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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Associate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2022-2023
Political Science

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles June 2022
Political Science

Dissertation: Choosing Propaganda: Media Selection and Politics in Putin's 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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

PEER REVIEWED 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)

POPULAR PRESS

"The Kremlin is Cracking Down on the Truth." *LA Times*. Mar. 4, 2022.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Preferring Propaganda: Why Russians Choose State News"

"The Value of State and Independent News in Russia as Sources of Information "

"Censorship Tolerance and Demand for State and Independent News in Russia"

TEACHING

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

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

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 2021
- UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology research grant 2019, 2021
- Harriman-Carnegie research grant 2019
- Graduate Research Mentorship fellowship 2018
- UCLA Center for European and Russian Studies pre-dissertation grant 2018
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship fellowship 2016, 2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED TALKS, AND SEMINARS

- American Political Science Association, paper panel 2022
- Society for Political Methodology annual meeting, poster session 2022
- Midwest Political Science Association, Mini Conference on Eurasian Political Economy, paper panel 2022
- Broadening Our Approach: A Workshop on Comparative Political Communication, paper panel 2022
- 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: Intermediate in Russian, French