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Positions

Spanish National Research Council — Institute of Public Goods and Policies (IPP-CSIC) RAMÓN Y CAJAL FELLOW	Madrid, Spain 2025 –
Carlos III University of Madrid — Juan March Institute and Department of Social Sciences ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR RAMÓN Y CAJAL FELLOW VISITING PROFESSOR	Madrid, Spain 2024 – 2025 2023 – 2025 2022 – 2023
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee — Department of Political Science AFFILIATED FACULTY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	Milwaukee, WI 2022 – 2024 2018 – 2022

Education

Stony Brook University PH.D., POLITICAL SCIENCE	Stony Brook, NY 2013 – 2018
University of Mannheim M.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE (WITH DISTINCTION)	Mannheim, Germany 2011 – 2013
University of Mannheim B.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE	Mannheim, Germany 2008 – 2011

Research Interests

political psychology, misinformation, gender, deliberation, moral reasoning, text analysis, measurement, causal inference, experiments

Publications

Google Scholar: 725 citations | h-index = 11 | i10-index = 12

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

forth-coming	Give and Take: Can Dialogue Change Climate Attitudes?	* [17]
2024	Women Also Know Stuff: Challenging the Gender Gap in Political Sophistication, <i>American Political Science Review</i> 188(2): 903–921.	* [16]
	Lexical Ambiguity in Political Rhetoric: Why Morality Doesn’t Fit in a Bag of Words, with Robert Klemmensen. <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 54(1): 201–219.	* [15]
	Complaints About Police Misconduct Have Adverse Effects for Black Citizens, with Benjamin J. Newman. <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> 12(3): 451–474.	* [17]
2023	When Information Is Not Enough for Strategic Voting, with Benjamin Schlegel and Lukas Stoetzer. <i>Electoral Studies</i> 86(102692): 1–6.	[14]
	Asking the Right Questions: A Framework for Developing Gender-Balanced Political Knowledge Batteries, with Kathleen Dolan. <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> 76(1): 393–406.	* [13]
	Glass Half-Full or Half Empty: Does Optimism about Women’s Representation in Elected Office Matter? , with Kathleen Dolan. <i>Journal of Women, Politics & Policy</i> 44(2): 139–151.	* [12]
2022	Hypothesis Testing with Error Correction Models, with Ellen M. Key and Matthew J. Lebo. <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> 10(4): 870–878.	* [11]

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2022	Reliable Sources? Correcting Misinformation in Polarized Media Environments , with Nicholas R. Davis, Taraleigh Davis, Amanda Heideman, Jason T. Neumeyer, and Shin Young Park. <i>American Politics Research</i> 50(1): 17–29.	* [10]
2020	Social Media and the Changing Information Environment: Sentiment Differences in Read versus Re-Circulated News Content , with Yanna Krupnikov, Kerri Milita, John B. Ryan, and Stuart Soroka. <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> 84(S1): 195–215.	* [9]
2019	Personality and Prosocial Behavior: A Multilevel Meta-Analysis , with Reuben Kline, Alexa Bankert, and Lindsey Levitan. <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> 7(1): 125–142.	[8]
2018	Measuring Morality in Political Attitude Expression , <i>Journal of Politics</i> 80(3): 1028–1033.	* [7]
2017	The General Error Correction Model in Practice , with Matthew J. Lebo. <i>Research and Politics</i> 4(2): 2053168017713059.	[6]
2015	Why People ‘Don’t Trust the Evidence’: Motivated Reasoning and Scientific Beliefs , with Milton Lodge and Charles S. Taber. <i>Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science</i> 658(1): 121–133.	* [5]

BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2023	Change My View: Do Moral Appeals Facilitate Compromise? , In: <i>Informationsflüsse, Wahlen und Demokratie. Festschrift für Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck</i> . Ed. Thorsten Faas, Sascha Huber, Mona Krewel, Sigrid Roßteutscher, Baden-Baden: Nomos: 169–196.	* [4]
2014	Political Information Flows and Consistent Voting: Personal Conversations, Mass Media, Party Campaigns and the Quality of Voting Decisions at the 2009 German Federal Election , with Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck. In: <i>Voters on the Move or on the Run? Information-processing and Vote Choice in a Complex World</i> . Ed. Bernhard Weißels, Hans Rattinger, Sigrid Roßteutscher, Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck, Oxford: Oxford University Press: 193–216.	[3]
2013	Helfen politische Gespräche, ‘korrekt’ zu wählen? Eine Analyse zur Bundestagswahl 2009 , with Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck. In: <i>Zivile Bürgergesellschaft und Demokratie. Aktuelle Ergebnisse der empirischen Politikforschung. Festschrift für Oscar W. Gabriel zum 65. Geburtstag</i> . Ed. Silke I. Keil, S. Isabell Thaidigsmann, Wiesbaden: Springer VS: 117–138.	* [2]
2012	Correct Voting in Deutschland: Eine Analyse der Qualität individueller Wahlentscheidungen bei der Bundestagswahl 2009 , <i>Working Paper of the Mannheim Center for European Social Research</i> 148.	* [1]

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Software

R Package	discursive: Measuring Discursive Sophistication in Open-Ended Survey Responses , Version 0.1.1	CRAN , Github
	ArfimaMLM: Arfima-MLM Estimation For Repeated Cross-Sectional Data , Version 1.3	Github

Grants & Awards

2023	Proyecto competitivo de la Agencia Estatal de Investigación , Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Title: Noticias Falsas, Populismo y Apoyo a la Democracia (PID2022-139755NB-I00, PI: Guillermo Cordero)	73,125€
2022	Ramón y Cajal Fellowship , Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación (RYC2021-031784-I, PI: Patrick W. Kraft)	236,350€
	NSF RAPID Grant , National Science Foundation. Title: Comparative Study of Rally Effects During the Ukraine War (PIs: Yanna Krupnikov & John B. Ryan)	\$149,246
2021	Discovery and Innovation Grant , University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Title: We Need To Talk: Correcting Misinformation Through Political Discussions (PI: Patrick W. Kraft)	\$120,000
2017	Early Career Scholars Award , International Society of Political Psychology	\$500
	Milton Lodge Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research , Stony Brook University	\$500
2016	Distinguished Travel Award , Stony Brook University, GSO	\$1,500
	Polmeth Travel Grant , National Science Foundation	\$500
	Professional Development Award , Stony Brook University, GSEU	\$550
2012–2013	Fulbright Scholarship , The Fulbright Commission	\$22,000
2012–2013	International Travel Grant , German National Academic Foundation	
2011–2013	Academic Scholarship , German National Academic Foundation	

Work in Progress

- in prep. **Can Dialogue Lead to Durable Change in Climate Change Opinion?**,
with Jennifer Jerit. In preparation for submission.
- Intersectional Representation and Political Engagement: The Impact of Race and Gender on Women's Political Attitudes and Engagement**,
with Kathleen Dolan and Amanda Heideman. In preparation for submission.
- Emotional framing, moralization, and the effectiveness of corrective information**,
with Sarah Wagner and Pirmin Stöckle. In preparation for submission.
- data **We Need to Talk: Correcting Misinformation Through Political Discussions**,
analysis with Enes Ayasli and Nasrin Haghighat Chaleshtari. Data analysis in progress.
- It's a Matter of Choice: Misinformation Correction under Selective Exposure**,
with Amanda Heideman, Taraleigh Davis, and Jason T. Neumeyer. Preparing further data collection.
- Don't Shoot the Messenger: The Role of Expert Cues in Correcting Misinformation on Climate Change**,
with Nicholas R. Davis, Shin Young Park, and Chan Song Kim. Preparing further data collection.

Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

APSA	2015,	2017, 2018,	2020	
EPSA		2017,	2020*,	2023, 2024, 2025
ESRA				2025
ECPR			2020	
ISPP		2017,	2020	
MPSA	2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020*,		2022	
PolMeth	2016			
PolMeth Europe				2025

- Other** Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG) Conference, 2025
ISCAP Mini Conference, 2021
Zurich Text as Data Workshop, 2019
Toronto Political Behavior Workshop, 2018

- Invited Talks** SciencesPo, CEVIPOF, 2025
University of Konstanz, Center for Data and Methods, 2020
University of Barcelona, Department of Political Science, 2020
University of Amsterdam, Political Psychology Meeting, 2020
(* Canceled due to COVID-19)

Teaching

- Substantive** Public opinion and elections, ideology, media and politics, morality and politics, political behavior, political psychology
- Methods** Probability, linear models, maximum-likelihood, measurement, causal inference, experiments, text analysis, Bayesian statistics

COURSES TAUGHT

UC3M	Mathematics for Social Sciences and Basic Statistics , graduate seminar	'22, '23, '24
	Applied Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences I , graduate lecture	'22, '23, '24
	Applied Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences II , graduate lecture	'23, '24, '25
	R Basics for Social Sciences , faculty seminar	'24, '25
	Introduction to Machine Learning in R , graduate workshop	'24
	Causal Inference , graduate lecture	'25
UWM	Techniques of Political Science Research , graduate lecture	'18, '20, '21
	Advanced Techniques of Political Science Research , graduate lecture	'19, '21, '22
	Introduction to American Government and Politics , undergraduate lecture	'19, '20
	Advanced Political Science Methodology: Computational Social Science , graduate seminar	'20
	Political Psychology , undergraduate seminar	'20, '21
SBU	Math Refresher for Political Science PhD Students , graduate seminar	'15, '16, '17
	Introduction to American Government , undergraduate lecture	'16, '17
	Political Psychology , undergraduate seminar	'17

Advising and Student Committees

Dissertation Advisor	2023: Carisa Bergner (Biostatistician – Medical College of Wisconsin)
Dissertation Committee	2024: Enes Ayasli (Data & Business Intelligence Analyst – EPAM Systems) 2023: Taraleigh Davis (Assistant Professor – Bradley University) Samantha Hagle (Teaching Assistant Professor – Marquette University) 2022: Yunus Emre Orhan (Postdoctoral Fellow – North Dakota State University) 2020: Nicholas R. Davis (Research Director – Argosy Foundation)
TFGs & TFMs	2024: 11 students 2021: 2 students 2020: 3 students

Service

Reviewer	Acta Politica, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Democratization, European Union Politics, International Journal of Health Policy and Management, International Review of Administrative Sciences, Journal of Applied Social Psychology, Journal of Politics, Journal of Women, Politics & Policy, Mobilization, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Politics & Gender, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research & Methods, Political Studies, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Public Choice, Public Opinion Quarterly, PS: Political Science & Politics, Research & Politics, Science and Public Policy, Social Cognition, Social Science Quarterly
Coordinator	Madrid Empirical Social Science Network, Carlos III University of Madrid, 2023– Experimental Politics Lab, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2018–2023 Political Psychology Speaker Series, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University, 2015–2017
Department	Funding Committee, Carlos III University of Madrid, Member 2023–2024 Graduate Committee, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Member 2021–2022 Department Scholarships Selection Committee, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Member 2019–2020, Chair 2020–2021 Sabbatical Committee, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Member 2019–2021
Memberships	APSA, ISPP, MPSA, Society for Political Methodology, Fulbright Association

Skills

Software	R, Stan, \LaTeX , Stata, Qualtrics
Languages	German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic)