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Education

George Washington University, Washington, DC

Ph.D., Political Science, 2027 (expected)

Fields: American Politics, Research Methods

Advisors: Ethan Porter, Christopher S. Warshaw

M.A., Political Science, 2025

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude*, 2019

Advisor: John S. Lapinski

Honors Thesis: "Social media and the 2018 midterms: An analysis of House candidates' Twitter posts."

Research Interests

American Elections, Democratic Norms, Mis/Disinformation, Public Opinion, Religion and Politics

Research

Academic Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

1. "Measuring age differences among opposite-sex couples: Across religions and 130 countries, men are older than their female partners." 2022. *Population Studies*. 76(3): 465-476. (with Stephanie Kramer, Anne Fengyan Shi, and Conrad Hackett)
2. "Measuring the size of the U.S. Jewish population: New estimates from a Pew Research Center survey of Jewish Americans." 2021. *Journal of Religion and Demography*. 8(1-2): 89-100. (with Conrad Hackett)

Articles Under Review

1. "The reputational penalty: How fact-checking can penalize those who spread misinformation." (with Annika Davies and Ethan Porter)

Works in Progress

1. "Age and representation: The link between elected officials' ages and their favorability."
2. "Election denialism and candidate favorability: Insights from survey experiments."

3. "Relative economic status and belief in conspiracy theories."
4. "The lingering effect of religion: Does it matter that one in ten American adults identify as Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, or Mormon 'aside from religion'?" (with Conrad Hackett and Besheer Mohamed)

Other Publications

Pew Research Center

1. "Christians, religiously unaffiliated differ on whether most things in society can be divided into good, evil." *Pew Research Center*. December 21, 2021.
2. "Denominational switching among U.S. Jews: Reform Judaism has gained, Conservative Judaism has lost." *Pew Research Center*. June 22, 2021. (with Gregory A. Smith and Alan Cooperman)
3. "Populations skew older in some of the countries hit hard by COVID-19." *Pew Research Center*. April 22, 2020.
4. "Older people are more likely to live alone in the U.S. than elsewhere in the world." *Pew Research Center*. March 10, 2020.
5. "Globally, women are younger than their male partners, more likely to age alone." *Pew Research Center*. January 3, 2020.

Conferences and Workshops

American Politics Workshop (GW), 2025

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2025, 2024

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2024

Second Year Paper Workshop (GW), 2024

Society for Practical Theology in South Africa, 2021

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2021

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

Scope and Methods of Political Science (GW), 2024, 2023

Introduction to American Politics (GW), 2023

Research Experience

Research Assistant

Dr. Ethan Porter, George Washington University, 2022-

Pew Research Center, Demography of Religion, 2019-2022

Research Intern

Brookings Institution, Governance Studies, 2018

Student Fellow

Penn Program on Opinion Research and Election Studies, 2018

Professional Development

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association, member, 2024-

American Political Science Association, member, 2023-

Skills

Tools and Languages: R, Stata, \LaTeX , SPSS, Tableau

Last updated: March 8, 2025