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Professional Affiliations

Associate Professor (Senior Lektor) of Political Science, University of Gothenburg
Director of the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute
Chief Technical Officer of DEMSCORE (Swedish National Research Infrastructure)
Faculty Research Associate at the NYU Center for Social Media and Politics

Publications

Books

- Gelman, Jeremy, and Steven Lloyd Wilson. 2026. *Posting for Power: Congressional Partisanship on Social Media*. University of Michigan Press.
- Seltzer, Nicholas A., and Steven Lloyd Wilson, eds. 2023. *Handbook on Democracy and Security*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Wilson, Steven Lloyd. 2022. *Social Media as Social Science Data*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- Randahl, David, Maxine Leis, Tim Gåsste, Hanne Fjelde, Håvard Hegre, Staffan I. Lindberg, Steven Wilson. 2025. "Forecasting Electoral Violence." *International Journal of Forecasting* (Online Oct 2025).
- Marquardt, Kyle, Daniel Pemstein, Constanza Sanhueza Petrarca, Brigitte Seim, Steven Lloyd Wilson, Michael Bernhard, Michael Coppedge, and Staffan I Lindberg. 2025. "Experts, coders and crowds: An analysis of substitutability." *International Political Science Review* (Online Dec 2024).
<https://doi.org/10.1177/01925121241293459>
- Mechkova, Valeriya, Daniel Pemstein, Brigitte Seim, and Steven Lloyd Wilson. 2024. "Measuring Online Political Activity: Introducing the Digital Society Project Dataset." *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*. (Online June 2024). <https://doi.org/10.1080/19331681.2024.2350495>
- Tzelgov, Eitan, and Steven Lloyd Wilson. 2024. "The Political Twittersphere as a Breeding Ground for Populist Ideas: The Case of Israel." *Social Media + Society* 10 (3).
- Eggleston, Julia, and Steven Lloyd Wilson. 2023. "Internet Policy in South Korea: Liberal Imperialism and Paradox." In *Handbook of Security and Democracy* Eds. Nicholas Seltzer and Steven Wilson.
- Wilson, Steven Lloyd, and Yoshiko M. Herrera. 2022. "Teaching Content Analysis to Graduate Students." In *Teaching Graduate Political Methodology* Ed. by Mitchell Brown, Shane Nordyke and Cameron G. Thies.
- Wu, J., Zhang, C., Liu, Z., Zhang, E., Wilson, S., & Zhang, C. (2022, November). "GraphBERT: Bridging Graph and Text for Malicious Behavior Detection on Social Media". In *2022 IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)* (pp. 548-557). IEEE.
- Hashemi, Layla, Steven Lloyd Wilson, and Constanza Sanhueza Petrarca. 2022. "Investigating the Iranian Twittersphere: Five Hundred Days of Farsi Twitter: An Overview of What Farsi Twitter Looks like, What We Know about It, and Why It Matters." *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media* 2.
- Gelman, Jeremy, and Steven Lloyd Wilson. 2022. "Measuring Congressional Partisanship and Its Consequences." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 47(1): 225–56.
- Avey, Paul C., Michael C. Desch, Ana Petrova, and Steven Wilson. 2021. "Narrowing the Academic-Policy Divide: Will New Media Bridge the Gap?" *Political Science Quarterly* 136(4): 607–39. Reprinted in *Current Perspectives on American Politics*. 2022. Eds. Marylena Mantas and Robert Y. Shapiro.
- Wilson, Steven Lloyd, Staffan Lindberg, and Kjetil Tronvoll. 2021. "The Best and Worst of Times: The Paradox of Social Media and Ethiopian Politics." *First Monday* 26(10).
- Mechkova, Valeriya, and Steven L. Wilson. 2021. "Norms and Rage: Gender and Social Media in the 2018 U.S. Mid-Term Elections." *Electoral Studies* 69: 102268.
- Gelman, Jeremy, Steven Lloyd Wilson, and Constanza Sanhueza Petrarca. 2021. "Mixing Messages: How Candidates Vary in Their Use of Twitter." *Journal of Information Technology & Politics* 18(1): 101–15.
- Wilson, Steven Lloyd, and Charles Wiysonge. 2020. "Social Media and Vaccine Hesitancy." *BMJ Global Health* 5(10): e004206.
- Wilson, Steven Lloyd. 2019. "Modeling and Measuring Class Conflict in Russia's Regions." *Rationality and Society* 31(4): 432–63.

- Coppedge, Michael et al. 2019. "The Methodology of 'Varieties of Democracy' (V-Dem)." *Bulletin of Sociological Methodology/Bulletin de Méthodologie Sociologique* 143(1): 107–33.
- Petrarca, Constanza Sanhueza, Maria Tyrberg, and Steven Lloyd Wilson. 2019. "The 2018 Swedish Election Campaign on Twitter." *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift (Swedish Journal of Political Science)* 121(3): 367–92.
- Wilson, Steven L., and Yoshiko M. Herrera. 2019. "Teaching Computerized Content Analysis for Undergraduate Research Papers." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52(3): 536–42.
- Wilson, Steven Lloyd. 2017. "Detecting Mass Protest through Social Media." *Journal of Social Media in Society* 6(2): 5–25.
- Ringe, N., and Steven Lloyd Wilson. 2016. "Pinpointing the Powerful: Covoting Network Centrality as a Measure of Political Influence." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 41(3).
- Wilson, Steven Lloyd, Nils Ringe, and Jack van Thomme. 2016. "Policy Leadership and Re-Election in the European Parliament." *Journal of European Public Policy* 23(8). Selected for the (peer-reviewed) special issue featuring the best papers presented at the 2015 European Union Studies Association's Biennial Conference. Reprinted in *The European Union at an Inflection Point*, ed. Alasdair Young, 2017.
- Wilson, Steven Lloyd. 2015. "Social Identity, Cross-Cutting Cleavages, and Explaining the Breakdown of Interethnic Cooperation." *Rationality and Society* 27(4).
- Wilson, Steven Lloyd. 2015. "How to Control the Internet: Comparative Political Implications of the Internet's Engineering." *First Monday* 20(2).

Articles Currently Under Review

- "Do Sanctioning and Monitoring Reduce Political Candidates' Online Toxicity?" (with Yunus Orhan, et al., R&R at *British Journal of Political Science*).
- "Similar Style, Harsher Sentence: Social Media Reactions to Macron and Le Pen During the 2017 French Presidential Debate" (with Larissa Doroshenko, Constanza Sanhueza Petrarca, and Peter Maurer, R&R at *Politics and Gender*)
- "Demscore: One Framework to Merge Them All" (with Lisa Gastaldi, Melina Liethmann, and Staffan Lindberg, under review at *PS: Political Science and Politics*)
- "We are the 97%: Network and Content Analyses of Belarusian Grassroot Activism via Local Telegram Channels" (with Larissa Doroshenko, under review at *New Media & Society*)
- "Populists in Power: The Limits of Inclusion" (with Eitan Tzelgov, under review at *Party Politics*)
- "Games of Incomplete Information Technology" (under review at *Journal of Theoretical Politics*)
- "Patterns of Legislators' Communication on Social Media: The Case of Israel" (with Eitan Tzelgov, under review at *Journal of Quantitative Description*)

Other Publications

- "(Dis)information Wars" Brookings Institute Working Paper (with Adrian Casillas, Maryam Farboodi, Layla Hashemi, and Maryam Saeedi, February 2024): <https://www.brookings.edu/center/center-on-regulation-and-markets/>
- "The Network Effect of Chaos" (Brandeis Magazine: Perspectives, Spring 2021). <https://www.brandeis.edu/magazine/2021/spring/perspective.html>
- "Misinformation on social media fuels vaccine hesitancy: a global study shows the link" (with Charles Wiysonge, *The Conversation*, Dec 3, 2020): <https://theconversation.com/misinformation-on-social-media-fuels-vaccine-hesitancy-a-global-study-shows-the-link-150652>
- "Corona und die Wahlen im Iran Die wichtigsten: Diskussionen fanden in den sozialen Medien statt" (Corona and the Election in Iran, with Layla Hashemi & Constanza Sanhueza Petrarca) (WZB-Mitteilungen Nr. 170, Dec 2020)
- "What are Russia's goals with disinformation on social media?" (BrandeisNOW, 10/22/20). <https://www.brandeis.edu/now/2020/october/elections-russia-disinformation-social-media.html>
- "China, Russia, and Arctic Geopolitics." (with Ling Guo) (*The Diplomat*, 3/29/20). <https://thediplomat.com/2020/03/china-russia-and-arctic-geopolitics/>
- "If any Iranians supported Soleimani's killing, it would've been dissidents on Twitter. The opposite happened." (with Layla Hashemi) (*The Monkey Cage* at *The Washington Post*, 1/8/20). <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/01/08/twitter-is-where-iranian-dissidents-might-support-soleimanis-killing-opposite-happened/>
- "Book Review of Information, Democracy, and Autocracy: Economic Transparency and Political (In)Stability"

(in *Perspectives on Politics*, Sept 2019).

- “Using Social Media for Social Science Research” (SAGE Research Methods Video: Data Science, Big Data Analytics, & Digital Methods). DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781526492883> (SAGE Publications, 2019)
- “Will Kavanaugh’s Confirmation Affect the Midterms?” (with Jeremy Gelman) (The Monkey Cage at The Washington Post, 11/5/18). <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/11/05/will-kavanaughs-confirmation-affect-the-midterms-heres-what-showed-up-in-social-media/>
- *APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter*, Editor for Spring 2017 issue, author of introductory essay.
- “Uzbekistan” and “Ukraine” in *Online around the World: A Geographic Encyclopedia of the Internet, Social Media, and Mobile Apps* (May 2017)
- “The Logic of Russian Internet Censorship” (The Monkey Cage at The Washington Post, 3/16/14). <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2014/03/16/the-logic-of-russian-internet-censorship/>

Datasets

- “*V-Dem [Country-Year/Country- Date] Dataset v15.*” (With Coppedge, et al.). 2025. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.
- “*Digital Society Project Dataset v7.*” (With Mechkova, et al.). 2025. Digital Society Project.
- “*V-Dem [Country-Year/Country- Date] Dataset v14.*” (With Coppedge, et al.). 2024. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.
- “*Digital Society Project Dataset v6.*” (With Mechkova, et al.). 2024. Digital Society Project.
- “*V-Dem [Country-Year/Country- Date] Dataset v13.*” (With Coppedge, et al.). 2023. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.
- “*Digital Society Project Dataset v5.*” (With Mechkova, et al.). 2023. Digital Society Project.
- “*German Candidate Dataset 2021.*” Bäuerle, et al. GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, German Longitudinal Election Study, and Digital Society Project.
- “*Digital Society Project Dataset v4.*” (With Mechkova, et al.). 2022. Digital Society Project.
- “*V-Dem [Country-Year/Country- Date] Dataset v12.*” (With Coppedge, et al.). 2022. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.
- “*Varieties of Party Identity and Organization (V-Party) Dataset v2.*” (with Lindberg, et al.). 2022. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.
- “*Digital Society Project Dataset v3.*” (With Mechkova, et al.). 2021. Digital Society Project.
- “*V-Dem [Country-Year/Country- Date] Dataset v11.*” (With Coppedge, et al.). 2021. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.
- “*Varieties of Party Identity and Organization (V-Party) Dataset v1.*” (with Lührmann, et al.). 2020. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.
- “*Digital Society Project Dataset v2.*” (With Mechkova, et al.). 2020. Digital Society Project.
- “*V-Dem [Country-Year/Country- Date] Dataset v10.*” (With Coppedge, et al.). 2020. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.
- “*Digital Society Project Dataset v1.*” (With Mechkova, et al.). 2019. Digital Society Project.
- “*V-Dem [Country-Year/Country- Date] Dataset v9.*” (With Coppedge, et al.). 2019. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.
- “*V-Dem [Country-Year/Country- Date] Dataset v8.*” (With Coppedge, et al.). 2018. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.
- “*V-Dem [Country-Year/Country- Date] Dataset v7.*” (With Coppedge, et al.). 2017. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.
- *Geocoded Twitter Archive for the Social Sciences*: creator of this database of some seven billion tweets, fully searchable and GIS identified to the second subnational unit.
- “Ethnicity as a variable: An annotated bibliography for sources on ethnic and cultural diversity” (with Kyle Marquardt and Yoshiko Herrera) (online database)

Significant Grants

- RAPID: Immediate Social Media Data Collection in Key Election Contexts (with Daniel Pemstein and Brigitte Seim): \$200,000 rapid response NSF grant (award # 2232731)
- The Digital Society Project: Infrastructure for Measuring Internet Politics (with Daniel Pemstein and Brigitte Seim): \$1.1 million collaborative infrastructure grant from the NSF (award #s: 2121851, 2121852, and 2121853). 2021-2025.

- Brandeis Provost Research Grant (with Chuxu Zhang): \$28,220. 2021-2022.
- Brandeis Norman Fund recipient: \$4000. Spring 2021.
- Digital Society Project Extension (World Social Media Survey): \$900,000 grant from Facebook. Co-PI (with Valeriya Mechkova, Daniel Pemstein, and Brigitte Seim). 2020-2022.
- Co-PI and Chief Technical Officer of DEMSCORE (Swedish National Research Infrastructure). Grant from the Swedish National Research Council 2020-2024, total amount SEK31million (~\$3.3 million).
- Digital Society Project (World Social Media Survey): \$1,000,000 grant from Facebook. Co-PI (with Valeriya Mechkova, Daniel Pemstein, and Brigitte Seim). 2018-2020.
- Varieties of Democracy Institute Project Manager Grant: \$30,000. 2019-2020.
- Varieties of Democracy Institute Project Manager Grant: \$33,000. 2018-2019.
- USAID Learning, Evaluation, and Research Grant: \$327,000. Subcontractor, providing white papers and data visualization. 2017-2018.
- Varieties of Democracy Institute Project Manager Grant: \$58,000. 2017-2018.

Invited Talks & Fellowships

- Invited presenter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA), *Russian Online Disinformation Operations*, Sept 18, 2025
- Invited presenter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Comparative Politics Colloquium, *Measuring Digital Society*, Sept 18, 2025
- Invited presenter at the Demscore Annual Conference, June 9-10, 2025.
- Instructor at the University of Bergen, *Digital Content Analysis for Social Science*, June 5-6, 2025
- Richman Foundation Inaugural Chair Honorary Talk, *The Internet and Authoritarianism*, November 5, 2025
- Invited speaker to Brandeis Alumni, *Digital Dictatorships*, Philadelphia, June 1, 2025
- Invited panelist at Brandeis University CGES, *Reflecting on the Results of the German Election*, Feb 26, 2025: https://www.brandeis.edu/cges/news-events/spring-2025/250226_postelectionpanel.html
- Invited panelist at Brandeis University Alumni Weekend, *Rifts and Earthquakes: How the Collisions of Great Powers Are Remaking the World Map*, 9/27/24: https://brandeis.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_izzlx0di
- Invited presenter at the Demscore Annual Conference, June 13-14, 2024.
- Invited panelist at the Notre Dame Global Democracy Conference, May 20-22, 2024.
- Invited speaker on the Kellogg Institute Global Democracy Series Podcast: <https://kellogg.nd.edu/news/global-democracy-series-international-threats-misinformation-and-antidemocratic-forces>
- Visiting Professor at the Varieties of Democracy Institute, Fall 2023.
- Instructor at the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), June 19-21, 2023. Taught multi-day workshop on *Big Data and Politics*.
- Instructor at the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), June 22-24, 2022. Taught multi-day workshop on *Social Media as Social Science Data*.
- Invited presenter at V-Dem Colloquium, University of Gothenburg. 6/14/22.
- Instructor at the State Department Foreign Service Institute's annual orientation for new foreign service officers, presenting *Democracy Under Siege*. 5/25/22.
- Invited speaker for the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) roundtable on state-sponsored disinformation. 5/5/22. <https://www.cfr.org/event/virtual-roundtable-state-sponsored-disinformation>
- Invited presenter at University of Delaware's Current Research in the Study of Politics (CRISP) Speaker Series. 4/22/22
- Invited presenter at Brandeis University CGES, *Contextualizing the Ukraine Crisis*. 3/22/22: https://www.brandeis.edu/cges/news-events/spring-2022/220321_marcelroethig.html
- Invited presenter at the Boston University Research in Comparative Politics Workshop, presenting *Measuring Internet and Politics*. 3/2/22.
- Invited speaker for the International Society for Neglected Tropical Diseases panel on anti-vaccination disinformation online. 9/28/21.
- Instructor at the State Department Foreign Service Institute's annual orientation for new foreign service officers, presenting *Democracy Under Siege*. 8/19/21.
- Interviewed for PBS Great Decisions episode about disinformation online (broadcast in Jan 2022).
- Invited presenter at the Harvard GSOC Educators Conference on Disinformation Online. 7/29/21.
- Instructor at the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), June 14-25, 2021. Taught multi-

day workshop on *Social Media as Social Science Data*.

- Invited speaker on BBC Panel on Disinformation and COVID. (April 1, 2021). <https://monitoring.bbc.co.uk/inside-bbcm/62>
- Invited Speaker at Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and World Health Organization (WHO) roundtable on anti-vaccination and democracy. (Nov 19, 2020). <https://www.cfr.org/event/virtual-roundtable-preparing-democracies-pandemics>
- Invited interviewee on Brandeis Russian Studies Podcast, October 2020.
- Visiting Professor at New York University's Jordan Center (Spring 2020)
- Invited participant at UCLA's Computational International Relations Workshop (Feb 2020)
- Invited participant at the Council on Foreign Relations' Workshop on the Role of Democracy Promotion in Global Health (Feb 2020)
- Invited participant at the Political Instability Task Force's Annual Conference (Feb 2020)
- Invited speaker at PONARS Eurasia (Washington DC, Nov 2019)
- Invited speaker at the United Nations Geneva Peace Week by the Swiss government (Geneva, Nov 2019)
- Invited participant at the Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research (IQMR) Authors Workshop (Syracuse University, June 2019)
- Invited participant presenting "The Digital Society Project" at the V-Dem Policy Dialogue Day (Gothenburg, Sweden, May 2019)
- Invited participant presenting "Social Media and the Former Soviet Sphere" at the RT and Propaganda Conference (George Washington University, April 2019)
- Invited participant at the Council on Foreign Relations College and University Educators Workshop (New York, April 2019)
- Invited guest on the Stats+Stories Podcast discussing the Digital Society Project (April 2019)
- Invited speaker presenting "Social Media and the Former Soviet Sphere" at the Havighurst Center for Russian and Post Soviet Studies Colloquia Series (Miami University, April 2019)
- Invited roundtable speaker at first annual UNR Cybersecurity Conference (April 2019)
- Invited participant presenting "The Digital Society Project" at the Global Populisms and their International Diffusion Workshop (Stanford University, March 2019)
- Invited speaker on resource usage and needs in research at UNR Cyberinfrastructure Workshop (March 2019)
- Invited presenter of "Information and Revolution" at the Political Instability Task Force's Technology and Governance Conference, August 2018.
- Invited participant at the Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research (IQMR) Authors Workshop, (Syracuse University, June 2018).
- Invited participant at the "Cyberspace, Information Strategy, and International Security" conference at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, February 2018.
- "Web Scraping as Social Scientific Data Collection", workshop course taught at the University of Gothenburg, January 2018.
- Visiting Professor/Researcher at Varieties of Democracy Institute, University of Gothenburg (January 2018).
- Keynote speaker at annual meeting of the League of Women Voters, Montgomery County, VA, March 2016.
- "Russia and the Near Abroad" Lecturer for Great Decisions program sponsored by the League of Women Voters and State Department, February 2015.
- "Russia and the Return of Geopolitics", Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought (ASPECT), October 2014.
- Appeared on Public Radio to discuss the Russian regime's attempts to control the Internet (audio available online at request), April 2014.
- "Russia Since 1991", Virginia Tech, March 2014.

Conference Presentations

- "We are the 97%: Network and Content Analyses of Belarusian Grassroot Activism via Local Telegram Channels", ASEEEES, November 2024. (with Larissa Doroshenko).
- "Measuring the Internet and Politics", MPSA, April 2022. (with Mechkova, et al.)
- "Information and Revolution", MPSA, April 2022.
- "Investigating the Iranian Twittersphere: Five Hundred Days of Farsi Twitter: An overview of what Farsi Twitter looks like, what we know about it, and why it matters", NYU Center for Social Media and Politics Annual

Conference, April 2021.

- “Xenophobia and Social Media in Russia” (with Yoshiko Herrera & Alexander Verkhovskiy, ASEEEES, November 2019.
- “The Digital Society Project” (with Mechkova, et al.), V-Dem Conference, May 2019.
- “Social Identity and Social Media” (with Nataliia Kasianenko), ASEEEES, December 2018.
- “Social Media and Subnational Protest in Latin America”, APSA, August 2018.
- “Social Media and Social Identity in Russia”, Wisconsin Russia Project Young Scholars Conference, July 2018
- “Predicting the Future Using Expert Opinion Aggregation”, V-Dem Conference, May 2018.
- "Roundtable: Hacking, Trolling, Fake News, and Propaganda in Putin’s Russia", ASEEEES, November 2017.
- “Information and Revolution”, APSA, August 2017.
- "Signaling Influence and Leadership Selection in the European Parliament" (with Nils Ringe), EPSA, June 2017.
- "Experts versus crowds: Under what circumstances can crowd-sourced data substitute for expert-coded data?" (with Marquardt, et al.), EPSA, June 2017.
- "Social Media as Social Science Data," CLARIN-PLUS workshop on "Creation and Use of Social Media Resources" in Kaunas, Lithuania, May 2017.
- "Social Media and Subnational Protest in Latin America," MPSA, April 2017.
- "Internet Policy in South Korea: A Distinct Expression of Democracy" (with Julia Eggleston), MPSA, April 2017.
- "Experts versus crowds: Under what circumstances can crowd-sourced data substitute for expert-coded data?" (with Marquardt, et al.), MPSA, April 2017.
- "State Capacity Types and Regime Outcomes" (with Rachel Sigman), at Comparative Politics Conference of the DVPW, Tübingen, Germany, March 2017.
- "Social Media as Social Science Data," Big Data Workshop – Opportunities and Challenges in Contemporary Social and Political Research, Bergen, Norway, February 2017.
- "Roundtable: Russian-language Internet and New Media Technologies: State of the Medium, Medium of the State", ASEEEES, November 2016.
- "Conditional Norms and the Stability of the Non-Proliferation Treaty" (with Jacques Hyman and Yoshiko Herrera), MPSA, April 2016.
- "Permanent Revolution: Social Media and Regime Transition," MPSA, April 2016.
- "Roundtable: (Un)Patriotic Internet? The State of Civic Discourse on post-Crimea Runet," ASEEEES, Nov 2015.
- "Roundtable: Information Control in Post-Communist Eurasia: Development and Impact of State Media and Information Technology Policies," ASEEEES, November 2015.
- "Detecting Mass Protest through Social Media," PolNet, May 2015.
- "Policy Leadership and Reelection in the European Parliament" (with Nils Ringe), EUSA, March 2015.
- "Social Media and Protest in Russia's Regions," ASEEEES, November 2014.
- "Using Twitter to Measure Occurrence of Protest," Political Networks in a Transatlantic Perspective Workshop, July 2014.
- "Measuring Legislative Influence: A Social Network Approach" (with Nils Ringe), PolNet, May 2014.
- "Measuring Russian Regional Class Identity with Mass Automated Content Analysis," SSRC Quantitative Research Methods Workshop, August 2012.
- "The Hidden Market: The Invisible Hand of Political Competition within Russian Regional Authoritarianism," APSA, September 2011.

Additional Fellowships & Awards

Inaugural Richman Family Foundation Assistant Professor of Politics at Brandeis University 2024-2025.

Brandeis Career Hero. Given to faculty selected by students who made a significant contribution to students' professional or career objectives. 2022, 2025.

Participant in National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Faculty Success Program: Spring 2021.

Brandeis CTL Teaching Fellow: Spring 2021.

Received Dean's Funding for organization of panel on Race in Russia: Spring 2021.

Nominee for the Carnegie Foundation Fellowship, University of Nevada, Reno’s 2017 junior faculty nominee.

Honorary Fellow in the Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 2018 to August 2019.

Project Manager of Computational Infrastructure for the Varieties of Democracy Institute, University of Gothenburg, April 2017 to Present.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow: 2016-2017 at the Varieties of Democracy Institute, University of Gothenburg.

Best Paper Award: Wilson, Ringe, and van Thomme (2016) selected for inclusion in a (peer-reviewed) special issue of

Journal of European Public Policy featuring the best papers presented at the 2015 European Union Studies Association's Biennial Conference.

Virginia Tech Favorite Faculty: 2013, received by less than 5% of faculty

Research Assistant at University of Wisconsin, 2010-present for the following faculty and projects:

- Katja Favretto 2010-2012: Research on international crises since 1945
- Susannah Tahk 2012: Research on state and local governmental earmarks
- Department of Distance Education 2013-2016: Developing course materials

Research Fellow:

- Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center Summer Research Laboratory, University of Illinois, Summer 2013
- SSRC Eurasia Program Summer Workshop in Quantitative Methods, Summer 2012

FLAS Fellow (Russian):

- American Councils in St. Petersburg, Russia Summer 2011
- University of Wisconsin, Madison 2010-2011

Professional Activities

2025 APSA Division Chair for Politics of Communist and Former Communist Countries

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Child Health Care*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Demokratizatsiya*, *European Political Science Review*, *First Monday*, *Health Technology*, *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*, *Journal of Intelligence, Media and Communication*, *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, *Journal of Quantitative Description*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *PS*, *Rationality and Society*, *Journal of Religion and Health*, *Research & Politics*, *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, *Scientific Reports*, *Social Media+Society*.

Book Reviewer: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge, Sage CQ.

Editorial Board Member: American Political Science Association Comparative Democratization (APSA-CD) Newsletter (2016-2017)

University Service of Note

- Director of Honors Theses, Department of Politics (2022-2025)
- Center for German and European Studies Executive Committee (2021-2025)
- Faculty Ambassador (2021-2022)
- Member of International Relations Hiring Committee (2020-2021)
- Member of American Politics Hiring Committee (2017-2018)

Masters' Theses Supervised

- Sam Martin – *The Rise of Reactionary Far-Right Politics*, 2023, Brandeis University
- Sophie Cassel – *Inequality and Democracy*, 2017, University of Gothenburg

Senior Honors Theses Supervised

- Steven Berchin – *The Truth, Lies, and Telegram: False and Misleading Information from Telegram and Its Impact on U.S. Perceptions Regarding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, May 2025, Brandeis University IGS (with High Honors)
- Lauren Lederer – *A Cracked Mirror: Social Media and Banal Nationalism in Latin America*, May 2025, Brandeis University Politics (with High Honors)
- Brandon Samuels – *Reining in Platforms: Regulating Content Moderation in Today's Digital Landscape*, May 2025, Brandeis University Politics (with High Honors)
- Elizabeth Brewer – *Western Indecision and Authoritarian Inroads: Failures of the Euro-Atlantic Alliance in the Former Yugoslavia*, May 2023, Brandeis University IGS (with High Honors)
- Alyssa Rider – *Russian and English Language Slash Fiction: A Comparative Analysis*, May 2022, Brandeis University Russian Studies (with High Honors)
- Harlan Neiditz – *Leveraging Exclusion: Why Alexei Navalny Threatens Vladimir Putin's Hold on Power*, May 2022, Brandeis University Politics (with High Honors)
- Benjamin Rosenblum – *Democratic Consolidation in the Post-Communist Setting: Understanding the Failure of Russian Democracy*, May 2022, Brandeis University Politics (with Honors)
- Tobias Kallenberg – *Analyzing the Effect of Russian Election Interference on Political Outcomes and the Democratic Process in the Western World*, May 2022, Brandeis University Politics (with Honors)

- Sabina Šimková – *The spread of pro-Russian propaganda and Kremlin narrative in the countries of the Visegrad Four*, Dec 2021, Brandeis University IGS (with High Honors)
- Mackenzie Robinson – *Impact of Twitter on Political Views*, 2019, University of Nevada, Reno (winner of the 2019 Best Undergraduate Research award at UNR)

Education

University of Wisconsin, Madison	Political Science	Ph.D.	2016
University of Wisconsin, Madison	Political Science	MA	2010
University of San Diego	History	MA	2009
Harvey Mudd College	Engineering & History	BS	2001

Dissertation

"Information and Revolution: New Communications Technology and Authoritarian Regimes"

Committee: Yoshiko Herrera (chair), Scott Gehlbach, Theodore Gerber, Andrew Kydd, Alexander Tahk