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Education

Ph.D. Communication. Cornell University 2025 (expected)

MSc   Social Science of the Internet. University of Oxford 2018

B.A.   Political Science. American University 2016

Professional Experience

2023	COMPASS Fellow, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
2020 -	Graduate Research Assistant, Citizens and Technology Lab, Cornell University
2019 - 2020	Senior Researcher, Global Disinformation Index
2019	Research Consultant, Civic Signals Project, New America Foundation
2018 - 2019	Graduate Research Assistant, Offensive Internet Project, Oxford Internet Institute
2016 - 2017	Researcher, Dangerous Speech Project
2016	Research Intern, Center for Technology Innovation, Brookings Institution
2015	Elections Research Assistant, Change.org
2014	National Security and Human Rights Intern, Government Accountability Project

Publications

Refereed Articles and Conference Proceedings

[1] **Wright, L**., Muenster, R. M., Vecchione, B., Qu, T., Cai, P., Smith, A., ... & Matias, J. N. (2024). Null Compliance: NYC Local Law 144 and the challenges of algorithm accountability. In *Proceedings of the 2024 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency* (pp. 1701-1713).

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[2] Matias, J. N., & **Wright, L**. (2022). Innovation & Governance of Adaptive AI with Community

Science. Submission to the U.S. Office of Science and Technology Policy Research and Development Strategic Plan

[3] Matias, J. N., Penney, J., & **Wright, L**. (2022) Comments responding to US Copyright Office Notice of Inquiry Docket No. 2021-10. https://osf.io/498ja/

Non-Archival Conference Presentations

[1] **Wright, L.** (2024) The Political Economy of Trust and Safety Vendors. Paper presented at the Association of Internet Researchers Conference. Sheffield, France.

[2] **Wright, L.** (2022) Content Moderation as Spectacle. Work in progress presented at the International Communication Association, Paris, France.

[3] **Wright, L.**, Matias, J. N., Mou, M. E., Penney, J., & Klein, M. (2021) Do Automated Legal Threats Reduce Freedom of Expression Online? Preliminary Results from a Natural Experiment. Paper presented at the International Communication Association, Virtual.

[4] **Wright, L.** (2019) Governing with the AutoModerator Bot: A Mixed Methods Study of Algorithmic Moderation on Reddit. Paper presented at the ICA Rise of Platforms Post Conference, Washington, DC.