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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Arizona State University   June 2025–present
Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Howard Center for Investigative Journalism
Professor of Practice of AI and Investigative Journalism

Stanford University, Stanford Internet Observatory   July 2019–May 2025
Research Scholar

University of Memphis, Department of Political Science   Aug. 2017–June 2019
Assistant Professor

Stanford University, CDDRL   2016–2017
Postdoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Government   2016
Emory University, B.A., Political Science   2006

BOOK

The Politics of Order in Informal Markets: How the State Shapes Private Governance. 2021. Cambridge University Press.

REPORTING

Co-editor of "Exposed: How the FAA Fails to Protect Flight Crews from Cosmic Radiation Exposure in the Skies." 2026. link

SELECT PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Building an LLM-Powered Content Moderation Bot in the Classroom" 2026. *Forthcoming at PS: Political Science & Politics.*

"How Persuasive is AI-generated Propaganda?" 2024. *PNAS Nexus.* pdf

"Belief in COVID-19 Misinformation in Nigeria." 2024. *The Journal of Politics.* pdf

"The Collusion Dilemma." 2023. *World Development 167.* pdf

"In-House vs. Outsourced Trolls." 2022. *Political Communication 39.2.* pdf

"The Politics of Order in Informal Markets: Evidence from Lagos." 2019. *World Politics.* pdf

WORKING PAPER

"On the Opportunities and Risks of Foundation Models." pdf

SELECT WHITE PAPERS AND POLICY WRITING

"AI-Generated Child Sexual Abuse Material: Insights from Educators, Platforms, Law Enforcement, Legislators, and Victims." 2025. pdf

"The Strengths and Weaknesses of the Online Child Safety Ecosystem." 2024. pdf

"3 Things to Know About Nigeria's Twitter Ban." 2021. *Monkey Cage.* pdf

"Outsourcing Disinformation." 2020. *Lawfare.* pdf

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Graduate: Online Open Source Investigation (2020–2023); Democratic Erosion (2017).
Undergraduate: Trust & Safety (2024-2025); The Politics of Internet Abuse (2023); Political Statistics (2018).

RECENT CONSULTING

- Member of OpenAI's external red teaming network (Sept 2023 – present)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R, TeX