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Academic appointments

Associate Professor of Political Science, IE University (effective September 2025)

Faculty Affiliate, Global Policy Center, IE University (2024–)

Assistant Professor of Political Science, IE University (2018–)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Program in Quantitative Social Science, Dartmouth College (2016–2018)

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Northwestern University (2016)

M.A., Political Science, Northwestern University (2013)

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science and Sociology, Florida State University (2010)

Peer-reviewed publications

"Populism and misinformation." 2024. In *The Ideational Approach to Populism* (Angelos Chryssogelos et al., eds.). New York: Routledge. (with Nina Wiesehomeier and Ethan Busby)

"Decider in Chief? Why and how the public exaggerates the power of the presidency." 2023. *Political Research Quarterly.* (with Scott Clifford, Brendan Nyhan, and Kasey Rhee)

"Evaluating the effects of vaccine messaging on immunization intentions and behavior: Evidence from two randomized controlled trials in Vermont." 2021. *Vaccine* 39(40): 5909–5917. (with Katherine Clayton, Christine Finley, Meredith Graves, and Brendan Nyhan)

"The effects of corrective information about epidemics and outbreaks: Evidence from Zika and yellow fever in Brazil." 2020. *Science Advances* 6(5). (with John Carey, Victoria Chi, Brendan Nyhan, and Thomas Zeitzoff)

"Misinformation, economic threat, and public support for international trade." 2020. *Review of International Political Economy* 29(2): 571–597. (with Yusaku Horiuchi and Dong Zhang)

"More accurate, but no less polarized: Comparing the factual beliefs of government officials and the public." 2020. *British Journal of Political Science* 51(3): 1315–1322. (with Nathan Lee, Brendan Nyhan, and Jason Reifler)

"Misinformation and the justification of socially undesirable preferences." 2019. *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 6(1): 5–16. (with Yanna Krupnikov)

"Studying framing effects on political preferences: Existing research and lingering questions." In *Doing news framing analysis II: Empirical and theoretical perspectives* (Paul D'Angelo, ed.). 2018. New York: Routledge. (with Ethan Busby and James N. Druckman)

"Secessionist social services reduce the public costs of civilian killings: Experimental evidence from the United States and United Kingdom." 2018. *Research & Politics*. (with Megan A. Stewart)

"Explaining public opposition to refugee resettlement: The role of NIMBYism and perceived threats." 2017. *Science Advances* 3(9). (with Jeremy A. Ferwerda and Yusaku Horiuchi)

"The nature and origins of misperceptions: Understanding false and unsupported beliefs about politics." 2017. *Advances in Political Psychology* 38(S1): 127–150. (with Brendan Nyhan and Jason Reifler)

"How partisan conflict in Congress affects public opinion: Strategies, outcomes, and issue differences." 2016. *American Politics Research* 44(5): 875–902. (with Laurel Harbridge)

Other publications	"Desinformación entre adolescentes en España: desafíos y oportunidades de mejora en la escuela y online." 2025. *Papeles de Economía Española*. (with Carlos Lastra-Anadón)

"Socioeconomic, informational, and attitudinal predictors of fake news belief: Survey evidence from four countries." 2024. RSIS Policy Brief, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore). (with Gulizar Haciyakupoglu and Nina Wiesehomeier).

"The role of an informed public in democratic systems." 2023. In *Democracy Affirming Technologies: Aligning Technology with Public Interest and Social Good*. Policy report for Tech4Democracy, IE Center for the Governance of Change and U.S. Department of State.

"¿Quién se cree las 'fake news' en España?" 2020. Social Observatory of La Caixa Foundation. (with Nina Wiesehomeier)

Grants	Social Research Grant, Fundación Caixa (Spain). 2024. "Schooling against fake news: Developing and testing curricular interventions to improve digital literacy among European youth" (with Carlos Lastra Anadón). 114,466€.

Faculty research grant, Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs. 2020. Research into misinformation in Asia and the United States (with Gulizar Haciyakupoglu and Nina Wiesehomeier). $8,300.

Survey research grant, Fundación Caixa (Spain). 2019. "Misinformation in Spain in the age of populism" (with Nina Wiesehomeier). 23,250€.

UECS Omnibus Study, Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (Mexico). 2018. Survey time for "The Effectiveness of Fact-Checking During a Presidential Campaign: Experimental Evidence from the Debate over Security Issues in Mexico."

Building Capacity for Science Communication Research Grant, National Academy of Sci-

ences (USA). 2017. "Evaluating New Approaches to Promoting Vaccination" (with Bridget Ahrens, Christine Finley, Shari Levine, and Brendan Nyhan). $37,500.

Research grant from the program in Decision, Risk, and Management Sciences, National Science Foundation (USA). 2016. "The Prevalence and Causes of Conspiracy Belief about Disease Outbreaks" (with John Carey, Victoria Chi, Brendan Nyhan, and Thomas Zeitzoff). $56,732.

Research grant, Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College. 2016. "The Prevalence and Causes of Conspiracy Belief about Disease Outbreaks" (with John Carey, Victoria Chi, Brendan Nyhan, and Thomas Zeitzoff). $3,500.

American Press Institute Research Grant. 2016. Research into the effects of political fact-checking. $4,400.

Behavioral Research Grant, Qualtrics. 2015. "How Do Rebel Groups Gain Support? Evidence from Survey Experiments" (with Megan Stewart). $2,520.

Graduate Research Grant (doctoral dissertation support), Northwestern University. 2015. $500.

Mentored Research and Creative Endeavors Award (undergraduate thesis support), Florida State University. 2009. $1,000.

Current research (selected)	"Populism and belief in fake news: Experimental evidence from four countries" (with Nina Wiesehomeier).

"Measuring emotions in surveys: A comparative validation approach" (with Nina Wiesehomeier).

"Exploring the role of emotion in correcting misperceptions" (with Nina Wiesehomeier).

"Skills or motivations? Pathways to digital literacy among Spanish teens" (with Carlos Lastra-Anadón).

"Developing and testing curricular interventions to improve digital literacy among European youth" (with Carlos Lastra-Anadón).

"Political knowledge as inoculation against misinformation."

"When facts matter."

Conferences and talks	Co-organizer (with Irene Menéndez González and Carlos Lastra-Anadón); IE/CIVICA Workshop on Technology, Globalization, and Democracy; October 2025 (scheduled).

"Skills or motivation? Pathways to digital literacy among European youth" (with Carlos Lastra-Anadón). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Vancouver, September 2025 (scheduled).

Co-organizer (with Nina Wiesehomeier); IE Workshop on Public Opinion, Representation,

and Democracy; June 2025.

"Skills or motivation? Pathways to digital literacy among European youth" (with Carlos Lastra-Anadón). IE Workshop on Public Opinion, Representation, and Democracy; June 2025.

"Measuring emotions in surveys: A comparative validation approach" (with Nina Wiesehomeier). International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences, Valencia (Spain), May 2025.

Panelist, "US elections: results, reactions, and the road ahead," AYLA Society Madrid, November 2024.

"Populism and belief in fake news: Experimental evidence from four countries" (with Nina Wiesehomeier). Workshop on Disinformation, Centre for Political Research (CEVIPOF), SciencesPo Paris, October 2024.

"Skills-based and motivational interventions to improve digital literacy among Spanish teenagers: A pre-analysis plan" (with Carlos Lastra Anadón). Inaugural Workshop of the Madrid Empirical Social Sciences Network, October 2024.

"Teaching quantitative methods to beginners: Challenges and best practices" (authors-meet-critics panel for Llaudet and Imai 2022, *Data Analysis for Social Science*). International Conference of Europeanists, Lyon, July 2024.

"Populism, emotion, and fake news endorsement" (with Nina Wiesehomeier). International Conference of Europeanists, Lyon, July 2024.

"Populism, emotion, and fake news endorsement" (with Nina Wiesehomeier). Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, March 2024.

"Populism and the persistence of misinformation: Experimental evidence from four countries" (with Nina Wiesehomeier). IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Buenos Aires, July 2023.

Invited researcher, Workshop on Information Ecosystems, USAID and National Opinion Research Center, August 2022.

"Populism and the persistence of misinformation: Experimental evidence from Europe" (with Nina Wiesehomeier). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2020. Cancelled due to Covid–19.

"Populism and the persistence of misinformation: Experimental evidence from Europe" (with Nina Wiesehomeier). Conference on Conspiracy Theories, University of Miami, March 2020. Cancelled due to Covid–19.

"Best practices in combating misinformation: Lessons from experimental research." Nanyang Technological University (Singapore), November 2019.

"Misinformation, economic threat, and opposition to international trade" (with Yusaku

Horiuchi and Dong Zhang). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2019.

"Decider in chief? Public misperceptions about presidential power" (with Scott Clifford and Brendan Nyhan). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2017.

"Misperceptions, corrections, and the structure of political opinions" (with Caitlin Davies). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2017.

"Measuring fact check impact." Global Fact 4 (conference organized by the International Fact-Checking Network), Madrid, July 2017.

"Why facts and science don't always change people's minds" (with Brendan Nyhan). Talks at Google, May 2017.

"Decider in chief? Public misperceptions about presidential power" (with Scott Clifford and Brendan Nyhan). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2017.

"Misperceptions, corrections, and the structure of political opinions" (with Caitlin Davies). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2017.

"The effects of political fact-checking." American Press Institute Conference on Fact-Checking in Election 2016; Washington, DC; January 2017.

"The scope and correlates of political misperceptions in the mass public." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016.

"How do international audiences evaluate insurgent groups? Evidence from survey experiments" (with Megan A. Stewart). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016.

"How (mis)information affects elite responsiveness and persuasion." 2016 Dartmouth Experiments Conference, July 2016.

"When corrections work: The political psychology of misinformation." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016.

"Breaking apart 'compromise': When and why the public rewards bipartisanship in Congress" (with Laurel Harbridge). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, Chicago, November 2015.

"When corrections work: The political psychology of misinformation." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2015.

"Misinformation and candidate evaluation" (poster). Center for the Study of American Politics, Yale University, June 2015.

"Misinformation and candidate evaluation." Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association; New Haven, CT; April 2015.

"Misinformation and candidate evaluation." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2015.

"How partisan conflict in Congress affects public opinion: Strategies, outcomes, and issue differences" (with Laurel Harbridge). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2015.

"Misinformation and candidate evaluation." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 2015.

"Strategic msinformation: Why people retain some errors but quickly dismiss others" (with Yanna Krupnikov). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Washington, D.C.; August 2014.

"How partisan conflict is better *and* worse than legislative compromise" (with Laurel Harbridge). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association; Washington, D.C.; August 2014.

Fellowships and awards	Distinguished Junior Scholar Award, Political Psychology Section, American Political Science Association, 2016
	Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2016
	University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2011–12 and 2015–16
	Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Ford Center for Global Citizenship, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, 2014–15
	Graduate Fellowship, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, 2012–13
	Phi Beta Kappa, fall 2009 (early election)
	Golden Key International Honour Society, 2009
Additional training	Advanced Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference, Northwestern Law School, 2013
	ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, 2012
	Winter Institute in Political Methods, Texas A&M University, 2012
Teaching	Recognition for teaching excellence (mean evaluation of 4.5+ out of 5 in at least one course); IE University; 2018–19, 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25
	Courses [u = undergraduate; g = graduate]

Comparative Politics of Europe and North America [g], IE University

Data Analytics and Decision Making [g], IE University

Econometrics and Data Analysis [g], IE University

Surveys and Experiments [g], IE University

Public Opinion and Political Communication [u], IE University

Research Methods [u], IE University

Technology and Democracy [u], IE University

US Politics [u], IE University

Misperceptions in Politics [u], Dartmouth College

Workshops

Democracy and Misinformation (co-taught with Nina Wiesehomeier), CIVICA Honours Seminar, IE University. January 2025.

Causal Inference and Experiments, GESIS Spring Seminar, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences. March 2021.

Survey Experiments and Causal Inference, Barcelona Summer School in Survey Methodology, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. July 2019, 2020.

Design and Analysis of Survey Experiments, International Graduate Conference, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. December 2019.

Experimental Research in Legislative Studies, ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, University of Lisbon. August 2019.

Misinformation and Fake News in World Politics, IE Summer School. July 2019.

Advising (since 2018)

Thesis supervision: 2 Master's, 11 undergraduate

Capstone project supervision: 11 Master's, 2 undergraduate

Outside reader on approximately 25 thesis/capstone projects (Master's and undergraduate)

Affiliations   Faculty Affiliate, Global Policy Center, IE University, 2024–pres.

Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Governance of Change, IE University, 2018–pres.

Affiliate, Madrid Empirical Social Science (MESS) Network, 2023—pres.

Affiliated researcher, Tech4Democracy Challenge, IE University and US Department of State, 2022–24.

Visiting appointments	Centre for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town, January–May 2026 (scheduled)
	Centre for Political Research, SciencesPo Paris, November 2023
Service	Reviewer, *Administration and Society*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Cognitive Research*, *Communication Research*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Electoral Studies*, *HKS Misinformation Review*, *International Journal of Information Technology & Decision Making*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Journalism and Media*, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Management Information Systems*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *PLOS ONE*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Research & Politics*, *Social Science Computer Review*, AAPOR Annual Conference, Austrian Science Fund, GESIS Panel Study (Germany), Israel Science Foundation, National Science Center (Poland), National Science Foundation (USA), Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan), NWO (Dutch Research Council), Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences
	Organizer and panelist, "What happened? US election results and implications for global affairs" (event for students/staff), IE University. Biennially since 2020
	Faculty search committee; School of Politics, Economics, and Global Affairs; IE University; 2019–20 (x2) and 2021–22 (x2)
	Lecture for prospective students on US elections; School of Politics, Economics, and Global Affairs; IE University; semi-annually since 2018
	Panelist, faculty roundtable on experimental research, IE University, November 2019
	Supervisor of end-of-degree capstone program; School of Politics, Economics, and Global Affairs; IE University; 2018–20 (undergraduate and graduate) and 2020–pres. (graduate)
	Member of the Academic Advisory Board, *International Policy Review* (undergraduate journal), IE University, 2019–pres.
	Co-founder (with Seth Frey), Postdoctoral Seminar in the Quantitative and Computational Sciences, Dartmouth College, 2017–18
	"Introduction to LaTeX" presentation for political science graduate students, Northwestern University, May 2014
	Discussant, panel for international graduate students on US presidential politics, Northwestern University, November 2012