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Academic Appointments	Assistant Professor and Chair of Computational Social Science Department of Political and Social Sciences European University Institute	2024-present
	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 Pennsylvania State University	2022-2024
	Assistant Professor of Political Science and Social Data Analytics Pennsylvania State University	2019-2024
	Postdoctoral Fellow Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Princeton University	2018-2019
Education	New York University Department of Politics PhD	2018
	New York University Department of Politics MA	2015
	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

Publications: 2025

Peer-Reviewed

[30] "Political Deepfakes are as Credible as Other Fake Media and (Sometimes) Real Media " (Soubhik Barari, Chris Lucas and **Kevin Munger**).
Journal of Politics. — 2025

Other Scholarly Publications

What Did We Learn About Political Communication from the Meta2020 Partnership? *Political Communication.* — 2025

Publications: 2024

[29] "Introducing the Visual Conjoint, with an Application to Candidate Evaluation on Social Media" (Alessandro Vecchiato and **Kevin Munger**). *Journal of Experimental Political Science.* — 2024

[28] The Vibes are Off Did Elon Musk Push Academics off Twitter?, 2024
(James Bisbee and **Kevin Munger**). *PS: Political Science and Politics.*

[27] *The YouTube Apparatus*, Cambridge University Press 2024
(Elements in Political Communication).

[26] "Reenviado Muchas Veces": How Platform Warnings Affect 2024
WhatsApp Users in Mexico and Colombia." (**Kevin Munger**, Mateo
Vasquez-Cortez, Jorge Gallego, and Angel Villegas-Cruz).
Political Communication.

Other Scholarly Publications

"Temporality and Truth in *Connected in Isolation*" 2024
International Journal of Communication.

Publications: 2023

Peer-Reviewed

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

[24] "Antecedents and consequences of fake news exposure: a two-panel 2023
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.

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

2022

Peer-Reviewed

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

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

[20] "Fifteen Seconds of Fame: TikTok and the Democratization 2022
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

2021

Peer-Reviewed

[19] "The Effect of Streaming Chat on Perceptions of Debates" (Victoria 2021

Asbury-Kimmel, Keng-Chi Chang, Katherine McCabe, **Kevin Munger**, Tiago Ventura). *Journal of Communication.*

[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.*　　2021

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

[16] "Accessibility and Generalizability: Are Social Media Effects Moderated by Age or Digital Literacy?" (**Kevin Munger**, Ishita Gopal, Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker) *Research & Politics.*　　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.*　　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.*　　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.*　　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.*　　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.*　　2020

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

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

2019

Peer-Reviewed

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

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

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

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

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

Other Scholarly Publications

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

"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 "Bounding Knowledge Decay From Agnostic Temporal Generalization" (with Drew
Dimmery).

"TikTok Edits" (with Valerie Li).

Statistical Software	"sophistication" R package: implements the new measure of textual 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	CIND Conference UPenn	April 2024
	The Planned Economy in the Cybernetic Age Santa Fe Institute	April 2024
	Duke Workshop on Online Political Behavior	March 2024
	Princeton Workshop on Measurement in Survey Experiments	March 2024
	Organizer Princeton Workshop on Morality in Tech	November 2023
	Social Science Foo Camp	Feb 2020, 2021, 2024
	MIT Conference on Digital Experimentation	2019, 2020, 2023
	SSRC News Quality in the Platform Era	Nov 2020
	PACSS and Polnet	Aug 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	**Keynote** IC2S2 Philadelphia	July 2024
	R&D Salon Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) NYC	April 2024
	Toulouse School of Economics	March 2024
	Cornell Tech Social Technologies Lab	January 2024
	Rochester University Goergen Institute of Data Science	December 2023
	Purdue University Department of Political 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	November 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
	Keynote PhoMemes Images in Online Political Communication	June 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
Academic Honors	APSA ITP award for Best Published Paper	2023
	APSR Star Reviewer Award	2023
	APSA EPVOB award for Best Paper published in *Political Behavior*	2018
	APSA Political Communication award for Best Graduate Student Presentation	2018
Supervision of Students: Penn State	Michael Burnham (committee member, Political Science)	2024
	Marjan Davoodi (outside reader, Sociology)	2024
	Zicheng Cheng (outside reader, Communications)	2024
	Angel Villegas-Cruz (committee member, Political Science)	2024
	Sangyeon Kim (committee member, Political Science)	2023
	Ishita Gopal (committee member, Political Science)	2023
	Taegyoon Kim (committee member, Political Science)	2022
Teaching Experience	PhD Seminar Media, Social Media & Politics (EUI)	2025
	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

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