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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Rutgers University, 2025

Dissertation: "Carceral Identity and its Influence on Political Attitudes and Behavior"

Major: American Politics

Minors: Public Law / Methods

M.A., Political Science, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, 2019

Thesis: "Felon Disenfranchisement and Political Culture"

Public Policy

B.A., Political Science, University of Iowa, 2017

International Relations

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political behavior, public opinion, criminal justice policy and reform, and privacy

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

"Trust us, this is for your own good: Rethinking Americans' Attitudes Towards Privacy, Big Tech, and The Exchange Model." (with Milton Heumann, Kyle Morgan, Lance Cassak, Alice Militaru, and Lauren Johnson), *forthcoming in Journal of Political Science*.

"Women or Fetuses First? An experimental study of the effectiveness of the "pro-woman" frame of the pro-life movement." (with Amanda Roberti and Kyle Morgan), *Politics & Gender, FirstView* (2025), <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X25100561>.

"What Does Politics & Gender Publish? Trends, Methods, and Topics in Gender and Politics Research." (with Carolyn Barnett, Michael Fitzgerald, and Manika Lamba), *Politics & Gender* 21, no. 1 (2025): 6–22, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X24000540>.

"Tracking the Trackers: 'Menstruapp' Privacy Policies Following the Dobbs Decision." (with Kyle Morgan, and Alice Militaru), *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy* (2024), DOI: [10.1080/1554477X.2024.2300103](https://doi.org/10.1080/1554477X.2024.2300103).

"Strange, Unusual, and Creative Sentences: Analyzing "Outside the Box" Criminal Sentencing." (with Milton Heumann, Kyle Morgan, Lance Cassak, and Alice Militaru), *Victims & Offenders*, 18:8 (2023), pp. 1446-1473, DOI: [10.1080/15564886.2023.2249877](https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2023.2249877).

"Gender in the Journals: A Dataset of Gender and Politics Research." (with Carolyn Barnett, Michael Fitzgerald, and Manika Lamba), *PS: Political Science and Politics* 55, no. 3 (2022): pp. 511-518, <https://www.doi.org/10.1017/S1049096522000385>. Searchable dataset can be accessed via the project website: <https://gender-politics.shinyapps.io/apps/>.

UNDER REVIEW

"Carceral Identity: The Missing Link Between Carceral Experiences and Political Behavior."

“Are you seeing this? A Conjoint Experiment on Americans' Attitudes Towards Surveillance.” (with Milton Heumann, Kyle Morgan, Lance Cassak, Alice Militararu, and Lauren Johnson)

BOOK PROJECTS

Carceral Identity: A New Framework for Political Behavior develops an original theory of how identity forms among formerly incarcerated individuals and how it shapes their political attitudes, trust in institutions, and modes of participation. Drawing on mixed-methods research, including original interviews and both experimental and observational survey data, the book argues that incarceration generates a durable political identity that extends far beyond the prison experience. The project reframes political learning and behavior in one of the most understudied populations in American politics.

The Cookie Platter Doctrine: Privacy, Platforms, and the Modern Surveillance State explores the expanding collaboration between private tech companies and government agencies, framing this relationship as a contemporary analogue to the pre-Elkins “silver platter” doctrine. Integrating legal analysis with research on public attitudes toward surveillance and data sharing, the book examines how Americans evaluate legitimacy, consent, and civil liberties in an era of pervasive data collection. (with Milton Heumann, Kyle Morgan, Lance Cassak).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

"Is Talking Politics Always Risky Business? Experimental Interventions to Create Positive Political Discussion in Non-Political Spaces." (with Katherine McCabe, Amy Funck, and Ryan Rajpal)

“Testing Carceral Identity: Evidence from a Reentry Simulation”

“Mapping Democratic Exclusion: Identifying Justice-Impacted Populations in a National Online Panel.”

“Gendered Consequences of Contact with the Carceral State.” (with Amy Benner)

“But Only if I’m Anonymous: A Conjoint Analysis of Attitudes Towards Online Data Collection.” (with Kyle Morgan, Milton Heumann, Lance Cassak, Alice Militararu, and Lauren Johnson)

“Identity, Stigma, and the Aftermath of Incarceration.” (with Rebecca Fix)

“What’s the flock got to do with it? An analysis of the impact of ALPR tech on clearance rates.” (with Kyle Morgan)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Penn State University

Adjunct Lecturer

- American Legal Process (Summer '25, Spring '26, Summer '26)
- Introduction to Political Research (Fall '26)

Course Designer

- Public Opinion & Political Attitudes (AY '26-'27)

Rutgers University

Lecturer

- Law and Politics (Summer '22, Summer '23, Fall '23, Spring '24, Summer '24)
- Political Participation of Carceral Citizens (Spring '24, Fall '24, Spring '25)

Teaching Assistant

- Undergraduate Courses
 - Law and Politics (Fall '21, Spring '22, Fall '22, Spring '23)
 - Politics of Criminal Justice (Fall '21, Fall '22, Fall '23)
 - Politics of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (Spring '22, Spring '23, Spring '24)
- Graduate courses
 - Multivariate Statistical Techniques (Fall '23, Fall '24)

Summer Institute for Computational Social Science
Teaching Assistant (June '21)

ICPSR Summer Program
Teaching Assistant

- Mathematics for Social Scientists I (Session I, '21)

NON-TEACHING EMPLOYMENT

YouGov (4/2024 to present)

Project Manager, Scientific Research Group

- Serve as the primary methodological point of contact for clients, guiding questionnaire design decisions and ensuring clarity, validity, and strong measurement across studies.
- Oversee programming, testing, and fielding of multi-mode surveys, coordinating with operations to resolve logic issues and maintain data integrity throughout fieldwork.
- Manage sampling design and fieldwork distribution, ensuring representative and high-quality respondent samples for academic and public-sector research.
- Partner with data science and analytics teams to implement weighting strategies, conduct matching, validate datasets, and prepare reproducible analytic files.
- Produce analytical materials and presentations that distill technical results into accessible insights for academic, policy, and applied-research audiences.
- Lead the development of YouGov's Criminal Justice Omnibus (CJO), overseeing the design of detailed profiling modules, shaping sampling plans, and building the survey logic and infrastructure for a new recurring research product.

Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling (4/2022 to 6/30/2025)

Research Assistant

- Helped manage the analytic workflow for statewide and national public opinion surveys, including data cleaning, coding, documentation, and initial analyses that informed faculty reports and public briefings.
- Contributed to instrument development and methodological decision-making by drafting and refining question batteries, reviewing survey flow and measurement strategy, and supporting the evaluation of item performance.

Rutgers University (6/2020 to 6/2024)

Graduate Assistant to Milton Heumann (9/2021 to 6/2024)

- Organize and maintain all class websites
- Respond to student inquiries
- Coordinate public law related events for the Political Science department

Graduate Assistant to [Justice & Injustice Conference](#) (4/2023 to 11/2023)

- Coordinate conference space and room block with local hotel
- Coordinate travel via Rutgers travel agency for attendees
- Facilitate receipt of funds from donor to the University

- Organize poster presentation/happy hour at local restaurant with dinner to follow
- Graduate Assistant for Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship (9/2021 to 12/2022)
- Organize and maintain related course website
 - Coordinate multiple events including dinners, a policy conference, and two off-campus trips for the Fellows, one day trip and one overnight
 - Coordinate the application process for the upcoming cohort including developing and monitoring a Qualtrics survey, compiling the incoming application materials for the reviewers, and scheduling interviews

Research Assistant to Katherine McCabe (6/2020 to 6/2023)

- Data cleaning and coding
- Experimental research design

Hybrid Transit Systems (02/2014 to 07/2019)

Production Analyst

- Develop and maintain productivity reports for operations and customer service department
- Assist leadership with other reporting needs as they arise
- Continue all of the duties of Client Service Rep as listed below with a reduced customer portfolio

Client Services Representative

- Maintain relationships with customers handling their freight needs and providing solutions to issues
- Research market rates and utilize obtained data to generate reports for use in the bid process on all contracted accounts
- Track progress on volume commitments on all contractual freight
- Book freight based on rates, market conditions, and progress on volume commitments
- Bid spot market opportunities
- Handle order entry and scheduling for all orders booked

Operations Service Representative

- Developed relationships with a portfolio of both small trucking companies and large carriers matching their drivers to our company's freight
- Negotiated rates for freight to maximize company margin while also promoting the relationship with the carrier

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference (Philadelphia, PA 2023)

- "Would a Cell by Any Other Mode Work as Well? Implementing Text-to-Web in Representative Dual-Frame Surveys"
- "Hard to Reach But Not Hard to Survey - by Text"

American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference (Atlanta, GA 2024)

- "Ostriches or Meerkats? Analyzing Attitudes Towards Privacy"
- "Panels, SMS, and RDD, Oh My! a Tri-Mode Statewide Polling Experiment between the Rutgers-Eagleton/Ssrs Garden State Probability Panel, Texting, and RDD"

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Boston, MA 2026)

- "Mapping Democratic Exclusion: Identifying Justice-Impacted Populations in a National Online Panel"
- "Testing Carceral Identity: Evidence from a Reentry Simulation"

International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting (Athens, Greece 2022)

- "Gendered Consequences of the Carceral State"

Justice & Injustice Conference (Seattle, WA 2021)

- "Criminal Justice Contact: Changing Criminal Justice Policy Preferences."

Justice & Injustice Conference (New Brunswick, NJ 2023)

- "Carceral Identity: Criminal Justice Experience and Social Identity."

Law and Society Association Global Meeting (Lisbon, Portugal 2022)

- "Strange Sentences, Unusual Sentences, Creative Sentences: Evolution of Inquiry into 'Out of the Proverbial Box' Criminal Sentencing"

Law and Society Association Global Meeting (San Juan, Puerto Rico 2023)

- "Period Tracker Apps and Digital Privacy Following the Dobbs Decision"

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Chicago, IL 2022)

- "Criminal Justice Contact: Changing Criminal Justice Policy Preferences"

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Chicago, IL 2023)

- "Carceral Identity: Criminal Justice Experience and Social Identity"
- "Gendered Consequences of the Carceral State"

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Chicago, IL 2024)

- "Carceral Identity: Criminal Justice Experience and Social Identity"

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Chicago, IL 2025)

- "Carceral Identity: The Missing Link Between Carceral Experiences and Political Behavior"

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Chicago, IL 2026)

- "Testing Carceral Identity: Evidence from a Reentry Simulation"

Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (New Orleans, LA 2024)

- "Carceral Identity: Criminal Justice Experience and Social Identity"
- "Ostriches or Meerkats? Analyzing Attitudes Towards Privacy"

RiseUp Higher Education in Prison Conference (Virtual 2023)

- "Carceral Identity and its Influence on Political Attitudes"

RiseUp Higher Education in Prison Conference (Virtual 2025)

- "Carceral Identity and its Influence on Political Attitudes"
- "From Incarceration to Academia: Barriers to Research and Representation"

HONORS AND AWARDS

University and Louis Bevier Fellowship, 2023 – 2024

The Rutgers School of Graduate Studies' University & Bevier Dissertation Completion Fellowship is designed to provide support during a doctoral candidate's final year of dissertation work. The award is intended to support completion and recognize excellence. SGS awards 15 University and Louis Bevier Dissertation Completion Fellowships each academic year.

Eagleton Graduate Fellowship Program – Class of 2024

The Eagleton Fellowship offers Rutgers graduate students the opportunity to further their understanding of government, public affairs, and the real-world practice of politics. During the fellowship, students make connections between their Eagleton coursework, government internship experience, and their chosen fields of study.

American Association for Public Opinion Research Student Conference Award, 2023

Student Conference Awards are offered to students who are in need of financial support so that they may attend the conference and experience this important educational and networking event for survey methodology and public opinion researchers.

Stanley H. and Claire A. Friedelbaum Graduate Student Fund Award, 2021, 2022, & 2023

The fund supports full-time doctoral students with a concentration in Public Law. Two awards given each year to fund dissertation research, second year conference papers, or attendance at annual meetings of Law and Society Association or Annual American Association of Law Schools conference.

Kneller Fellowship, 2022 & 2023

Awarded for research conducted on unusual sentencing within the criminal justice system, and on public opinion about privacy laws.

Janet Box-Steffensmeier Scholarship, Society for Political Methodology, 2020

Awarded to encourage women graduate students in political science to attend the ICPSR Summer Program. The scholarship is awarded to up to three women graduate students in Ph.D. programs.

Dr. Yong S. Lee Excellence in Public Management Award, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, 2019

Two awards are given each year to students in the Public Policy and Management Program pursuing his/her master's degree. Faculty instructors select the "best in class" based on students' papers from their respective courses. Recipients are selected based on how many "best in class" papers he or she submits in one academic year.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Rutgers University Pre-Law Advising (Fall '21- Spring '24)
Conference Discussant: MPSA ('22. '26)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association for Public Opinion Research
American Political Science Association
International Society of Political Psychology
Law and Society Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

METHODS TRAINING

Ordinary Least Squares Regression, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Conjoint Analysis, Network Analysis, Text Analysis, Topic Modeling

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistical Packages: SPSS, R
Applications: Qualtrics, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, Google Analytics

LANGUAGES

English: Native language
Spanish: Basic verbal, Intermediate reading and writing