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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 Division of Public Policy	Jan 2021-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior Fellow, Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study (Jan 2021-)• Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Emerging Market Studies (Jun 2021-)	
	Scholar , Georgetown University Law Center O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law	Jan 2021-
	Academic Director & Professor , Georgetown University Economic Policy Academy, School of Continuing Studies	2017-
	Postdoctoral Fellow , Georgetown University Law Center O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law	May 2020-Jan 2021
	Visiting Fellow , Stanford University Department of Political Science	Feb 2019
	Visiting Fellow , Hertie School of Governance Jacques Delors Institute Berlin, Center for European Affairs	Oct 2018-Dec 2018
	Academic Director & Professor , Georgetown University International Law Institute, School of Continuing Studies	2016
EDUCATION	Georgetown University , Washington, DC Ph.D., Political Science (2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)• Committee: Hans Noel, Jeffrey Anderson, Kimberly Morgan, Marc Howard, Irfan Nooruddin	
	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) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>, <i>Commonwealth College Honors With Greatest Distinction</i>, and <i>Departmental Honors</i>	
	B.A., Political Science (International Relations Concentration) (2009) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> and <i>Commonwealth College Honors With Greatest Distinction</i>	
	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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The most discussed monograph of 2021 according to Altmetric</i> <p>“Understanding and Comparing HIV-Related Law & 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"> • <i>JHPPL’s third most read article published in 2020</i>
ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW	<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 & 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 & Textiles</i>. Revise & Resubmit</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, Priyadarshini T., Meike Sauerwein, Petr Simek, and Stephan Wallaschkowski) <i>Cleaner and Responsible Consumption</i>. Revise & 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>
WORKING PAPERS	<p>“What Makes a Changemaker? An Analysis of Policy Entrepreneurs in German and EU Food Policy.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Awarded Best Poster for APSA Public Policy Section, 2019</i> <p>“Partisanship and Polarization in a Federal Context: Experimental Evidence from Germany and the US.”</p> <p>“Vaccine Politics: COVID-19 Global Vaccine Policies & 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

“Individual Correlates of Support for COVID-19 Measures for Six Countries in the Asia Pacific.” (with Edmund Cheng, Karen Grepin, and Samson Yuen)

“The Role of Science Policy Advice during COVID-19” (with Donald Low) *Invited for publication at Policy Design and Practice.*

“How European Social Contracts Affect COVID-19 Response” Chapter in edited volume with *Hong Kong University Press.*

“A Political Analysis of Vaccine Development and Equity in the Context of COVID-19” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh and Mara Pillinger)

“Who Supports Obesity-related Policies? An Analysis of Original Survey Data from Germany and the US.”

“How Priming Weight Affects Attitudes Toward Obesity: Experimental Evidence from Germany and the US.”

“Political Capacity for Pandemic Response.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh and Clare Wenham)

SELECTED
OTHER
PUBLICATIONS &
MEDIA

Expert commentary on global governance, COVID-19 policies in the Asia-Pacific, and vaccines for “Asia-Pacific wants to live with Covid. Omicron is threatening those reopening plans.” (by Helen Regan) *CNN International.* December 6, 2021.

“Global Issues in COVID-19 Relief” Researchers’ Roundtable. *COVIDCalls Podcast*, hosted by Scott Gabriel Knowles. October 13, 2021.

“New donation pledges won’t fill global COVID-19 vaccine shortfalls. Here’s why.” (with Ngozi Erundu) *The Conversation.* October 6, 2021.

- *The Aspen Institute’s Best Idea of the Day (October 25, 2021)*

“The U.N. has a plan to end AIDS by 2030. But Russia doesn’t like it.” (with Mara Pillinger) *The Washington Post (The Monkey Cage).* September 15, 2021.

“To Democratize Vaccine Access, Democratize Production.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh, Mara Pillinger, and Katherine Ginsbach) *Foreign Policy Magazine.* March 1, 2021.

“COVID-19 Vaccine Production for LMICs.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh, Ngozi Erundu, Mara Pillinger, Kashish Aneja, and Katherine Ginsbach) *Policy Discussion Paper.* February 25, 2021.

“Where has the world made progress in HIV Policy.” *LSE Blogs.* January 26, 2021

“2020 Global HIV Policy Report: Policy Barriers to HIV Progress.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh and Mara Pillinger) *HIV Policy Lab Report.* November 30, 2020.

“Why public trust in the WHO matters.” *LSE Blogs.* May 19, 2020.

“Coronavirus and Prospects for Instability in Egypt.” (with Scott Williamson) *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.* April 22, 2020.

“How the Coronavirus is Plaguing Autocracies and Democracies” *Duck of Minerva.* March 10, 2020.

“Book Review: Thieves of State by Sara Chayes.” *Democracy and Society.* Volume 14. 2016-2017.

“Global Health Security and Strategic Diplomacy.” *Atlantische Initiative.* December 12, 2016.

“The Case for Strategic Health Diplomacy: A Study of PEPFAR.” *Bipartisan Policy Center.* 2015. (Under Tom Daschle and Bill Frist).

“Economic Prospects.” & “Economic Snapshot” (quarterly reports). *nVision USA.* Future Foundation. 2013-2014.

“The sugar-coated truth.” Future Foundation. March 13, 2014.

“Converging Health Risks and New Inhibitions to Unhealthy Living.” *nVision USA*. Future Foundation. 2014.

“Health Innovations: Key Health Trends for the 10s Decade.” *nVision USA*. Future Foundation. 2014.

“Highlights from the Census for England and Wales.” *nVision UK*. Future Foundation. 2014.

“CVS: The business of being healthy meets the being healthy business.” Future Foundation. February 7, 2014.

“Pension Half-Board.” *nVision UK*. Future Foundation. 2014.

“Malaria and Poverty in Africa.” Naval Academic Foreign Affairs Conference. 2009.

ORIGINAL DATA German/Italian/US Public Opinion Data (2022 in progress): Observational and experimental data on coercive policies during COVID-19.

US Public Opinion Data (2021): Observational and experimental data on public health policies and COVID-19.

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).

German and US Public Opinion Data (2019): Observational and experimental data on public health policies and obesity politics.

Elite Interviews (2017-2019): Over 120 semi-structured interviews focused on the politics of public health in Germany and the US.

WORKSHOPS &
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS American Political Science Association Conference (2017, 2018, 2019, 2021)
International Conference of Europeanists (2019, 2020, 2021)
European Political Science Association Conference (2021)
International Studies Association Conference (2020, 2021)
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021)
Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop (2020)
State Politics and Policy Conference (2016, 2019, 2020)
Southern Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
Pre-APSA Global Health Workshop (2019)
Southern Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
Political Studies Association Conference (2018)
Women of Color in Political Science Workshop (2017)
Western Political Science Association Conference (2017)
Georgetown University Graduate Working Group (2016)
Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (2009)

INVITED TALKS

INCEPTION symposium: Social Sciences and Biology for Understanding Emerging Diseases: “The Politics of Global Vaccine Equity during COVID-19,” Institut Pasteur, Paris (2021)
 Fulbright Series Lecture: “Yoga and Public Health,” GITAM School of Gandhian Studies (2021)
 International Yoga Day Panel Discussion: “Yoga for Well-Being,” US Embassy New Delhi (2021)
 “Introduction to the practical aspects of survey research,” Postgraduate Development Session, HKUST Division of Public Policy (2021)
 Complex Systems for Policy Guest Lecture, HKUST Division of Public Policy (2021)
 Nutrition > Medicine Webinar, Physicians Association for Nutrition International (2021)
 George Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop (2020)
 UC Berkeley European Politics Working Group (2019)
 Hertie School of Governance Work In Progress Seminar (2018)
 TEDx Talk: “Strike a Pose,” TEDx TU Berlin (2018)
 Berlin Seminar, The Fulbright Program, US Dept of State (2018)
 International Yoga Day Curtain Raiser, International Conference on Integrative Medicine, Harvard Medical School (2017)
 International Law Guest Lecture, Georgetown Department of Government (2016)

SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS & RESEARCH GRANTS

Interdisciplinary Initiatives and Showcase Projects Grant, Interdisciplinary Programs Office, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2021)
 GSAS Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown University (2020)
 Department of Government Summer Research Fellowship, Georgetown University (2019)
 Maryada Foundation Research Grant (2019)
 GSAS Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Georgetown University (2018)
 Fulbright EU-NATO Seminar Grant, German Fulbright Commission (2018)
 Fulbright Grant, US Department of State (2017-2018)
 GSAS Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown University (2017)
 Department of Government IQMR Grant, Georgetown University (2017)
 The Prestage-Cook Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association (2016)
 Department of Government ICPSR Grant, Georgetown University (2016)
 Graduate Teaching and Research Fellowship, Department of Government, Georgetown University (2014-2020)
 Deutsche Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellowship, German Federal Foreign Office, (2009-2010)
 Senior Leadership Award, UMass Amherst (2009)
 George Goodwin Jr. Public Service Award, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (2009)
 Senator Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, US Department of Education (2005-2009)
 UMass Amherst University Scholar Award, State of Massachusetts (2005-2009)
 Phi Beta Kappa (2008)

TEACHING

Instructor

The Politics and Policy of Global Health Fall 2021
 Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Division of Public Policy

UROP Course: Affordable, Sustainable Fashion Summer & Fall 2021
 Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

Economic Policy Summer 2017-
 Georgetown University, School of Continuing Studies, Economic Policy Academy

International Law and Human Rights Summer 2016
 Georgetown University, School of Continuing Studies, International Law Institute

Trial By Jury Summer 2015
 Georgetown University, School of Continuing Studies

Chemistry 112 Fall 2006, Fall 2007
 UMass Amherst, Learning Resource Center

The United Nations and World Affairs Summer 2004
 MIT High School Summer Program

<i>Assistantships</i>	United States Political Systems (for Michele Swers) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Spring 2017
	International Law (for Catherine Lotrionte) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Fall 2016
	Elements of Political Theory (for Richard Boyd) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Spring 2016
	Comparative Political Systems (for Father Matthew Carnes) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Fall 2015
	Comparative Political Systems (for Thane Gustafson) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Spring 2015
	Comparative Political Systems (for Father Matthew Carnes) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Fall 2014
RESEARCH	Research Assistant (for Dr. Laia Balcells) Georgetown University, Department of Government Washington, D.C.	Sep 2019-May 2020
	Visiting Research Fellow Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy Munich, DE	Apr 2010-Jul 2010
	Visiting Research Fellow , Environmental Epidemiology Unit Helmholtz Zentrum München Munich, DE	Oct 2009-Jul 2010
	Research Intern Embassy of India Abu Dhabi, UAE	Jun 2007
	Research Assistant , Dept of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology UMass Amherst, Professor Scott Garman Amherst, MA	Jan 2006-May 2008
	Research Assistant , Department of Political Science UMass Amherst, Professor Dean Robinson Amherst, MA	Jan 2008-May 2008
	Research Assistant , Department of Microbiology National Yang-Ming University, Professor W. Syu Taipei, TW	Jan 2007
	Research Assistant , Department of Microbiology Harvard Medical School, Professor Roberto Kolter Boston, MA	Jun 2003-Aug 2003
	Research Assistant , Evergrande Center for Neurologic Diseases Harvard Medical School, Professor Vijay Kuchroo Boston, MA	Jun 2002-Aug 2002
RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Senior Analyst Future Foundation London, UK	Aug 2012-Apr 2014
	Casework & Personal Office Intern , Senator Edward M. Kennedy US Senate Washington, D.C.	Jul 2008-Jan 2009
SERVICE	Academic Faculty Member, Taught Postgraduate Admissions Committee, Division of Public Policy, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Speaker, Georgetown Fulbright Alumni Panel Discussion & Networking Reception (2020) Reviewer, <i>Social Science & Medicine</i> , <i>World Development</i> , <i>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)

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

Languages

English (native)
Hindi (native)
Urdu (fluent speaking)
German (advanced speaking, reading, and writing)
French (basic speaking, reading, and writing)

Statistics & Programming Languages

Stata, R, Latex, Qualtrics, MAXQDA.