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Academic Appointments	Visiting Research Scholar, Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton University	2023-2024
	Jeffrey L. Hyde and Sharon D. Hyde and Political Science Board of Visitors Early Career Professor of Political Science	2022-Present
	Assistant Professor of Political Science and Social Data Analytics, Pennsylvania State University	2019-2022
	Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University	2018-2019
Education	New York University Department of Politics PhD	2013-2018
	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill B.A. in Mathematics and B.A. in Economics (Honors)	2012
Professional Appointments	Co-Founder and Editor, *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*	2020-Present

Forthcoming

[29] "Political Deepfake Videos Disinform, But No More than Other Fake Media" (with Soubhik Barari and Chris Lucas). Conditionally Accepted, *Journal of Politics*.

[28] *The Supply and Demand Theory of Social Media*, forthcoming at Cambridge University Press (Elements in Political Communication).

[27] "Introducing the Visual Conjoint, with an Application to Candidate Evaluation on Social Media" (with Alessandro Vecchiato). Conditionally Accepted, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

[26] "Reenviado Muchas Veces": How Platform Warnings Affect WhatsApp Users in Mexico and Colombia" (with Mateo Vasquez-Cortez, Jorge Gallego, and Angel Villegas-Cruz). Conditionally Accepted, *Political Communication*.

Publications: 2023

Peer-Reviewed

[25] "Temporal Validity as Meta-Science". *Research & Politics*, September 2023

[24] "Antecedents and consequences of fake news exposure: a two-panel study on how news use and different indicators of fake news exposure affect media trust" (Sangwon Lee, Homero Gil de Zúñiga, and **Kevin Munger**). *Human Communication Research,* April 2023. — 2023

[23] "Generations in Contemporary US Politics: Statistical Aggregations or Collective Political Actors?" (**Kevin Munger** and Eric Plutzer). *Politics, Groups & Identities,* January 2023. — 2023

2022

Peer-Reviewed

[22] *Generation Gap: Why the Baby Boomers Still Dominate American Politics and Culture.* Columbia University Press, June 2022.
Cited in The New York Times, Roll Call, Foreign Affairs, NYRB

2022

[21] "Digital Literacy and Online Political Behavior" (Andy Guess, **Kevin Munger**). *Political Science Research & Methods*, April 2022.

2022

[20] "Fifteen Seconds of Fame: TikTok and the Democratization of Mobile Video on Social Media" (Benjamin Guinaudeau, Fabio Votta, **Kevin Munger**). *Computational Communication Research.*
Winner, APSA ITP award for Best Paper published in 2022.
Covered in The Atlantic

2022

2021

Peer-Reviewed

[19] "The Effect of Streaming Chat on Perceptions of Debates" (Victoria Asbury-Kimmel, Keng-Chi Chang, Katherine McCabe, **Kevin Munger**, Tiago Ventura). *Journal of Communication*, November 2021.

2021

[18] "The Upworthy Research Archive: A Time Series of 32,488 Experiments in U.S. Advocacy" (Nathan Matias, **Kevin Munger**, Marianne Aubin Le Quere, Charles Ebersole) *Nature: Scientific Data*, August 2021.

2021

[17] "Measuring Humans in the 21st Century" (David Lazer, Eszter Hargittai, Deen Freelon, Sandra Gonzalez-Bailon, **Kevin Munger**, Katherine Ognyanova, Jason Radford) *Nature*, July 2021.

2021

[16] "Accessibility and Generalizability: Are Social Media Effects Moderated by Age or Digital Literacy?" (**Kevin Munger**, Ishita Gopal, Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker) *Research & Politics*, July 2021.

2021

[15] "Connective Effervescence and Streaming Chat During Political Debates About The Accuracy of Online Media" (Tiago Ventura, **Kevin Munger**, Katherine McCabe and Keng-Chi Chang) *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*, April 2021.

2021

[14] "You Won't Believe Our Results! But They Might: Heterogeneity in Beliefs About The Accuracy of Online Media" (Mario Luca, **Kevin Munger**, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker) *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, January 2021.

2021

Other Scholarly Publications

"Quantitative Description of Digital Media A Modest Proposal to Disrupt Academic Publishing" (**Kevin Munger**, Andrew Guess and Eszter Hargittai) *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*, April 2021.

2021

2020

Peer-Reviewed

[13] "#polisci Twitter: A Descriptive Analysis of how Political Scientists Use Twitter in 2019" (Jim Bisbee, **Kevin Munger**, Jennifer Larson), *Perspectives on Politics*, December 2020. — 2020

[12] "Political Knowledge and Misinformation in the Era of Social Media: Evidence from the 2015 U.K. Election" (**Kevin Munger**, Patrick J. Egan, Jonathan Ronen, Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker) *British Journal of Political Science*, December 2020. — 2020

[11] "Right-Wing YouTube: A Supply and Demand Perspective" (**Kevin Munger** and Joseph Phillips), *International Journal of Press/Politics*, October 2020. — 2020
Covered in Wired and Vox.

[10] "The Effects of an Informational Intervention on Attention to Anti-Vaccination Content on YouTube" (Sangyeon Kim, Omer Yalcin, Samuel Bestvater, **Kevin Munger**, Burt Monroe, Bruce Desmarais) *Proceedings of the International Conference on Web and Social Media.* — 2020

[9] "The (Null) Effects of Clickbait Headlines On Polarization, Trust, and Learning" (**Kevin Munger**, Mario Luca, Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker) *Public Opinion Quarterly*, June 2020. — 2020

[8] "Don't @ Me: Experimentally Reducing Partisan Incivility on Twitter" *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, April 2020. — 2020

2019

Peer-Reviewed

[7] "All the News That's Fit to Click: The Economics of Clickbait Media" *Political Communication.* — 2019

[6] "Tweeting for Peace: Experimental Evidence from the 2016 Colombian Plebiscite" (Jorge Gallego, Juan D. Martínez, **Kevin Munger**, and Mateo Vásquez), *Electoral Studies.* — 2019

[5] "Measuring and Explaining Political Sophistication Through Textual Complexity" (Ken Benoit, **Kevin Munger**, and Arthur Spirling), *American Journal of Political Science.* — 2019

[4] "How Accurate Are Survey Responses on Social Media and Politics?" (Andrew Guess, **Kevin Munger**, Jonathan Nagler, and Joshua Tucker), *Political Communication.* — 2019

[3] "Elites Tweet to get Feet off the Streets: Using Social Media to Measure Regime Response to Protest" (**Kevin Munger**, Richard Bonneau, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker), *Political Science Research & Methods.* — 2019

Other Scholarly Publications

"The Limited Value of Non-Replicable Field Experiments in Contexts with Low Temporal Validity" *Social Media + Society.* — 2019

	"Social Media, Political Science, and Democracy"	2019
	Journal of Politics.	

"Frenemies: How Social Media Polarizes America" 2019
Public Opinion Quarterly.

"The Dumbing Down of the State of the Union? Trends in the Complexity 2019
of Political Communication" (Ken Benoit, **Kevin Munger** and Arthur Spirling)
In *Can America Govern Itself?*, Cambridge University Press.

Publications:
Earlier

Peer-Reviewed

[2] "Tweetment Effects on the Tweeted: Experimentally Reducing 2017
Racist Harassment", *Political Behavior.*
Winner, APSA EPVOB award for Best Paper published in *Political Behavior.*
Covered in The New Yorker, New York Magazine, and The Atlantic.

[1] *Choosing in Groups: Analytical Politics II* (with Michael 2014
Munger); Cambridge University Press

Working Papers "Measure Twice, Treat Once: The Power of Descriptive Knowledge for Generalization"
(with Drew Dimmery).

Statistical "sophistication" R package: implements the new measure of textual
Software complexity developed by Benoit, Munger & Spirling

Grants

NSF HNDS-I Infrastructure Grant (1 of 4 PIs) ($969,287)	2023
Penn State Center for Socially Responsible AI Seed Grant ($25,000)	2022
Penn State Center for Social Data Analytics Seed Grant ($20,000)	2022
IPA Peace & Recovery Grant (1 of 3 PIs) ($40,000)	2022
SSRC Social Data Research Fellowship ($40,000)	2020
Facebook Foundational Integrity Research Grant ($100,000)	2020
Russell Sage Foundation Computational Social Science Grant ($10,000)	2020
Penn State Center for Social Data Analytics Seed Grant ($20,000)	2019

Conference
Presentations

SSRC News Quality in the Platform Era	Nov 2020
PACSS and Polnet	Aug 2020
Social Science Foo Camp	Feb 2020, 2021
MIT Conference on Digital Experimentation	2019, 2020
Summer Institute in Computational Social Science	2018
LSE Text Analysis R Package Developers' Workshop	Apr 2017
NYU Center for Experimental Social Science	Mar 2017, 2018
Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop	Nov 2016, Sep 2018
Princeton SSRC Anxieties of Democracy Conference	Oct 2016
New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data	Oct 2016
MIT Online Harassment Workshop	Aug 2016
Harvard Harmful Speech Online Workshop	June 2017
Political Methodology Summer Meeting (Poster)	2015, 2016, 2017, 2022
Crowdsourcing and Online Behavioral Experiments Workshop	Apr 2016
Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference	2016, 2017
American Political Science Association	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022

	Midwestern Political Science Association	2015-2022
	Southern Political Science Association	2017, 2020
	European Political Science Association	2017, 2022, 2023

Invited Talks	Rochester University Goergen Institute of Data Science	December 2023
	European Union Institute Department of Social And Political Sciences	December 2023
	UC-Boulder American Politics Research Lab	November 2023
	LSE Department of Methodology	Nvember 2023
	US Air Force Academy Office of Labor and Economic Analysis	November 2023
	Rutgers University American Politics Research Group	October 2023
	UPenn Center for Information Networks and Democracy	October 2023
	Keynote New Models Fifth Anniversary Berlin	July 2023
	Keynote European Association for Computational Linguistics	May 2023
	UNC American Politics Research Group	February 2023
	Notre Dame Lucy Institute for Data and Society	November 2022
	Purdue University Center on Aging	August 2022
	ECPR General Conference	August 2022
	Reddit	April 2022
	Stanford Social Media Lab	March 2022
	Stanford Cyber Policy Center	February 2022
	Center for an Informed Public, University of Washington	May 2021
	Cornell Information Science	March 2021
	Connected Politics Lab, University of Dublin	February 2021
	MIT Digital Marketing Seminar	November 2020
	NYU CSMAP	July 2020
	GWU IDDP	July 2020
	Cornell Digital Experimentation	March 2020
	Stanford Cyber Policy Center	January 2020
	Pew Research Center (Washington DC)	November 2019
	Central European University	March 2019
	Texas Tech	February 2019
	UC Santa Barbara	February 2019
	International Methods Colloquium	November 2018
	Princeton Quantitative Social Science Lunch Seminar	November 2018
	Princeton CITP Lunch Seminar	October 2018
	Facebook (San Francisco) Research Presentation	August 2018
	Twitter (San Francisco) Data Science Tech Lunch	August 2017
	Columbia Computational Social Science Working Group	May 2017
	Kings College London	Apr 2017
	SUNY Stony Brook Political Psychology Speaker Series	Mar 2017
	USC Networked Democracy Lab	Feb 2017
	Universidad de Rosario Facultad de Economía	Feb 2017
	Yale Human Nature Lab	Dec 2016
	Yale ISPS Experiments Workshop	Oct 2015

Teaching Experience	PhD Seminar Causal Inference (Penn State)	2023
	UG Media, Social Media & Politics (Penn State)	2022
	UG Text as Data (Penn State)	2019, 2021 x2, 2023
	PhD Seminar Media, Social Media and Politics (Penn State)	2019, 2021
	MA Intro to Data Science Summer Course (U Rosario)	2018
	TA: MA (Center for Data Science) Text-as-Data (Arthur Spirling)	2016
	TA: MA (CDS) Intro to Data Science (Brian D'Alessandro)	2016
	TA: MA (CDS) Intro to Data Science (Arthur Spirling)	2017

	TA: MA (CDS) Intro to Data Science (Brian D'Alessandro)	2017

Academic Honors	APSA ITP award for Best Published Paper	2022
	APSR Star Reviewer Award	2022
	APSA EPVOB award for Best Paper published in *Political Behavior*	2018
	APSA Political Communication award for Best Graduate Student Presentation	2018

Professional Service

Reviewer for *National Science Foundation*
Swiss National Science Foundation
Russell Sage Foundation
Tryg Foundation (Denmark)
Nature
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
Science Advances
American Political Science Review
American Journal of Political Science
Journal of Politics
British Journal of Political Science
Political Behavior
Political Analysis
Public Opinion Quarterly
Journal of Communication
Political Science Research & Methods
Political Communication
Journal of Experimental Political Science
New Media and Society
Computational Communication Research
Electoral Studies
Current Directions in Psychological Science
Digital Scholarship in the Humanities
Trends in Cognitive Sciences
Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly
Public Choice
Social Science Quarterly
International Journal of Press/Politics
International Journal of Communication
WWW (The Web Conference)
ICWSM (International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media)
IC2S2 (International Conference on Computational Social Science)
Abusive Language Online Workshop
European Sociological Review