph Phillips), *International Journal of Press/Politics*, October 2020. 2020

“The Effects of an Informational Intervention on Attention to Anti-Vaccination Content on YouTube” (Sangyeon Kim, Omer Yalcin, Samuel Bestvater, **Kevin Munger**, Burt Monroe, Bruce Desmarais) *Proceedings of the International Conference on Web and Social Media*. 2020

“The (Null) Effects of Clickbait Headlines On Polarization, Trust, and Learning” (**Kevin Munger**, Mario Luca, Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker) *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Volume 84, Issue 1, Spring 2020, Pages 49–73. 2020

“Don’t @ Me: Experimentally Reducing Partisan Incivility on Twitter” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 1-15. 2020

2019

Peer-Reviewed

“All the News That’s Fit to Click: The Economics of Clickbait Media” *Political Communication*. 2019

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

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

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

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

Other Scholarly Publications

“The Limited Value of Non-Replicable Field Experiments in Contexts” 2019

	with Low Temporal Validity” <i>Social Media + Society</i> , Vol 5 Issue 3.	
	“Social Media, Political Science, and Democracy” <i>Journal of Politics</i> , e62-e67.	2019
	“Frenemies: How Social Media Polarizes America” <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> , Volume 83: 643-646.	2019
	“The Dumbing Down of the State of the Union? Trends in the Complexity of Political Communication” (Ken Benoit, Kevin Munger and Arthur Spirling) In <i>Can America Govern Itself?</i> (ed. Nolan McCarty and Frances Lee), Cambridge University Press	2019
Publications: Earlier	Peer-Reviewed	
	“Tweetment Effects on the Tweeted: Experimentally Reducing Racist Harassment”, <i>Political Behavior</i> , Volume 39, Issue 3. Winner, APSA EPVOB award for Best Paper published in <i>Political Behavior</i> .	2017
	<i>Choosing in Groups: Analytical Politics II</i> (with Michael Munger); Cambridge University Press	2014
Working Papers	“The Effect of Streaming Chat on Perceptions of Debates” (Victoria Asbury, Keng-Chi Chang, Katherine McCabe, Kevin Munger , Tiago Ventura). Revise and Resubmit, <i>Journal of Communication</i>	
	“Fifteen Seconds of Fame: TikTok and the Democratization of Mobile Video on Social Media” (Benjamin Guinaudeau, Fabio Votta, Kevin Munger). <i>Under Review</i>	
	“Generations in contemporary US politics: Statistical aggregations or collective political actors?” (Kevin Munger and Eric Plutzer). <i>Under Review</i>	
	“Political Deepfake Videos Disinform, But No More than Other Fake Media” (Soubhik Barari, Chris Lucas, Kevin Munger). <i>Under Review</i>	
	“Digital Literacy and Online Political Behavior” (Andy Guess, Kevin Munger)	
	“Knowledge Decays: Temporal Validity and Social Science”	
	“Temporal Validity, Prediction and the Problem of Replicability” (With Adam Lovett)	
	“Does Demand Create its Own Supply?: YouTube Politics During the 2020 Presidential Campaign” (Kevin Munger , Jim Bisbee, Joseph Phillips).	
	“Digital Home Style: Communicating Generational Alignment” (Alessandro Vecchiato, Kevin Munger).	
Statistical Software	“sophistication” R package: implements the new measure of textual complexity developed by Benoit, Munger & Spirling	
Grants	SSRC Social Data Research Fellowship (\$40,000) Facebook Foundational Integrity Research Grant (\$100,000)	2020 2020

	Russell Sage Foundation Computational Social Science Grant (\$10,000)	2020
	Penn State Center for Social Data Analytics Seed Grant (\$20,000)	2019
Conference Presentations	SSRC News Quality in the Platform Era	Nov 2020
	PACSS and Polnet	Aug 2020
	Social Science Foo Camp	Feb 2020, 2021
	MIT Conference on Digital Experimentation	2019, 2020
	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science	2018
	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, 2020
	Midwestern Political Science Association	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
	Southern Political Science Association	2017, 2020
	European Political Science Association	2017
Invited Talks	Connected Politics Lab, University of Dublin	February 2021
	MIT Digital Marketing Seminar	November 2020
	NYU CSMAP	July 2020
	GWU IDDP	July 2020
	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, 2021
	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

Professional Service	Reviewer for <i>National Science Foundation</i>	
	<i>Swiss National Science Foundation</i>	
	<i>Russell Sage Foundation</i>	
	<i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>	
	<i>Science Advances</i>	
	<i>American Political Science Review</i>	
	<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	
	<i>Journal of Politics</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>New Media and Society</i>	
	<i>Electoral Studies</i>	
	<i>Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly</i>	
	<i>Public Choice</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>		