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## EDUCATION

**Penn State University**, State College, PA, United States  
*Dual-title PhD*: Political Science and Social Data Analytics, expected in 2022

- Committee: Bruce Desmarais, Kevin Munger, Cyanne Loyle, Diane Felmlee
- Dissertation title: Violent Partisan Hostility in Online Political Communication

**Penn State University**, State College, PA, United States  
MA: Political Science, 2019

**Seoul National University**, Seoul, Republic of Korea  
MA: Political Science, 2016

**Yonsei University**, Seoul, Republic of Korea  
*Dual-title BA*: Political Science and English Linguistics & Literature, 2013

## RESEARCH AREAS

**American Politics**: Political Communication, Social Media and Politics, Contentious Politics, Political Violence, Political Parties and Partisanship, State Politics, Public Policy

**Computational Social Science**: Network Analysis, Text-as-Data (Natural Language Processing), Machine Learning, Statistical Modeling

## PUBLISHED PAPERS

“The Effect of Diverse Polling Methods on the Estimation of Candidates’ Approval Ratings: The Case of 19th Presidential Election in South Korea.” *Journal of International and Area Studies* 24(1): 45-60. 2017. (With Jongho Choi and Kangwook Han)

## WORKING PAPERS

“Violent Political Rhetoric on Twitter.” *Revise and Resubmit at Political Science Research and Methods*. [\[PDF\]](#)

- Recipient of 2021 John Sprague Award (Best Graduate Student Paper), Political Networks Section, APSA (American Political Science Association).

“Attention to the COVID-19 Pandemic on Twitter: Partisan Differences among U.S. State Legislators.” *Conditionally Accepted at Legislative Studies Quarterly*. [\[PDF\]](#)  
(With Nitheesha Nakka, Ishita Gopal, Bruce Desmarais, Abigail Mancinelli, Jeffrey Harden, Hyein Ko, Frederick Boehmke)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Violent Political Rhetoric and Inter-partisan Relations.”

“Moralized Politics and Violent Partisan Hostility on Twitter.”

“Modeling State Legislator Networks on Twitter” (With Ishita Gopal, Nitheesha Nakka, Bruce Desmarais).

“State Legislators’ Attention to and Stance on Vaccination” (With Bruce Desmarais).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Instructor of Record**

- SoDA 308: Research Design for Social Data Analytics, Scheduled for 2022 Spring, Penn State University

### Graduate Method Preceptor

- PLSC 502: Statistical Methods for Political Research (Bruce Desmarais), Fall 2019, Penn State University [\[PDF\]](#)
- PLSC 503: Multivariate Analysis for Political Research (Christopher Zorn), Spring 2020, Penn State University [\[PDF\]](#)
- PLSC 504: Topics in Political Methodology (Christopher Zorn), Fall 2019, Penn State University [\[PDF\]](#)

### INVITED TALKS

**Violent Political Rhetoric on Twitter** (Department of Government at University of Essex, invited for November 2021)

### CONFERENCE

**Violent Political Rhetoric on Twitter** (PaCSS/PolNet 2020, PolMeth 2020, APSA 2020, MPSA 2021)

**Attention to the COVID-19 Pandemic on Twitter: Partisan Differences among U.S. State Legislators** (PolNet 2021, LAPolMeth 2021)

### AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

**John Sprague Award.** 2021, Political Networks Section, APSA

- Given annually to the best paper on political networks presented by a graduate student delivered at a political science conference in the previous year.

**Program in Comparative Politics Fellowship**, 2021, Penn State University

**Paterno Graduate Fellowship**, 2018-2019, Penn State University

**Summer Graduate Research Award**, 2018-2021, Penn State University

### SKILLS & LANGUAGES

**Programming:** R (tidyverse, plm, lme4, stm, quanteda, network, igraph, ergm), Python (pandas, numpy, matplotlib, scikit-learn, Keras, Pytorch, NLTK, transformers, tweepy), Stata, Git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

**Language:** English (fluent), Korean (native)

### REFERENCES

#### **Bruce Desmarais**

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