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## Employment

**Vanderbilt University**, Nashville, TN

Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science, Fall 2018– .

Associate Chair and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Fall 2020- Spring 2023.

**New York University**, New York, NY

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, Fall 2012–Spring 2018.

## Education

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2012.

**Creighton University**, Omaha, NE

B.A. in Mathematics and Political Science, summa cum laude, 2006.

## Publications

### Books

*Applying Fuzzy Mathematics to Formal Models in Comparative Politics*. Springer, 2008. With Terry D. Clark, Joshua D. Potter, John N. Mordeson, and Mark J. Wierman.

### Articles

“Sometimes Less is More: When Aggregating Networks Masks Effects” with Pedro Rodríguez, 2022. In *Complex Networks and Their Applications XI*, Eds. Hocine Cherifi, Rosario Nunzio Mantegna, Luis M. Rocha, Chantal Cherifi, and Salvatore Micciche. Springer Studies in Computational Intelligence, 2022.

“From Chatter to Action: How Social Networks Inform and Motivate in Rural Uganda” with Janet I. Lewis and Pedro Rodríguez, 2022. *British Journal of Political Science*, 52(4), pp. 1769–1789.

“#polisci Twitter: A Descriptive Analysis of how Political Scientists Use Twitter in 2019” with James Bisbee and Kevin Munger, 2022. *Perspectives on Politics*, 20(3), pp. 879–900.

“Networks of Conflict and Cooperation,” 2021. *Annual Review of Political Science*. Vol 24, pp. 89–107.

“Measuring Networks in the Field” with Janet I. Lewis, 2020. *Political Science Research and Methods* 8(1), pp. 123–135.

“Social Networks and Protest Participation: Evidence from 130 Million Twitter Users” with Jonathan Nagler, Jonathan Ronen, and Joshua A. Tucker, 2019. *American Journal of Political Science* 63(3), pp. 690–705.

“Collective Action in the Information Age: How Social Media Shapes the Character and Success of Protests,” 2019. In *Protest and Democracy*, Eds. Moisés Arce and Roberta Rice. University of Calgary Press.

“Rumors, Kinship Networks, and Rebel Group Formation” with Janet I. Lewis, 2018. *International Organization* 72(3), pp. 871–903.

“Why the West Became Wild: Informal Governance with Incomplete Networks,” 2017. *World Politics* 69(4), pp. 713–749.

“Testing Social Science Network Theories with Online Network Data: An Evaluation of External Validity” with James Bisbee, 2017. *American Political Science Review* 111(3), pp. 502–521.

“The Weakness of Weak Ties for Novel Information Diffusion,” 2017. *Applied Network Science* 2(14), DOI 10.1007/s41109-017-0034-3.

“Networks and Interethnic Cooperation,” 2017. *Journal of Politics* 79(2), pp. 546–559.

“Ethnic Networks” with Janet I. Lewis, 2017. *American Journal of Political Science* 61(2), pp. 350–364.

“Information Diffusion in Heterogeneous Groups,” in *Complex Networks and Their Applications V*, Eds. Hocine Cherifi, Sabrina Gaito, Walter Quattrociocchi, and Alessandra Sala. Springer Studies in Computational Intelligence, 2016.

“The Evolutionary Advantage of Limited Network Knowledge,” 2016. *Journal of Theoretical Biology* June 7, 398, pp. 43–51. doi: 10.1016/j.jtbi.2016.03.017.

“Interethnic Conflict and the Potential Dangers of Cross-Group Ties,” 2016. *Journal of Peace Research* 53:3, pp. 459–471.

“Extension of the Portfolio Allocation Model to Surplus Majority Governments: A Fuzzy Approach,” 2008. *Public Choice* 134:3, pp. 179–199. With Terry D. Clark, John N. Mordeson, and Mark J. Wierman.

“Choice Functions and Upper Choice Functions,” 2008. *New Mathematics and Natural Computation* 4:2, pp. 177–190. With Terry D. Clark, John N. Mordeson, and Mark J. Wierman.

“Specifying Theories in Comparative Politics: Toward a More Thoroughly Deductive Approach,” 2007. *New Mathematics and Natural Computation* 3:2, pp. 165–189. With Terry D. Clark, Adam D. Grieser, John N. Mordeson, and Mark J. Wierman.

“Applying Fuzzy Logic to Comparative Politics: A Proposal,” 2007. *Critical Review* 1:1, pp. 19–23. With Terry D. Clark, John N. Mordeson, and Mark J. Wierman.

**Books Under Review**

*Designing Empirical Social Networks Research. 2022.*

**Articles Under Review**

“Reducing Prejudice Towards Refugees in Uganda: Evidence that Social Networks Influence Attitude Change” with Janet I. Lewis.

“The Risk of Aggregating Networks when Diffusion is Tie-Specific” with Pedro Rodríguez.

“Distributional Consequences of Technology Seeding: Evidence from a Field Experiment in the Congo” with Paul Hofman, Peter van der Windt, and Maarten Voors.

**Grants**

National Science Foundation, \$582,695 with Janet Lewis, 2022-2024. “Reducing Prejudice Towards Refugees: How Social Networks Reinforce and Unravel Attitude Change.”

Innovations for Poverty Action Peace and Recovery, \$36,220 with Janet Lewis, 2021. ”Pilot Study: Reducing Prejudice Towards Refugees.”

**Invited Talks**

2022-2023

Caltech, Empirical Models of Political Economy

2021-2022

Ohio State

UCSD

Latin American PolMeth, Keynote

2020-2021

Stanford University

2019-2020

Harvard University

2018-2019

Columbia University

University of Maryland

University of Wisconsin, Madison

NYU Abu Dhabi

2017-2018

Princeton University

Army War College

Creighton University

Toulouse School of Economics/ Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse

2016-2017

University of Rochester, In the Field Conference

University of California Los Angeles

Yale University

London School of Economics, Historical Political Economy Conference

Creighton University

2015-2016

Emory University, Institutions and Lawmaking

Princeton University

George Washington University

2014-2015

CIRPÉE, Université du Québec à Montréal

University of Chicago Harris Empirical and Analytical Politics

Harvard University, Political Institutions and Economic Policy

University of St. Gallen, Networked International Politics

2013-2014

Princeton University

University of Pennsylvania

2012-2013  
University of Rochester

**Conference  
Presentations**

2022-2023  
Complex Networks, Palermo, Italy.  
Southern Political Science Association, Tampa, FL.  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2021-2022  
Overcoming Prejudice Against Immigrant Minorities Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

2019-2020  
American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.  
Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, Mexico City, Mexico.  
Southwest Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2018-2019  
American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.  
Political Networks, Durham, NC.

2017-2018  
Political Networks, Arlington, VA  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.  
Formal Models of Internal Violence Workshop, Peace Science, Tempe, AZ.  
American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

2016-2017  
European Political Science Association, Milan, Italy.  
Political Networks, Columbus, OH.  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.  
Complex Networks, Milan, Italy.  
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.

2015-2016  
Political Networks, St. Louis, MO.  
Institutional Change: The Origins and Evolution of Political Institutions, Paris, France.  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.  
American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

2014-2015  
European Political Science Association, Vienna, Austria.  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.  
International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.  
American Political Science Association Conference, Washington D.C.

2013-2014  
European Political Science Association, Endinburgh, UK.  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.  
American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

2012-2013  
Political Networks PolNet VI, Bloomington, IN.  
Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Hamburg, Germany.

Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL.  
International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.

2011-2012

Visions in Methodology Conference, State College, PA.  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.  
Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.

2010-2011

Peace Science Society Meeting, Forth Worth, TX.  
Duke Political Networks Conference, Durham, NC.  
American Political Science Association Conference, Washington D.C.  
Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference, New York, NY.

2009-2010

Harvard-MIT-Yale Graduate Student Conference on Political Violence, Cambridge, MA.  
Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL.  
Graduate Methods and Models Class, Cambridge, MA.

2009 AND EARLIER

R User Conference, Rennes, France. 2009.  
Markets, Labor, and Liberty: Symposium in the American Experience, Liberty Fund, Park City, UT. 2007.  
Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL. 2006.

## Teaching Experience

Professor

Topics in Network Analysis, Vanderbilt, Spring 2021, Spring 2023;  
Statistics I, Vanderbilt, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022;  
Introduction to International Politics, Vanderbilt, Fall 2019;  
Networks and Politics, Vanderbilt, Spring 2019, Spring 2022;  
Networks and Politics (POL-UA 597), NYU, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2017;  
Topics in Network Analysis (POL-GA 3200), NYU, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018;  
International Politics (POL-UA 700), NYU, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018.

Teaching Fellow

Networks (Econ 970), sophomore tutorial of my own design on network models, Harvard University, Spring 2010, Spring 2011;  
Redeeming Keynes (Econ-S 1936), professor Steven Marglin, Harvard University/ Ca'Foscari University of Venice, Summer 2011, Summer 2012;  
Economics: A Critical Approach (SA 72), professor Steven Marglin, Harvard University, Fall 2009, Summer 2010, Fall 2010;  
Corporate Finance (Econ-S 1749), professor Efraim Benmelech, Harvard University/ Ca'Foscari University of Venice, Summer 2010, Summer 2011, Summer 2012;  
Introduction to Quantitative Methods (Gov 2000), professor Adam Glynn, Harvard University, Fall 2008;  
Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (Gov 2001), professor Gary King, Harvard University, Spring 2008.

## Instructor

Nebraska Debate Institute, Summer 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009;  
Michigan National Debate Institute, Summer 2007;  
Kentucky National Debate Institute, Summer 2003, 2004, 2005.

## Service

### Journal Referee

Anonymous reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Organization*, *World Politics*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Political Analysis*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Social Networks*, *Computational Social Networks*, and *Iranian Journal of Fuzzy Systems*.

### Professional Service

President of APSA Networks Section 2019-20; PSRM Editorial Board; PA Editorial Board; JOP Editorial Board; APSA Experimental Research Section Best Dissertation Award Committee 2019; Instructor at the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research 2018; APSA Division Chair for Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research 2018-19; NSF Panelist; APSA Division Chair for Political Networks 2018; Poster Award Committee, Polnet Conference 2017; Best Conference Paper Award Committee, APSA Political Networks Section 2017; Conference Program Committee, Visions in Methodology 2017; Poster Award Committee, Polnet Conference 2016.

Harvard Statistics Consultant, Fall 2008-Spring 2012

## Honors, Fellowships and Awards

### AJPS Best Article Award, 2020

“Social Networks and Protest Participation: Evidence from 130 Million Twitter Users” (with Jonathan Nagler, Jonathan Ronen, and Joshua A. Tucker) selected as the best article appearing in AJPS in 2019.

### Information Technology and Politics Best Article Award, 2020

“Social Networks and Protest Participation: Evidence from 130 Million Twitter Users” (with Nagler, Ronen, and Tucker) selected as the best article of the year by the ITP section of APSA.

### Political Ties Award, 2020

“Social Networks and Protest Participation: Evidence from 130 Million Twitter Users” (with Nagler, Ronen, and Tucker) selected as the best published article of the year by the Political Networks section of APSA.

### Alexander L. George Article-Chapter Award, 2019

“Rumors, Kinship Networks, and Rebel Group Formation” (with Janet Lewis) selected by the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research section of APSA.

### AJPS Best Article Award, 2018

“Ethnic Networks” (with Janet Lewis) selected as the best article appearing in AJPS in 2017.

### Best Oral Presentation Award, 2016

Presentation of “Information Diffusion in Heterogeneous Groups” at Complex Networks in Milan, Italy.

### Best Conference Paper Award, 2016

Awarded by the Political Networks section of the APSA for the best paper presented by a faculty member at a political science conference for “Ethnic Networks” with Janet Lewis.

Invited Delegate, International Academy of Achievement, San Francisco, 2014  
One of 100 invited to represent fields of technology, medicine and science at the annual summit

Robert Noxon Toppan Dissertation Prize, 2012  
Awarded for “the best dissertation on the subject of political science” at Harvard University

Malcolm Jewell Award, 2012  
SPSA award for “outstanding graduate student paper”

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2011-2012  
One year of support for completing the dissertation

Best Paper Award, NYU Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference, 2010  
Awarded for “A Failure to Communicate: Networks and Interethnic Conflict”

Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy, Harvard University, 2008-2009  
One year of support for economics training

Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, 5-Time Recipient  
Awarded based on student evaluations from Gov 2001 (Spring 2008), Gov 2000 (Fall 2008), SA 72 (Fall 2009), Econ 970 (Spring 2010), and Econ 970 (Spring 2011).

Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, 2006-2011  
Full graduate fellowship

Creighton University Faculty Award for Academic Excellence in Political Science, 2006  
Awarded to a graduating senior at the discretion of political science faculty

Creighton University Faculty Award in Mathematics, 2006  
Awarded to a graduating senior at the discretion of mathematics faculty

Creighton University Senior Award, 2006  
Awarded to four graduating seniors at Creighton University

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, 2005-2006  
National award in mathematics, science and engineering

Clare Boothe Luce Scholarship, 2004-2006  
Awarded to “outstanding women in science” at Creighton University

Creighton Presidential Scholarship, 2002-2006  
Creighton University’s top academic scholarship

Winner of Tournament of Champions, 2002  
National championship for high school Lincoln-Douglas debate