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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, The Ohio State University, December 2025

Dissertation: *Negative Public Opinion: How Normalized Out-Group Biases Shape Politics*

Committee: Thomas J. Wood (Chair), Thomas E. Nelson, Nicole D. Yadon

M.A. Political Science, The Ohio State University, May 2024

Candidacy Exams: American Politics & Political Methodology

Minor: Political Psychology

M.A. Social Science, Georgia Southern University, December 2020

Specializations: Political Science & Sociology

B.A. Political Science (Highest Honors), Georgia Southern University, May 2019

Minors: Asian Studies & Writing

Research Interests

Public Opinion, Race & Ethnicity Politics, Identity Politics, Political Behavior, Survey & Experimental Research

Appointments¹

Academic

Research Associate, Professor Ryan Kennedy, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, May 2024–August 2025

Research Associate, Energy Markets & Policy Group, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University, June 2023–August 2024

Distinguished University Fellow, The Ohio State University Graduate School, August 2021–May 2023 & May 2025–December 2025

Teaching Associate, Department of Political Science, Georgia Southern University, February 2019–December 2020

Professional

Survey Manager, Survey 160, April 2025–Present

Research Contractor, Unify America, July 2022–July 2025

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2025, Online First. Authoritarian Indoctrination in Putin's Russia: Evidence from Higher Education Staff. *Democratization*. (With Nikita Makarchev, Xin Tao, Iurri Shliakov, Chunwen Xiao, Bohao Yao, Trung Ching Dang, Duy Anh Le, Albert Park).

2025, Online First. Electoral Benefits of Pork Barrel Politics in the U.S. (Review Article). *Political Studies Review*. (With Lara Wessel).

2025. Efficiency and Consumer Welfare Under Retail Electricity Deregulation: Analysis of Ohio's Retail Choice Markets. *Journal of Critical Infrastructure Policy*, 6(1). (With Noah Dormady, William Welch, Yufan Ji, Abdollah Shafieezadeh, Alberto Lamadrid, Matthew Hoyt, Samantha Fox).

¹ A list of collaborative research projects I have worked on, along with my role in each, is available on my website.

2023. The Homeland: The Media and Terrorism in a World Adrift. *International Journal of Security Studies & Practice*, 3(1), Article 7. (With Jose da Cruz).
2021. U.S. Immigration and Human Trafficking Overlap. *International Social Science Review*, 97(4), 1-21. (With Jose da Cruz).
2021. Collective (Mis)Representation of U.S. Immigration Laws. *Migration Letters*, 18(5), 519-532.
2021. Exploring Immigrant (In)Security: Arizona, California, New York, and Texas. *International Social Science Review*, 97(1), 1-33.
2020. Cyber Mercenaries: A New Threat to National Security. *International Social Science Review*, 96(2), 1-33. (With Jose da Cruz).
2020. The Future of Wars: Artificial Intelligence and Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems. *International Journal of Security Studies*, 2(1), 1-29. (With Jose da Cruz).

Book Chapters

2022. Exploring the Culture of Digital Resistance in India: The *Nirbhaya* Effect (pp. 96-132). In *Nonviolent Resistance in the Contemporary World: Case Studies from India, Poland, and Turkey*. Routledge. (With Nalanda Roy).
2021. Understanding the Face of Humanity: The Rohingya Genocide (pp. 293-340). In *Nationalism: Past as Prologue*. Nova Science Publishers Inc. (With Nalanda Roy).
2020. Policy Tables 2.1-2.5 (pp. 35-42); Birthright Citizenship and the 14th Amendment (pp. 56-62); Maintaining the Balance (pp. 64-70); The Future of Immigration (pp. 92-102). In *Exploring the Tripod: Immigration, Security, and Economy in the Post-9/11 United States*. Lexington Books.

Essays & Book Reviews

2024. Reimagining Democracy: Expanding U.S. Voting Rights beyond Citizenship. (Peer-Reviewed Conversations Essay). *Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science*, 58(November Issue), 82-89.
2024. Americans in Waiting: The Lost Story of Immigration and Citizenship in the United States by Hiroshi Motomura. (Book Review). *Immigrants & Minorities*, 42(1), 233-235.
2022. Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America by Mae Ngai. (Book Review). *Immigrants & Minorities*, 40(1), 99-101.
2021. The “Huddled Masses” Myth: Immigration and Civil Rights by Kevin Johnson. (Book Review). *Migration Letters*, 18(3), 361-362.
2020. Making Foreigners: Immigration and Citizenship Law in America, 1600-2000 by Kunal Parker. (Book Review). *Migration Letters*, 17(4), 559-560.
2019. Nonviolent Resistance: A Philosophical Introduction by Todd May. (Book Review). *Journal of Resistance Studies*, 5(2), 129-132. (With Nalanda Roy).

Miscellaneous (Non-Academic)

Fiction Books: Published under the penname [Nicholas Rinth](#).

2025. *Heartstone: The Diamond Alps*. (pp. 314).
2020. *Heartstone: The Weeping Grove*. (pp. 542).
2018. *Heartstone: The Red Veld*. (pp. 424).
2017. *Heartstone: The Drowned Tower*. (pp. 386).
2017. *Sitting in Silence*. (pp. 160).

Public Engagement & Scholarship

(Active Contributor). 2025, September to Present. Methodological Research Blog. *Survey 160*.
<https://www.survey160.com/read-the-blog>.
 2025, July. Notes from the Field: Steph Pedron. (Blog Post). *Mershon Center for International Security Studies*. <https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/news/notes-field-steph-pedron>.
 2024, March. Unify Montrose: Deliberation on Childcare Report. (NPO Report). *Unify America*. (With Harry Nathan Gottlieb, Sara Drury, Morgan Lasher, Tom Haley, Matt Byrne, Joshua Chittum, Molly Ostrem, Alex Gibson, Kylie Settlemyre, Helena Burgueño).
<https://www.unifyamerica.org/post/unify-montrose-final-montrose-deliberation-community-report>.

Work in Progress

AI Told Me to Do It: Exploring Blame Attribution in AI-Guided Decision-Making. (With Ryan Kennedy, Zachary Zwald, Cindy Xiong Bearfield, Kylie Lin, Christy Oh, and Adrian Calmettes).
 Cultural Attributions: Multi-Race Study. (With Thomas Nelson and Katie Gouge).
 Echoes of Conspiracy: Tracing Deep-State Rhetoric in Congressional E-Newsletters. (With Joanne Miller).
 Impact of Framing on Willingness to Use AI in Battlefield Situations. (With Ryan Kennedy, Zachary Zwald, Cindy Xiong Bearfield, Kylie Lin, Christy Oh, and Adrian Calmettes).
 Measuring Latent Trust Across Different Visualization Scenarios. (With Ryan Kennedy, Zachary Zwald, Cindy Xiong Bearfield, Kylie Lin, Christy Oh, and Adrian Calmettes).
 Testing Reaction to AI Information Under Conditions of Monotony. (With Ryan Kennedy, Zachary Zwald, Cindy Xiong Bearfield, Kylie Lin, Christy Oh, and Adrian Calmettes).
 The First Broken Window: The Political Consequences of Disorder. (With Arvind Krishnamurthy, Charles Nathan, and Curtis Bram).
 The Pursuit of Effective Supervisory Control: An Examination of Individual, Information, Machine, and Situational Drivers of Human Trust in AI-Generated Analysis. (With Zachary Zwald, Ryan Kennedy, Cindy Xiong Bearfield, Kylie Lin, Minsuk Chang, Christy Oh, and Adrian Calmettes).

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

Academic Mentorship Grant (\$8,000), Institute for Humane Studies, *Grant IHS019471*, 2025-2026 (with Joanne Miller, University of Delaware)
 Dreher Award (\$1,500), Gregory Caldeira, Distinguished Professor of Political Science & Dreher Chair in Political Communication, The Ohio State University, 2025
 Political Science Department Research Grant (\$2,500), The Ohio State University, 2025-2026
 Graduate Research Grant (\$2,500), Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University, 2025-2026
 Humane Studies Fellowship (\$5,000), Institute for Humane Studies, *Grant IHS018995*, 2025
 Methodology Center Summer Institute Scholarship (\$3,000), Methodology Center Summer Institute on Longitudinal Data Analysis, Purdue University, 2025
 Political Science Conference Travel Award (\$1,250), The Ohio State University, 2025-2026
 Political Science Professional Training Award (\$500), The Ohio State University, 2025
 Research Expense Support Grant (\$3,000), Institute for Humane Studies, *Grant IHS018597*, 2024-2025
 Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship (\$5,000), The Ohio State University Graduate School, 2024-2025
 Humane Studies Fellowship (\$3,000), Institute for Humane Studies, *Grant IHS018632*, 2024

Career Development Grant (\$350), Council of Graduate Studies, The Ohio State University, Funding Period 2, 2024
 Political Science Conference Travel Award (\$750 per annum), The Ohio State University, 2023-2025
 Political Science Department Research Grant (\$1,500), The Ohio State University, 2023-2024
 Dreher Award (\$1,500), Gregory Caldeira, Distinguished Professor of Political Science & Dreher Chair in Political Communication, The Ohio State University, 2023
 International Travel Award (\$1,300), GSSR Polish Academy of Science, 2023
 Political Science Department Summer Scholarship (\$14,190 multi-summer stipend), The Ohio State University, 2023 & 2025
 Political Science Conference Travel Award (\$500), The Ohio State University, 2022
 Distinguished University Fellowship (\$66,420 multi-year stipend + tuition), The Ohio State University Graduate School, 2022-2023 & 2025-2026
 University Fellowship (\$30,420 stipend + tuition), The Ohio State University Graduate School, 2021-2022
 Outstanding Asian Studies Minor Student, Georgia Southern University, 2019

Presentations

(*Invited; **Workshops & Other Talks)

2026, April. *Do Blacks and Whites Both Think that Culture Helps Explain Racial Inequality?* [Paper presentation with Thomas Nelson and Katie Gouge]. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

2026, April. *Who Shares Conspiracy Theory Content? A Descriptive Analysis of U.S. Congress Members' Use of Deep State Language in their Official Electronic Newsletters.* [Paper presentation with Joanne Miller]. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

*2025, December. *Broadcasting Alt-Right Ideology: Epiphanic Attitude Shifts among People of Color* [Paper presentation]. Institute for Humane Studies Winter Graduate Conference. Virtual.

*2025, September. *Broadcasting Alt-Right Ideology: Epiphanic Attitude Shifts among People of Color* [Paper presentation]. Institute for Humane Studies Workshop at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, Canada.

**2025, September. *Negative Public Opinion* [Dissertation articles presentation]. Political Psychology Workshop (Department of Political Science, OSU). Columbus, OH.

*2025, May. *Who Commits Voter Fraud? Public (Mis)Perceptions of Americans* [Paper presentation]. Institute for Humane Studies Summer Graduate Conference. Virtual.

**2025, April. *Examining Human Trust in AI-Generated Intelligence Analysis* [Multiple projects stakeholder briefing, co-prepared slides]. U.S. Army Capabilities Development Command Analysis Center (DEVCOM DAC). Virtual.

2025, April. *Who Commits Voter Fraud? Public (Mis)Perceptions of Americans* [Paper panel]. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

**2025, April. *Who Commits Voter Fraud? Public (Mis)Perceptions of Americans* [Paper presentation]. American Politics Workshop (Department of Political Science, OSU). Columbus, OH.

2023, October. *Determinants of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA): Preliminary Evidence from Ohio* [Paper presentation, co-prepared slides]. The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ.

**2023, April. *Interminority Antipathy: Racial Resentment in Asian American Public Opinion*. [Paper presentation]. American Politics Workshop (Department of Political Science, OSU). Columbus, OH.

**2022, April. *Racial Minorities and Extreme Conservatism* [Paper proposal presentation]. American Politics Workshop (Department of Political Science, OSU). Columbus, OH.

2022, February. *U.S. State Immigration Policy Expansion: An Alternative Measure for Economic Threat* [Paper presentation]. Atlanta Symposium on Political Science. Atlanta, GA.

2019, April. *Understanding Digital Resistance in India: The Story of Nirbhaya* [Poster presentation]. Georgia Southern University Research Symposium. Savannah, GA.

Teaching

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Teaching Associate
Generative AI and LLMs for Social and Political Analysis, SU2025, Virtual (30 students)

Georgia Southern University, Teaching Associate

POLS 1101: American Government, AU2019, SP2020, AU2020 (two sections per term, 200+ students per section)

INTS 2130: Introduction to International Relations, SU2019 (50 students)

Affiliations, Past & Present

American Association for Public Opinion Research & New York Chapter (NYAAPOR)

American Political Science Association

Asian Pacific American Caucus, APSA-Related Group

Machine-Assisted Human Decision-Making (MAHD) Lab, The Ohio State University

Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Midwest Political Science Association

The Erdős Institute

Translational Data Analytics Institute, The Ohio State University

Software

R (RStudio)	Python	SQL	HTML	Alchemer	Wordpress
Qualtrics	GitHub	LaTeX	SAS	Tableau	

Languages

Filipino (Native)