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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Colby College, Waterville, Maine — Aug 2024 - present
Assistant Professor of Government
X+AI Affiliated Faculty, Davis Institute for Artificial Intelligence

William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia — 2023–2024
Associate Lab Director, Social Networks and Political Psychology Lab
Visiting Assistant Professor of Government

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
Postdoctoral Fellow in Race and Ethnic Politics — 2021–2023
Postdoctoral Advisor: Dr. Kevin Banda

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
Louise McNutt Dissertation Research Fellow — 2020–2021

EDUCATION

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana — August 2021
PhD in Political Science and Quantitative Methods; Minor field in Social Media Analysis
Dissertation: "Hate and Political Identity Online"
Dissertation chair: Dr. Edward Carmines

Indiana University Jacobs School of Music
BM in Oboe Performance — May 2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Race, ethnicity, and politics
- Alt-right and far-right digital movements
- Online political identity
- Social media mobilization and radicalization
- Censorship and deplatformed social media communities
- AI and society; political effects of algorithmic bias

PUBLICATIONS

Ferrillo, Vivian F. 2024. "r/The_Donald Had a Forum: How Socialization in Far-Right Social Media Communities Shapes Identity and Spreads Extreme Rhetoric." *American Politics Research* 52 (4): 432-450. https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X241240429.

WORKING PAPERS

Ferrillo, Vivian. "Banning the Alt-Right: Effective or Whack-a-Mole?" With reviewers at *Social Media and Society.*

Ferrillo, Vivian and Matthew C. Lucky. "HAL's Training Data: Latently Political AI and American Polarization." With reviewers at *Political Research Quarterly*.

IN DATA COLLECTION PHASE

Israel-Trummel, Mackenzie, Jaime Settle, Vivian Ferrillo, and Geneva Cole. "Trust, Attitudes toward Incarceration Policies, and Support for Change."

Ferrillo, Vivian. "The Stories We Tell Ourselves: Inequality and Rural Resentment."

TEACHING

Associate Lab Director

Social Networks and Political Psychology Lab 2023-2024

Instructor of Record

Colby College

GO-323 Digital Extremism Fall 2024

GO/IS-155 Ethics of Data Science

William & Mary

GOVT-401 Digital Extremism Spring 2024

GOVT-374 Political Behavior

GOVT-391/DATA-202 Ethics in Data Science Fall 2023

GOVT-150 Race and Media in America

GOVT-401 Race and Media in America

Texas Tech University

POLS 3300 The Politics of Race and the Media Fall 2021–Spring 2022 and Spring 2023

POLS 4399 The Politics of Race and the Media Fall 2022

Indiana University

POLS-Y 321 Media and Politics Spring 2019

Research Assistant

Indiana University

Dr. William Bianco Summer 2019–Fall 2020

Associate Instructor

Indiana University

POLS-Y 103 Introduction to American Politics Spring 2017, 2018, and 2020

POLS-Y 395/575/576 Political Data Analysis Sequence Fall 2018 and 2019

POLS-Y 304 Constitutional Law Fall 2017

POLS-Y 103 Introduction to American Politics Summers 2017– 2020

MENTORSHIP AND SERVICE

SNAPP R and Data Science Bootcamp Program

SNAPP student group project manager, "The Politicization of Cultural Podcasts."

Women in Political Science (WinPS) at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas.

Kaylee Sexton, "Diversity Initiatives at Texas Tech University: A Survey Study of Student Attitudes."
Presented to Dr. Carol Sumner, Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President of TTU Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Summer 2022).

Discussant, "Artificial Intelligence Applications in Elections, Bureaucracy, Management, and Governance" Paper Session, MPSA 2023.

Panel Chair, MPSA 2022 Behavior and Methods Lightning Panel; MPSA 2023 AI and Society Panel.

CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2021 (Seattle, Washington), 2022 (Montreal, Canada), and 2023 (Los Angeles, California).

Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting, 2021 (Toronto, Canada) and 2023 (Honolulu, Hawaii).

Midwest Political Science Association) Annual Conference, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (Chicago, Illinois).

Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2020, 2021 (San Juan, Puerto Rico).

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute at University of Houston, 2017 (Houston, Texas).

INVITED TALKS

"Good Mistakes: Practical Advice for the Academic Job Market"

American Politics Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana	March 24, 2023
Texas Tech Women in Political Science (WinPS), Lubbock, Texas	February 10, 2023

"Hate and Political Identity Online"

Colby College, Waterville, Maine	December 11, 2023
Albion College, Albion, Michigan	April 6, 2023
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida	March 1, 2023
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland	November 8, 2022
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas	November 2, 2022
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana	October 28, 2022
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio	October 19, 2022

"Conversion or Media Reporting Routines? Explaining Alt-Right Salience with Reddit Data"

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas	November 23, 2021

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Latently Political AI and American Polarization" by Vivian Ferrillo and Matthew Lucky. Presented at MPSA 2024.

"HAL 9000's Training Set: Political Polarization and Contingent AI." Presented at 4S Conference 2023.

"Banning the Alt-Right: Effective or Whack-a-Mole?" Presented at APSA 2023 and MPSA 2023.

"Ban Waves and the Far Right: Censorship and Circumvention on Reddit." Presented at APSA 2022.

"r/The_Donald Had a Forum: An Ethnolinguistic Analysis of Political Socialization in Far-Right Social Media Communities" Presented at MPSA 2022.

"In Search of Alt-Right Identity: Alt-Right Conversion on Reddit." Presented at APSA 2021.

"Politically Maladaptive AI and Polarization in America" by Vivian Ferrillo and Matthew Lucky. Presented at 4S 2021.

"The Crisis of AI: Towards a New Paradigm" by Hamid Ekbia, Nayah Boucaud, Katreen Boustani, Vivian Ferrillo, Brian Harper, and Matthew Lucky. Presented at 4S 2021.

"Politically Maladaptive AI" by Vivian Ferrillo and Matthew Lucky. Presented at MPSA 2021.

"Bans, Censorship, and the Alt-Right: A Reddit Case Study." Presented at SPSA 2021.

"Hate 'Based': Alt-Right Emotion and Approval." SPSA 2020. Nominated for Best Graduate Student Paper Award.

"The Crisis of Artificial Intelligence." Ongoing. Dr. Hamid Ekbia AI working group, Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering at Indiana University.

"Very Fine People on Both Sides: Alt-Right Rhetoric and Ideology before Charlottesville." MPSA 2019.

"Storm Rising: Modeling Growth Patterns of the Far-Right Underground." Empirical Implications of Theoretical Modelling (EITM) at University of Houston, Houston, Texas. 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

IU College of Arts and Sciences. Louise McNutt Dissertation Research Fellowship. August 2020.

John V. Gillespie Fellowship. Received April 17, 2020.

John V. Gillespie Memorial Scholarship, Advanced Programming Methods. April 25, 2019.

IU Center on American Politics

    Travel grant for Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2019 and 2021.

    Travel grant for Southern Political Science Association Conference 2020 and 2021.

    Travel grant for EITM, University of Houston. 2017.

    Summer fellowship. 2017 and 2018.

VOLUNTEER WORK AND OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

Bloomington Animal Shelter, Bloomington, Indiana
Volunteer
Stray Cats and Dogs, 122.5 hours   October 2019–July 2021

Stafford Music Academy, Bloomington, Indiana
Oboe Instructor   2020–2023

REFERENCES

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