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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles (In Progress)

Expected 2022

Political Science

Los Angeles, CA

Dissertation: Choosing Propaganda: Understanding News Selection and Audience Preferences in Russia

Committee: Daniel Treisman (chair), David Sears, Daniel Posner, Chad Hazlett

B.A., Dartmouth College

June 2013

Major: *Government (High Honors)*, Minors: *Russian Area Studies, Environmental Studies*

Hanover, NH

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative political behavior, political communication, Russian politics, ethnic politics, experiments, causal inference, public opinion, survey methods.

PUBLICATIONS

“Measuring Ethnic Biases: Can Misattribution-Based Tools from Social Psychology Reveal Group Biases that Economics Games Cannot?” 2021. *Political Analysis*, 29(3): 385-404. (With Daniel Posner and Chad Hazlett)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Preference for Propaganda: How Content and Beliefs about Sources Shape Demand for State and Independent News in Russia”

“Reliability and Reputation: Why Russian Audiences Trust State Television News”

TEACHING

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

PSC219 Propaganda and Information Control in Contemporary Politics (DePaul University, undergraduate) ([Syllabus](#)) Winter 2022

PS169 Propaganda in Contemporary Politics (UCLA, undergraduate) Summer 2019

TEACHING ASSISTANT

PS 200A Probability and Inference for Social Science (graduate)

with Michael Chwe, Fall 2019

with Kathleen Bawn, Fall 2020 (online)

PS 156A Government and Politics of Russia (undergraduate)

with Daniel Treisman, Spring 2020 (online)

PS 50 Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate)

with Graeme Blair, Winter 2017

with Daniel Posner, Fall 2017

with Michael Thies, Winter 2020

PS167 C/IDS M120 Political Economy of Development (undergraduate)

with Daniel Posner, Spring 2017

with Michael Ross, Spring 2018

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$20,000 + tuition and fees) 2021
- UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology research grant (\$1500) 2021
- Harriman-Carnegie research grant (\$20,000) 2019
- UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology research grant (\$345) 2019
- Graduate Research Mentorship fellowship (\$20,000 + tuition and fees) 2018-2019
- Society for Political Methodology and National Science Foundation conference grant (\$600) 2018
- UCLA Center for European and Russian Studies pre-dissertation grant (\$5,000) 2018
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship fellowship (\$6,000) 2016, 2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED TALKS, AND SEMINARS

- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, paper panel 2021
- Visions in Methodology, paper panel 2021
- American Political Science Association, paper panel 2021
- Midwest Political Science Association, paper panel 2021
- UCLA Center for European and Russian Studies, invited talk 2021
- American Political Science Association annual meeting (poster session) 2020
- American Political Science Association annual meeting (poster session) 2019
- Society for Political Methodology annual meeting (poster session) 2018
- Working Group in African Political Economy annual meeting 2018

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- Political Science Graduate Student Association president 2018-2019
- Women in Quant founder and chair 2017 - 2020
- Comparative Politics Association (COMPASS) chair and conference organizer 2016 - 2018
- Improving Designs in the Social Sciences research group coordinator 2018
- Graduate admissions committee representative 2016-2017

WORK EXPERIENCE

Maplight

Researcher

2014-2015

Storch Amini & Munves PC

Paralegal

2013-2014

SKILLS

- Software: R, SuperLab, L^AT_EX
- Languages: Conversant in Russian, French