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INTERESTS Comparative political institutions, science policy, political behavior, comparative social policy, political economy of health and the environment, global health security and governance, state politics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Research Assistant Professor**, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Jan 2021-  
Division of Public Policy

- Junior Fellow, Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study (Jan 2021-)
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Emerging Market Studies (Jun 2021-)

**Scholar**, Georgetown University Law Center Jan 2021-  
O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law

**Academic Director & Professor**, Georgetown University 2017-  
Economic Policy Academy, School of Continuing Studies

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Georgetown University Law Center May 2020-Jan 2021  
O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law

**Visiting Fellow**, Stanford University Feb 2019  
Department of Political Science

**Visiting Fellow**, Hertie School of Governance Oct 2018-Dec 2018  
Jacques Delors Institute Berlin, Center for European Affairs

**Academic Director & Professor**, Georgetown University 2016  
International Law Institute, School of Continuing Studies

EDUCATION

**Georgetown University**, Washington, DC

Ph.D., Political Science (2020)

- Dissertation: "What Makes a Changemaker? Policy Entrepreneurs, Policy Change, and the Politics of Obesity in Germany and the US"
- External Affiliation: The Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany (Fulbright Scholar 2017-2018)

M.A., Political Science (2017)

**London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, UK

M.Sc., Public Policy and Administration (2011)

**Ludwig Maximilian Universität München**, Munich, Germany

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellow at the Pettenkofer School of Public Health (2009-2010)

**Univeristy of Massachusetts Amherst**, Amherst, MA

B.S., Microbiology (2009)

- *Summa Cum Laude*, *Commonwealth College Honors With Greatest Distinction*, and *Departmental Honors*

B.A., Political Science (International Relations Concentration) (2009)

- *Summa Cum Laude* and *Commonwealth College Honors With Greatest Distinction*

Trinity College, Oxford University Summer Seminar (2007)

**Additional Training**

IQMR: Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (2017)

ICPSR: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (2016)

BOOK MANUSCRIPT	The Politics of Obesity: A Comparison of Low Salience Policy Change in Germany and the United States
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<p>“Playing Politics: WHO’s Response to COVID-19.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh and Mara Pillinger) in <i>Coronavirus Politics: The Comparative Politics and Policy of COVID-19</i>. Eds. Scott L. Greer, Elizabeth J. King, Andre Peralta, and Elize Massard da Fonseca. University of Michigan Press. 2021.</p> <p>“Understanding and Comparing HIV-Related Law &amp; Policy Environments: Cross-National Data and Accountability for the Global AIDS Response.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh, Ellie Graeden, Mara Pillinger, Stephanie Eaneff, Victoria Bendaud, Rico Gustav, and Taavi Erkkola) <i>BMJ Global Health</i>. 2020.</p> <p>“Democracy, Capacity, and Coercion in Pandemic Response - COVID-19 in Comparative Political Perspective.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh) <i>Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law</i>. 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>JHPPL’s third most read article published in 2020</i></li> </ul>
WORKING PAPERS	<p>“Where’s the Money From? Attitudes toward Donor Countries and Foreign Aid in the Arab World.” (with Scott Williamson) <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>. Revise &amp; Resubmit.</p> <p>“Shifting attitudes: Reflections on pandemic-related clothing consumption changes in six countries.” (with Sonali Diddi, Claudia Henninger, Samira Iran, Cosette Joyner Martinez, Kira Matus, Helen McCormick, Kirsi Niinimäki, Meike Sauerwein, Katia Vladimirova, and Stephan Wallaschkowski) <i>International Journal of Sustainable Fashion &amp; Textiles</i>. Revise &amp; Resubmit</p> <p>“Priming COVID-19 Increases Support for Public Health Policy.” <i>Under Review</i>.</p> <p>“Building a Scapegoat or Building a Reputation? Autocats, Blame Avoidance, and COVID-19 in the Arab World.” (with Scott Williamson) <i>Under Review</i>.</p> <p>“Fashion consumption during COVID: Comparative analysis of changing practices across nine countries.” (with Katia Vladimirova, Sonali Diddi, Iva Jestratijevic, Marium Durrani, Claudia E Henninger, Samira Iran, Kavitha Iyer, Cosette M. Joyner Martinez, Kira Matus, Helen McCormick, Kirsi Niinimäki, Prriyadarshini T., Meike Sauerwein, Petr Simek, and Stephan Wallaschkowski) <i>Under Review</i>.</p> <p>“What Makes a Changemaker? An Analysis of Policy Entrepreneurs in German and EU Food Policy.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Awarded Best Poster for APSA Public Policy Section, 2019</i></li> </ul> <p>“Partisanship and Polarization in a Federal Context: Experimental Evidence from Germany and the US.”</p> <p>“Vaccine Politics: COVID-19 Global Vaccine Policies &amp; Political Disruption. (with Matthew M. Kavanagh, Fatima Hassan, Mara Pillinger, Kashish Aneja, and Ngozi Erondu)</p> <p>“How Obamacare Altered State-Level Public Opinion on Medicaid.”</p> <p>“Nuclear Weapons and Infectious Disease: The Role of Science, Policy, and the State.”</p>
IN PROGRESS	<p>“Individual Correlates of Support for COVID-19 Measures for Six Countries in the Asia Pacific.” (with Edmund Cheng, Karen Grepin, and Samson Yuen)</p> <p>“A Political Analysis of Vaccine Development and Equity in the Context of COVID-19” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh and Mara Pillinger)</p> <p>“Who Supports Obesity-related Policies? An Analysis of Original Survey Data from Germany and the US.”</p> <p>“How Priming Weight Affects Attitudes Toward Obesity: Experimental Evidence from Germany and the US.”</p> <p>“Political Capacity for Pandemic Response.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh and Clare Wenham)</p>

SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS	<p>“New donation pledges won’t fill global COVID-19 vaccine shortfalls. Here’s why.” (with Ngozi Erondu) <i>The Conversation</i>. October 6, 2021.</p> <p>“The U.N. has a plan to end AIDS by 2030. But Russia doesn’t like it.” (with Mara Pillinger) <i>The Washington Post (The Monkey Cage)</i>. September 15, 2021.</p> <p>“To Democratize Vaccine Access, Democratize Production.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh, Mara Pillinger, and Katherine Ginsbach) <i>Foreign Policy Magazine</i>. March 1, 2021.</p> <p>“COVID-19 Vaccine Production for LMICs.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh, Ngozi Erondu, Mara Pillinger, Kashish Aneja, and Katherine Ginsbach) <i>Policy Discussion Paper</i>. February 25, 2021.</p> <p>“Where has the world made progress in HIV Policy.” <i>LSE Blogs</i>. January 26, 2021</p> <p>“2020 Global HIV Policy Report: Policy Barriers to HIV Progress.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh and Mara Pillinger) <i>HIV Policy Lab Report</i>. November 30, 2020.</p> <p>“Why public trust in the WHO matters.” <i>LSE Blogs</i>. May 19, 2020.</p> <p>“Coronavirus and Prospects for Instability in Egypt.” (with Scott Williamson) <i>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i>. April 22, 2020.</p> <p>“How the Coronavirus is Plaguing Autocracies and Democracies” <i>Duck of Minerva</i>. March 10, 2020.</p> <p>“Book Review: Thieves of State by Sara Chayes.” <i>Democracy and Society</i>. Volume 14. 2016-2017.</p> <p>“Global Health Security and Strategic Diplomacy.” <i>Atlantische Initiative</i>. December 12, 2016.</p> <p>“The Case for Strategic Health Diplomacy: A Study of PEPFAR.” <i>Bipartisan Policy Center</i>. 2015. (Under Tom Daschle and Bill Frist).</p> <p>“Economic Prospects.” &amp; “Economic Snapshot” (quarterly reports). <i>nVision USA</i>. Future Foundation. 2013-2014.</p> <p>“The sugar-coated truth.” Future Foundation. March 13, 2014.</p> <p>“Converging Health Risks and New Inhibitions to Unhealthy Living.” <i>nVision USA</i>. Future Foundation. 2014.</p> <p>“Health Innovations: Key Health Trends for the 10s Decade.” <i>nVision USA</i>. Future Foundation. 2014.</p> <p>“Highlights from the Census for England and Wales.” <i>nVision UK</i>. Future Foundation. 2014.</p> <p>“CVS: The business of being healthy meets the being healthy business.” Future Foundation. February 7, 2014.</p> <p>“Pension Half-Board.” <i>nVision UK</i>. Future Foundation. 2014.</p> <p>“Malaria and Poverty in Africa.” Naval Academic Foreign Affairs Conference. 2009.</p>
ORIGINAL DATA	<p>German/Italian/US Public Opinion Data (2021 in progress): Observational and experimental data on coercive policies during COVID-19.</p> <p>US Public Opinion Data (2021): Observational and experimental data on public health policies and COVID-19.</p> <p>Public Health Policy Data (1990-2019): State-level proposed legislation regarding anti-obesity related public health policies, programs, and initiatives in 4 US states (MA, TX, IN, and WI) and 4 German Länder (NW, BY, SN, BB).</p> <p>German and US Public Opinion Data (2019): Observational and experimental data on public health policies and obesity politics.</p> <p>Elite Interviews (2017-2019): Over 120 semi-structured interviews focused on the politics of public health in Germany and the US.</p>

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>American Political Science Association Conference (2017, 2018, 2019, 2021)</p> <p>International Conference of Europeanists (2019, 2020, 2021)</p> <p>European Political Science Association Conference (2021)</p> <p>International Studies Association Conference (2020, 2021)</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021)</p> <p>Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop (2020)</p> <p>State Politics and Policy Conference (2016, 2019, 2020)</p> <p>Southern Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)</p> <p>Pre-APSA Global Health Workshop (2019)</p> <p>Southern Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)</p> <p>Political Studies Association Conference (2018)</p> <p>Women of Color in Political Science Workshop (2017)</p> <p>Western Political Science Association Conference (2017)</p> <p>Georgetown University Graduate Working Group (2016)</p> <p>Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (2009)</p>
INVITED TALKS	<p>#COVIDCalls Podcast: "Global Issues in COVID-19 Relief" Researchers' Roundtable</p> <p>Fulbright Series Lecture: "Yoga and Public Health," GITAM School of Gandhian Studies</p> <p>International Yoga Day Panel Discussion: "Yoga for Well-Being," US Embassy New Delhi</p> <p>"Introduction to the practical aspects of survey research," Postgraduate Development Session, HKUST Division of Public Policy (2021)</p> <p>Complex Systems for Policy Guest Lecture, HKUST Division of Public Policy (2021)</p> <p>Nutrition &gt; Medicine Webinar, Physicians Association for Nutrition International (2021)</p> <p>George Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop (2020)</p> <p>UC Berkeley European Politics Working Group (2019)</p> <p>Hertie School of Governance Work In Progress Seminar (2018)</p> <p>TEDx Talk: "Strike a Pose," TEDx TU Berlin (2018)</p> <p>Berlin Seminar, The Fulbright Program, US Dept of State (2018)</p> <p>International Yoga Day Curtain Raiser, International Conference on Integrative Medicine, Harvard Medical School (2017)</p> <p>International Law Guest Lecture, Georgetown Department of Government (2016)</p>
SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS & RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>Interdisciplinary Initiatives and Showcase Projects Grant, Interdisciplinary Programs Office, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2021)</p> <p>GSAS Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown University (2020)</p> <p>Department of Government Summer Research Fellowship, Georgetown University (2019)</p> <p>Maryada Foundation Research Grant (2019)</p> <p>GSAS Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Georgetown University (2018)</p> <p>Fulbright EU-NATO Seminar Grant, German Fulbright Commission (2018)</p> <p>Fulbright Grant, US Department of State (2017-2018)</p> <p>GSAS Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown University (2017)</p> <p>Department of Government IQMR Grant, Georgetown University (2017)</p> <p>The Prestage-Cook Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association (2016)</p> <p>Department of Government ICPSR Grant, Georgetown University (2016)</p> <p>Graduate Teaching and Research Fellowship, Department of Government, Georgetown University (2014-2020)</p> <p>Deutsche Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellowship, German Federal Foreign Office, (2009-2010)</p> <p>Senior Leadership Award, UMass Amherst (2009)</p> <p>George Goodwin Jr. Public Service Award, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (2009)</p> <p>Senator Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, US Department of Education (2005-2009)</p> <p>UMass Amherst University Scholar Award, State of Massachusetts (2005-2009)</p> <p>Phi Beta Kappa (2008)</p>

## TEACHING

<i>Instructor</i>	<b>The Politics and Policy of Global Health</b> Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Division of Public Policy	Fall 2021
	<b>UROP Course: Affordable, Sustainable Fashion</b> Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program	Summer & Fall 2021
	<b>Economic Policy</b> Georgetown University, School of Continuing Studies, Economic Policy Academy	Summer 2017-
	<b>International Law and Human Rights</b> Georgetown University, School of Continuing Studies, International Law Institute	Summer 2016
	<b>Trial By Jury</b> Georgetown University, School of Continuing Studies	Summer 2015
	<b>Chemistry 112</b> UMass Amherst, Learning Resource Center	Fall 2006, Fall 2007
	<b>The United Nations and World Affairs</b> MIT High School Summer Program	Summer 2004
<i>Assistantships</i>	<b>United States Political Systems</b> (for Michele Swers) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Spring 2017
	<b>International Law</b> (for Catherine Lotrionte) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Fall 2016
	<b>Elements of Political Theory</b> (for Richard Boyd) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Spring 2016
	<b>Comparative Political Systems</b> (for Father Matthew Carnes) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Fall 2015
	<b>Comparative Political Systems</b> (for Thane Gustafson) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Spring 2015
	<b>Comparative Political Systems</b> (for Father Matthew Carnes) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Fall 2014
RESEARCH	<b>Research Assistant</b> (for Dr. Laia Balcells) Georgetown University, Department of Government   Washington, D.C.	Sep 2019-May 2020
	<b>Visiting Research Fellow</b> Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy   Munich, DE	Apr 2010-Jul 2010
	<b>Visiting Research Fellow</b> , Environmental Epidemiology Unit Helmholtz Zentrum München   Munich, DE	Oct 2009-Jul 2010
	<b>Research Intern</b> Embassy of India   Abu Dhabi, UAE	Jun 2007
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Dept of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology UMass Amherst, Professor Scott Garman   Amherst, MA	Jan 2006-May 2008
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Department of Political Science UMass Amherst, Professor Dean Robinson   Amherst, MA	Jan 2008-May 2008
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Department of Microbiology National Yang-Ming University, Professor W. Syu   Taipei, TW	Jan 2007
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Department of Microbiology Harvard Medical School, Professor Roberto Kolter   Boston, MA	Jun 2003-Aug 2003
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Evergrande Center for Neurologic Diseases Harvard Medical School, Professor Vijay Kuchroo   Boston, MA	Jun 2002-Aug 2002

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Senior Analyst</b> Future Foundation   London, UK</p> <p><b>Casework &amp; Personal Office Intern</b>, Senator Edward M. Kennedy US Senate   Washington, D.C.</p>	<p>Aug 2012-Apr 2014</p> <p>Jul 2008-Jan 2009</p>
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SERVICE	<p><b>Academic</b></p> <p>Speaker, Georgetown Fulbright Alumni Panel Discussion &amp; Networking Reception (2020)  Reviewer, <i>Social Science &amp; Medicine, World Development, Disasters Journal</i>  Speaker, Georgetown Department of Government Grant Writing Workshop (2019)  Speaker, Georgetown Department of Government Pedagogy Workshop (2019)  Discussant, MPSA (2016, 2019), APSA (2021)  External Senior Thesis Advisor (Nathan Loi), BASIS Independent Silicon Valley (2019)  Panel Co-Chair, MPSA (2017)  Panel Chair and Discussant, Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society) National Student Conference (2015, 2017)  Speaker, Georgetown Department of Government TA Workshop (2017)  Vice President (2015-2016), President (2016-2017), Women’s Caucus, Department of Government, Georgetown University  Graduate Political Science Association Comparative Politics Representative, Department of Government, Georgetown University (2015-2016)</p>
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**Community**

Certified Ashtanga Yoga Instructor (Volunteer for: US Botanic Gardens, The German Fulbright Commission, The Hertie School of Governance, Georgetown University)  
Bike Ambassador (Washington Area Bicycle Association, Women & Bicycles Initiative)

SKILLS	<p><b>Languages</b></p> <p>English (native)  Hindi (native)  Urdu (fluent speaking)  German (advanced speaking, reading, and writing)  French (basic speaking, reading, and writing)</p> <p><b>Statistics &amp; Programming Languages</b></p> <p>Stata, R, Latex, Qualtrics, MAXQDA.</p>
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