

# Stephanie Pedron

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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

**Appointments**

**Industry**  
Research Data Scientist (L4), Google, Ads Insight and Measurement, May 2026–Present  
Research Consultant, Second Raven, January 2026–Present  
Survey Scientist, Survey 160, April 2025–March 2026  
Research Contractor, Unify America, July 2022–July 2025

**Academic**  
Distinguished University Fellow, The Ohio State University Graduate School, August 2021–May 2023 & May 2025–December 2025  
Research Associate, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, May 2024–May 2025  
Research Associate, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University, June 2023–August 2024  
Teaching Associate, Department of Political Science, Georgia Southern University, February 2019–December 2020

**Publications<sup>1</sup>**

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

2025. 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. Electoral Benefits of Pork Barrel Politics in the U.S. (Review Article). *Political Studies Review*, 23(4), 1094-1103. (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).

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

(With Noah Dormady, William Welch, Yufan Ji, Abdollah Shafieezadeh, Alberto Lamadrid, Matthew Hoyt, Samantha Fox).

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

(Active Contributor). 2026, January to Present. *Second Raven Newsletter*. *Second Raven*.

## Engagement &

2025, September to 2026, March. *Methodological Research Blog*. *Survey 160*.

## Scholarship

2025, November. (Multiple Project Report) *The Pursuit of Effective Supervisory Control: An Examination of Individual, Information, Machine, and Situational Drivers of Human Trust in AI-Generated Analysis*. *U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Data & Analysis Center*. (With Zachary Zwald, Ryan Kennedy, Cindy Xiong Bearfield, Kylie Lin, Christy Oh, Adrian Calmettes).

2025, July. *Notes from the Field: Steph Pedron*. (Blog Post). *Mershon Center for International Security Studies*.

2024, March. *Unify Montrose: Deliberation on Childcare Report*. (NPO Report, co-author). *Unify America*.

## Software

**citehelpR** (R Package)

This package checks and converts references in academic documents. It flags missing in-text citations and uncited references in a document and can convert bibliographies between APA and Chicago styles.

**dopplr** (R Package with Ryan Kennedy)

This package generates and evaluates synthetic survey data. It can simulate responses based on real respondents' profiles, create synthetic respondents and datasets that mirror the structure and distributions of real data, and generate multiple synthetic data variations. Additional features include weighting synthetic respondents, quality checks, and synthetic data tuning.

**R Framework for AI-Assisted Interviews** (designed for Second Raven with Ryan Kennedy)

End-to-end R framework that streamlines data cleaning and analysis, performs quality checks, and generates custom newsletters and PowerPoint presentations using large language models.

**R Survey Data Processing System** (designed for Survey 160)

Proprietary suite of R templates developed to automate survey data preparation, cleaning, and text classification within company research pipelines. Designed for reproducibility and internal consistency across cross-functional teams. I also developed an R-based model designed to detect AI-generated text in free-response survey data.

## 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, *Award Declined*, 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, *Award Declined*, 2023  
 Political Science Department Summer Scholarship (\$14,190 multi-summer stipend), The Ohio State University, 2023 & 2025  
 Political Science Conference Travel Award (\$570), The Ohio State University, 2022  
 Distinguished University Fellowship (\$66,420 multi-year stipend, plus tuition), The Ohio State University Graduate School, 2022-2023 & 2025-2026  
 University Fellowship (\$30,420 stipend, plus 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, co-prepared slides]. 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, co-prepared slides]. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

\*\*2026, March. *Do Blacks and Whites Both Think that Culture Helps Explain Racial Inequality?* [Paper presentation with Thomas Nelson, co-prepared slides]. Political Psychology Workshop (Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University). Columbus, OH.

\*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, The Ohio State University). 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, The Ohio State University). 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, The Ohio State University). Columbus, OH.
- \*\*2022, April. *Racial Minorities and Extreme Conservatism* [Paper presentation]. American Politics Workshop (Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University). 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**

**Teaching Associate**

- Generative AI and LLMs for Social and Political Analysis, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), SU2025, (Virtual, 30 students)
- POLS 1101: American Government, Georgia Southern University, AU2019, SP2020, AU2020 (Two sections per term, 200+ students per section)
- INTS 2130: Introduction to International Relations, Georgia Southern University, SU2019 (50 students)

**Affiliations,  
Past & Present**

- American Association for Public Opinion Research
  - Chapters: New York Chapter (NYAAPOR) & Pacific Chapter (PAPOR)
- American Political Science Association
  - Caucus: Asian Pacific American Caucus
- Collaborative on the Science of Polarization and Misinformation, The Ohio State University
- Machine-Assisted Human Decision-Making (MAHD) Lab, The Ohio State University
- Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University
- Midwest Political Science Association
- The Erdős Institute
- Translational Data Analytics Institute, The Ohio State University

**Technical**

R (RStudio)	Python	Qualtrics	Jupyter	Markdown	HTML
BigQuery	SQL	Tableau	PyCharm	Alchemer	Wordpress
GitHub	Colab	LaTeX	SAS	Forsta	

**Languages**

Filipino (Native)