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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, <i>Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media</i> | 2021-Present |
| Publications: Forthcoming | [36] “Impact of the New Media Environment on Voters/Politics” (Eunji Kim, Kevin Munger). <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> . | 2027 |
| | [35] “Overcoming Digital Barriers: Evidence from Venezuelan Migrants in Colombia” (Nejla Asimovic, Mateo Vasquez-Cortez, Kevin Munger). Conditionally accepted, <i>Quarterly Journal of Political Science</i> . | 2026 |

2025

Peer-Reviewed

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| [34] “Social Scientists on the Role of AI in Research” (Tatiana Chakravorti, Xinyu Wang, Pranav Narayanan Venkit, Sai Koneru, Kevin Munger , Sarah Rajtmajer). <i>Proceedings of the Eighth AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics and Society</i> . | 2025 |
| [33] “The Digitally Accountable Public Representation Database: Online Communication by U.S. Officials” (Cassandra Tai, Nitheesha Nakka, Khushi Navin | 2025 |

Patni, Sarah Rajtmajer, **Kevin Munger**, Yu-Ru Lin, and Bruce Desmarais).
Nature: Scientific Data.

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

[31] “Thirst Traps and Quick Cuts: The Effects of TikTok ‘Edits’ on 2025
Evaluations of Politicians” (**Kevin Munger** and Valerie Li).
Social Media + Society.

[30] “Pressing Play on Politics: Quantitative Description of YouTube” 2025
(**Kevin Munger**, Matt Hindman, Omer Yalcin, Joseph Phillips, James Bisbee).
Journal Quantitative Description: Digital Media.

Other Scholarly Publications

Enough? 2025
(Drew Dimmery and **Kevin Munger**). *Observational Studies*.

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

2024

Peer-Reviewed

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

[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.

2023

Peer-Reviewed

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

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

2022

Peer-Reviewed

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

[21] “Digital Literacy and Online Political Behavior” (Andy Guess, **Kevin Munger**). *Political Science Research & Methods*. 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*. 2022
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 Asbury-Kimmel, Keng-Chi Chang, Katherine McCabe, **Kevin Munger**, Tiago Ventura). *Journal of Communication*. 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*. 2021

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

[15] “Connective Efficacy 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

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| | “Quantitative Description of Digital Media A Modest Proposal to Disrupt Academic Publishing” (Kevin Munger , Andrew Guess and Eszter Hargittai) <i>Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media</i> . | 2021 |
| 2020 | | |
| | Peer-Reviewed | |
| | [13] “#polisci Twitter: A Descriptive Analysis of how Political Scientists Use Twitter in 2019” (Jim Bisbee, Kevin Munger , Jennifer Larson), <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> . | 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) <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> . | 2020 |
| | [11] “Right-Wing YouTube: A Supply and Demand Perspective” (Kevin Munger and Joseph Phillips), <i>International Journal of Press/Politics</i> . Covered in Wired and Vox . | 2020 |
| | [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) <i>Proceedings of the International Conference on Web and Social Media</i> . | 2020 |
| | [9] “The (Null) Effects of Clickbait Headlines On Polarization, Trust, and Learning” (Kevin Munger , Mario Luca, Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker) <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> . | 2020 |
| | [8] “Don’t @ Me: Experimentally Reducing Partisan Incivility on Twitter” <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> . | 2020 |
| 2019 | | |
| | Peer-Reviewed | |
| | [7] “All the News That’s Fit to Click: The Economics of Clickbait Media” <i>Political Communication</i> . | 2019 |
| | [6] “Tweeting for Peace: Experimental Evidence from the 2016 Colombian Plebiscite” (Jorge Gallego, Juan D. Martínez, Kevin Munger , and Mateo Vásquez), <i>Electoral Studies</i> . | 2019 |
| | [5] “Measuring and Explaining Political Sophistication Through Textual Complexity” (Ken Benoit, Kevin Munger , and Arthur Spirling), <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> . | 2019 |
| | [4] “How Accurate Are Survey Responses on Social Media and Politics?” (Andrew Guess, Kevin Munger , Jonathan Nagler, and Joshua Tucker), <i>Political Communication</i> . | 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), <i>Political Science Research & Methods</i> . | 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” *Journal of Politics*. 2019

“Frenemies: How Social Media Polarizes America” *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 2019

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

Publications: Earlier

Peer-Reviewed

[2] “Tweetment Effects on the Tweeted: Experimentally Reducing Racist Harassment”, *Political Behavior*. 2017
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 Munger); Cambridge University Press 2014

Statistical Software

“sophistication” R package: implements the new measure of textual complexity developed by Benoit, Munger & Spirling

Grants

EUI Research Council Grant (€7,500) 2025
CIVICA Thematic Activities Grant (1 of 2 PIs) (€12,000) 2025
EUI Research Council Grant (€11,500) 2024
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

Organizer EUI Conference on AI and Academic Publishing November 2025
Organizer CIVICA Youth Gender Polarization Workshop October 2025
Italian Political Science Association August 2025
Europolmeth April 2025
Social Media & Democratic Practice Conference, Stanford March 2025
Workshop on Scientific Error, University of Bern February 2025
Computational Approaches to Discrimination, Mannheim February 2025
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

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| 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, 2025 |

Invited Talks

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| Dondena Seminar, Bocconi University | May 2026 |
| Studienkolleg, University of Tübingen | December 2025 |
| CPPE Colloquium, University of Konstanz | December 2025 |
| Communications Department, Aarhus University | November 2025 |
| Seminar Series, Collegio Carlo Alberto | October 2025 |
| Political Science Seminar Series, Trinity College Dublin | September 2025 |
| Data Science Brown Bag, Hertie School, Berlin | September 2025 |
| Quantitative Social Sciences Seminars, Bologna | May 2025 |
| SODAS Speaker Series, Copenhagen | March 2025 |
| Meta Computational Social Science | March 2025 |
| MZES Speaker Series | February 2025 |
| EUI Center for Media Pluralism | February 2025 |
| Keynote Mannheim Future of Science Initiative | September 2024 |
| 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 |
| Keynote ECPR General Conference | August 2022 |
| Keynote PhoMemes Images in Online Political Communication | June 2022 |
| Reddit | April 2022 |

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| 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 |
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| Academic Honors | |
| APSA ITP award for Best Published Paper | 2023 |
| APSR Star Reviewer Award | 2023 |
| APSA EPVOB award for Best Paper published in <i>Political Behavior</i> | 2018 |
| APSA Political Communication award for Best Graduate Student Presentation | 2018 |
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| 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 |
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| Teaching Experience | |
| PhD Intermediate Quantitative Methods (EUI) | 2025 |
| PhD Workshop on Computational Social Science Methods (EUI) | 2025 |
| 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 |
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| TA: MA (CDS) Intro to Data Science (Brian D'Alessandro) | 2017 |

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