# Michael W. Kearney

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Education	Ph.D., Communication Studies, University Kansas Minor: Social and Behavioral Sciences Methodology	2017
	M.A., Communication Studies, University Kansas	2013
	B.S., Communication, Missouri State University	2012
Appointments	Assistant Professor, University of Missouri Journalism Studies, School of Journalism Data Science & Analytics, Informatics Institute	2017–
	Courtesy Appointment, University of Missouri Communication, College of Arts & Sciences	2018–
	Instructor, University of Kansas Leadership Studies, Institute for Leadership Studies	2017
	Graduate Assistant, University of Kansas Research, Center for Research Methods & Data Analysis Teaching, Communication Studies Debate coach, Kansas Debate Team	2012–2017
Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles	Kearney, M. W. (2019). Analyzing change in network polarization. <i>New Media &amp; Society</i> . [Online First] 10.1177/1461444818822813	

Hall, J. A., Kearney, M. W., & Xing, C. (2018). Two tests of social displacement through social media use. Information, Communication and Society. 10.1080/1369118X.2018.1430162

Kearney, M. W. (2017). Interpersonal goals and political uses of Facebook, Communication Research Reports, 32, *1-9*. 10.1080/08824096.2016.1250069

Pennington, N. R., Winfrey, K. L., Warner, B. R., & Kearney, M. W. (2015). Liking Obama and Romney (on Facebook): An experimental evaluation of political engagement and efficacy during the 2012 general election. Computers in Human Behavior, 44, 279-283. 10.1016/j.chb.2014.11.032

Kearney, M. W. (2014). How durable is it? A contextualized interpretation of fiat in policy debate. National Journal of Speech and Debate, 2, 2-6. hdl.handle.net/1808/15009

**BOOK CHAPTERS** 

Kearney, M. W. (In press). Automated accounts in partisan user networks on Twitter. In S. Jarvis (Ed.), New agendas in communication: Conservatively speaking: How right-wing media and messaging (re)made American politics. New York: Routledge.

Kearney, M. W. (2018). Analyzing tweets about the 2016 U.S. presidential "blunder" election. In B. R. Warner, D. G. Bystrom, M. S. McKinney, & M. Banwart (Eds.), An unprecedented election: Campaign Coverage, Communication, and Citizens Divided. 9781440860669/390

Banwart, M. C. &, Kearney, M. W. (2018). Social dominance, sexism, and the lasting effects on political communication from the 2016 election. In B. R. Warner, D. G. Bystrom, M. S. McKinney, & M. Banwart (Eds.), An Unprecedented Election: Campaign Coverage, Communication, and Citizens Divided. 9781440860669/426

Kearney, M. W., & Banwart, M. C. (2017). Methodological approaches. In C. Holtz-Bacha & M. Just (Eds.), Routledge Handbook of Political Advertising (29-37). 10.4324/9781315694504.ch3

OTHER SCHOLARLY DISSEMINATION

Kearney, M. W. (2017). Cross-lagged panel analysis. In M. Allen (Ed.), SAGE Encyclopedia of Communication Research Methods (313-314). 10.4135/9781483381411.n117

Kearney, M. W. (2017). Cramér's V. In M. Allen (Ed.), SAGE Encyclopedia of Communication Research Methods (290). 10.4135/9781483381411.n107

Kearney, M. W. (2017). Foundational literature reviews. In M. Allen (Ed.), SAGE Encyclopedia of Communication Research Methods (878-880). 10.4135/9781483381411.n304

Kearney, M. W. (2014). Persuading audiences with statistical evidence. In C. C. Bird, P. Wagner, & L. Harroff (Eds.), *Speaker-audience communication: The handbook*. Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing. 10.13140/RG.2.2.27930.34242

Kearney, M. W. (2014). Review of *Digital currents: How technology and the public are shaping TV news* by Rena Bivens. *International Journal of Communication*, 8, 2600-2603.

Kearney, M. W. (2014). Review of *Foundations and frontiers of deliberative governance* by John S. Dryzek with Simon Niemeyer. *International Journal of Communication*, 8, 1540-1543.

POPULAR SCIENCE

Kearney, M. W. (2018). We put data science to the test to try to uncover the mystery author of the Times' Op-ed. *Reynolds Journalism Institute*.

Kearney, M. W. (2017). Trusting News project report. Reynolds Journalism Institute.

Software

### CRAN packages

- \* dapr: Easy Apply Functions. *R package*. DOI 10.5281/zenodo.2528504
- \* pkgverse: Build a Meta-Package Universe. *R package*. DOI 10.5281/zenodo.2528500 downloads 444
- \* tbltools: Tools for Working with Tibbles. R package. DOI 10.5281/zenodo.2528491 downloads 597
- \* tfse: Tools for Script Editing. R package. DOI 10.5281/zenodo.2528495 downloads 1160
- \* funique: A Faster Unique Function. R package. DOI 10.5281/zenodo.2528502 downloads 1281
- \* textfeatures: Extracts Features from Text. *R package*. DOI 10.5281/zenodo.2528493 downloads 3840
- \* rtweet: Collecting Twitter data. R package. DOI 10.5281/zenodo.2528481 downloads 58K

#### Github packages

- \* tweetbotornot: Bot detection. R package.
- \* kaggler: Client for accessing Kaggle's API. R package.
- \* ig: Client for accessing Instagram's API. R package.
- \* newsAPI: R client for newsAPIorg. R package.
- \* nytimes: Interacting with NYTimes APIs. R package.

## Web Apps

- \* tweetbotornot: Bot detection. Shiny App.
- \* Interactive Friendship Tool. Shiny App.
- \* Simple tool for visualizing correlations. Shiny App.

Invited Presentations TBD talk/workshop on data science tools in R. (2019, February). Talk to be hosted by the Carnegie Melon University Data Science Club in Pittsburgh, PA.

Collecting and Analyzing Twitter Data. (2018, November). Led workshop for the Program In Statistics and Methodology (PRISM) and Political Science Department in Columbus, OH.

Collecting and Analyzing Digital Trace Data. (2018, October). Led workshop for the Moody College of Communication in Austin, TX.

Automated accounts in partisan user networks on Twitter. (2018, April). Presentation delivered as part of 2018 New Agendas in Communication series in Austin, TX.

Collecting and analyzing Twitter data. (2018, April). Led workshop for the annual Computer Assisted Reporting Conference in Chicago, IL.

- Twitter data for everyone: An introduction to rtweet. (2017, June). Presentation delivered to the R Users Group of Kansas City, Johnson County Library.
- Measures of central tendency, dispersion, and some simple statistical tests. (2017, March). Presentation delivered on behalf of the Center for Research Methods & Data Analysis to SW 541 (Social Work Research Seminar).
- Data science and "big data" in communication research. (2017, February). Presentation delivered as part of Spring 2017 colloquium series sponsored by Communication Studies Department, University of Kansas.
- Working with the NYTimes article search API. (2017, February). Presentation delivered as part of Spring 2017 workgroup on *Big Dynamic Data*, Center for Research Methods & Data Analysis, University of Kansas.
- Exploring new media environments with data science. (2017, January). Presentation delivered to the Pew Research Center, Washington, D.C..
- Data wrangling: Parsing JSON, XML, and html data structures. (2016, November). Presentation delivered as part of Fall 2016 workgroup on *Big Dynamic Data*, Center for Research Methods & Data Analysis, University of Kansas.
- Introduction to rtweet: Collecting Twitter data. (2016, November). Presentation delivered as part of Fall 2016 workgroup on *Big Dynamic Data*, Center for Research Methods & Data Analysis, University of Kansas.
- Data retrieval: Introduction to APIs and web scraping. (2016, October). Presentation delivered as part of Fall 2016 workgroup on *Big Dynamic Data*, Center for Research Methods & Data Analysis, University of Kansas.

#### Conferences

# **Papers**

- Kearney, M.W. (2018, November). Analyzing follow decisions of partisans on Twitter during the 2016 election. Paper presented in the Politcal Communication Division at the 103rd Annual National Communication Association conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Kearney, M.W. (2018, November). If They Run, Will Attitudes Change? Exploring the Intersection of Sexism, Image, and Viability of Women Candidates in 2018. Paper presented in the Political Communication Division at the 103rd Annual National Communication Association conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Kearney, M.W. (2018, May). A network-based approach to estimating political partisanship. Paper presented at the 68th Annual International Communication Association conference in Prague, Czech Republic.
- Hall, J. A., Kearney, M. W., & Xing, C. (2017, May). *Two tests of social displacement through social media use*. Paper presented at the 67th Annual International Communication Association Convention in San Diego, CA.
- Warner, B. R., & Kearney, M. W. (2017, Sep). No spillover: A longitudinal analysis of the effects of political communication online and off. Paper presented at the 3rd Annual International Journal of Press/Politics Conference in Oxford, UK.
- Kearney, M. W., & Webb, C. M. (2017, Sep). #Politics: Using Twitter data to study public attitudes and public attention in event. Paper presented at the 113th Annual American Political Science Association Meeting & Exhibition in San Fransico, CA.
- Kearney, M. W. (2017, May). *An introduction to rtweet: Collecting Twitter data*. Paper presented at the 67th Annual International Communication Association Convention in San Diego, CA.
- Hall, J. A., Xing, C., & Kearney, M. W. (2017, May). *Two tests of social displacement through social media*. Paper presented at the 67th Annual International Communication Association Convention in San Diego, CA.
- Webb, C. M., & Kearney, M. W. (2017, February). Statecraft or sacrifice? The domestic political dynamics of economic sanctions. Paper presented at the 58th Annual International Studies Association Convention in Baltimore, MD.
- Kearney, M. W. (2016, April). *The null effect of social media use on political participation*. Paper presented in the Political Communication Interest Group at the CSCA Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

- Kearney, M. W. (2016, April). Theoretical and empirical review of political discussion orientation scales. Paper presented in the Political Communication Interest Group at the CSCA Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Kearney, M. W. & Quenette, A. (2015, November). "Nationalizing" the 2014 midterm election: Effects of national news source on perceived candidate polarization. Paper presented at the 101st Annual National Communication Association Convention in Las Vegas, NV.
- Kearney, M. W. (2015, March). *The long game: Political communication and modern longitudinal designs*. Paper presented at the CSCA Annual Conference, Madison, WI.
- Kearney, M. W. (2015, March). *Emphasizing equivalent frames: Political polarization and information processing*. Paper presented at the CSCA Annual Conference, Madison, WI. 

  \* Top paper panel
- Kearney, M. W. (2015, March). *Young voters and the polarizing price of political engagement.* Paper presented at the CSCA Annual Conference, Madison, WI.
- Kearney, M. W. (2015, March). *It's my party: The effects of polarizing party frames on information processing.* Paper presented at the CSCA Annual Conference, Madison, WI.
- Kearney, M. W. (2014, November). *Old arguments, new Face[book]s: Analyzing political disagreement on Facebook.*Paper presented at the NCA 100th Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Kearney, M. W. (2014, November). Yesterday's public opinion expression, today's status update: Interpersonal goals in Facebook political discussion. Paper presented at the NCA 100th Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Kearney, M. W. (2014, May). *Agonistic politics and the democratic debate following 9/11*. Paper presented at the 16th Biennial RSA Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Kearney, M. W. (2014, March). Civic or civic? An Empirical examination of democratic orientations and civic dialogue. Paper presented at the Civic Dialogue and Leadership Conference, College Station, TX.
- Pennington, N. R., Winfrey, K. L., Warner, B. R., & Kearney, M. W. (2014, March). *The next Facebook election: Evaluating political engagement and efficacy on Facebook during the 2012 presidential election.* Paper presented at the CSCA Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

  \* Top student paper
- Pennington, N. R., Winfrey, K. L., Warner, B. R., & Kearney, M. W. (2013, November). Finding a role model on Facebook: Political candidates' use of Facebook and young women's political engagement. Paper presented at the 99th NCA Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.

#### **Panels**

- Kearney, M.W. (2018, November). *Just "Playing" with Social Media Data? Doing Social Analytics in the Era of Cambridge Analytica*. Discussion panel in the Human Communication and Technology Division at the 103rd Annual National Communication Association conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Kearney, M. W. (2016, April). *Bayesian estimation*. Panel presentation in the Political Communication Interest Group at the CSCA Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Kearney, M. W., & Bird, C. C. (2015, November). #aGreatPlaceToFeelUnsafe: Social media and activism on campus. Panel presentation at the NCA 101st Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV.
- Banwart, M. C., Easley, T. M., Kearney, M. W., Stone, C., & Winfrey, K. W. (2013, November). *Dialing in to women...and men? Examining gender in 2012 debates through RTR research.* Panel presentation at the 99th NCA Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.

## Chairing

Chaired panel. (2016, November). Social media and political campaigns: Messages, reactions, and uses of social media in the 2016 presidential election. Political Communication Division, NCA 101st Annual Convention, Pennsylvania, PA.

Organized panel. (2016, April). *Updating foundations in quantitative research methods*. Political Communication Interest Group, CSCA Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Chaired panel. (2016, April). *Cultural identity and political influence*. Political Communication Interest Group, CSCA Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Chaired panel. (2015, November). *Mediated coverage of political information*. Political Communication Division, NCA 101st Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV.

Chaired panel. (2014, November). *Partisanship and its many effects*. Political Communication Division, NCA 100th Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.

# Responding

Respondent. (2018, November). *Innovations in Political Communication Research*. Political Communication Division, NCA 103rd Annual Convention, Salt Lake City, UT.

Teaching			
South   Sout	Teaching	University of Missouri	
* JOURN 8006: Quantizative Research Methods in Journalism 2018   * JOURN 8000: Mass Media Seminar 2017		·	2018
* DATA_SCI 7600: Introduction to Data Science 2018     * DATA_SCI 8801: Advanced Topics: Streaming Social Media Data 2017-2018     * DATA_SCI 8801: Statistical and Mathematical Foundations for Data Analytics 2017-2018    University of Kansas			2018
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University of Kansas		⋆ DATA_SCI 8801: Advanced Topics: Streaming Social Media Data	2018
COMS 307: Intro. to Political Communication   2016		⋆ DATA_SCI 8610: Statistical and Mathematical Foundations for Data Analytics	2017-2018
* COMS 356: Intro. to Behavioral Research Methods		University of Kansas	
* COMS 201: [Online] Intro. to Leadership Studies		★ COMS 307: Intro. to Political Communication	2016
* COMS 343: Seminar in Leadership (Teaching Assistant)   2014		★ COMS 356: Intro. to Behavioral Research Methods	2015-2016
★ COMS 343: Seminar in Leadership (Teaching Assistant)		★ COMS 201: [Online] Intro. to Leadership Studies	2014-2015
* COMS 131: Honors Speaker-Audience Communication 2014		<u> </u>	2014
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