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## Positions

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

## Education

<b>Stony Brook University</b> PH.D., POLITICAL SCIENCE	Stony Brook, NY 2013 – 2018
<b>University of Mannheim</b> M.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE (WITH DISTINCTION)	Mannheim, Germany 2011 – 2013
<b>University of Mannheim</b> 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: 695 citations | h-index = 11 | i10-index = 12

### REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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

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2020	<b>Social Media and the Changing Information Environment: Sentiment Differences in Read versus Re-Circulated News Content</b> , with Yanna Krupnikov, Kerri Milita, John B. Ryan, and Stuart Soroka. <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> 84(S1): 195–215.	*[9]
2019	<b>Personality and Prosocial Behavior: A Multilevel Meta-Analysis</b> , with Reuben Kline, Alexa Bankert, and Lindsey Levitan. <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> 7(1): 125–142.	[8]
2018	<b>Measuring Morality in Political Attitude Expression</b> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> 80(3): 1028–1033.	*[7]
2017	<b>The General Error Correction Model in Practice</b> , with Matthew J. Lebo. <i>Research and Politics</i> 4(2): 2053168017713059.	[6]
2015	<b>Why People ‘Don’t Trust the Evidence’: Motivated Reasoning and Scientific Beliefs</b> , 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	<b>Change My View: Do Moral Appeals Facilitate Compromise?</b> , 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	<b>Political Information Flows and Consistent Voting: Personal Conversations, Mass Media, Party Campaigns and the Quality of Voting Decisions at the 2009 German Federal Election</b> , 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 Weßels, Hans Rattinger, Sigrid Roßteutscher, Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck, Oxford: Oxford University Press: 193–216.	[3]
2013	<b>Helfen politische Gespräche, ‘korrekt’ zu wählen? Eine Analyse zur Bundestagswahl 2009</b> , 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	<b>Correct Voting in Deutschland: Eine Analyse der Qualität individueller Wahlentscheidungen bei der Bundestagswahl 2009</b> , <i>Working Paper of the Mannheim Center for European Social Research</i> 148.	*[1]

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## Software

R Package	<b>discursive: Measuring Discursive Sophistication in Open-Ended Survey Responses</b> , Version 0.1.1	<a href="#">CRAN</a> , <a href="#">Github</a>
	<b>ArfimaMLM: Arfima-MLM Estimation For Repeated Cross-Sectional Data</b> , Version 1.3	<a href="#">Github</a>

## Grants & Awards

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

<b>APSA</b>	2015,	2017, 2018,	2020	
<b>EPSA</b>		2017,	2020*,	2023, 2024, 2025
<b>ESRA</b>				2025
<b>ECPR</b>			2020	
<b>ISPP</b>		2017,	2020	
<b>MPSA</b>	2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020*,		2022	
<b>PolMeth</b>	2016			
<b>PolMeth Europe</b>				2025
<b>Other</b>	Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG) Conference, 2025 ISCAP Mini Conference, 2021 Zurich Text as Data Workshop, 2019 Toronto Political Behavior Workshop, 2018			
<b>Invited Talks</b>	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

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

### COURSES TAUGHT

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

## Advising and Student Committees

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

## Service

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<b>Reviewer</b>	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
<b>Coordinator</b>	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
<b>Department</b>	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
<b>Memberships</b>	APSA, ISPP, MPSA, Society for Political Methodology, Fulbright Association

## Skills

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<b>Software</b>	R, Stan, $\LaTeX$ , Stata, Qualtrics
<b>Languages</b>	German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic)