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## Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Associate, New York University, Center for Social Media and Politics

2019-Present

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, **University of Washington**, 2020

Committee: Victor Menaldo (Chair), James Caporaso, James Long, and Caitlin Ainsley

Exams (2017): Political Economy (*with distinction*); Comparative Politics; Methodology

Certificate (2017): Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences

M.A., Political Science, **University of Washington**, 2017.

B.A., Economics, Government, *magna cum laude*, **Lawrence University**, 2013.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

**Aslett, Kevin**, Webb Williams, Nora, Casas, Andreu, Wilkerson, John, and Zuidema, Wesley. "Framing Parkland: A Social Media Approach To Studying Issue Frames And Their Impact" (Forthcoming at *Policy Studies Journal*)

**Aslett, Kevin** and Magistro, Beatrice. "Principal Agent Problems Within EU Funds: A Case Study of Patronage in Hungary" (Forthcoming at *Europe-Asia Studies*)

Guess, Andrew, **Aslett, Kevin**, Nagler, Jonathan, Bonneau, Richard, and Tucker, Joshua. "Cracking Open the News Feed: Exploring What U.S. Facebook Users See and Share with Large-Scale Platform Data" (Forthcoming at *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*)

Caporaso, James, and **Aslett, Kevin**. "The Question of German Imbalances within the Eurozone: Competitiveness versus Savings Explanations?" *International Trade, Politics, and Development*. 2017, 1(1), 4-31.

**Aslett, Kevin** and Caporaso, James. "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do: Why The Eurozone Will Survive." *Economies*. 2016, 4(4):21.

## In Preparation

Measuring Belief in Fake News in Real-Time (*with Godel, Sanderson, Tucker, Nagler, Bonneau, and Persily*) [Under Review]

Automated Visual Clustering for Image Corpus Exploration, Stratified Random Sampling, and Annotation Cost Reduction (*with Casas, Webb Williams, and Wilkerson*) [Under Review]

An Automatic Framework to Continuously Track and Measure Multi-Platform Information Spread (*with Chen, Freire, Tucker, Nagler, and Bonneau*) [Under Review]

## Working Papers

Technological Change And Populism

Central Bank Independence: Creating Political Food Cycles In The Developing World

Measuring and Preventing Exposure to Misinformation in Online Social Networks (*with Tokita, Godel, Sanderson, Tucker, Nagler, Bonneau, and Persily*)

Cross-cutting Visuals: Measuring How Mobilizing Images Affect Opposition Groups (*with Casas, Webb Williams, and Wilkerson*)

Do Indicators of Source Quality Affect News Diets? Evidence from an Experiment (*with Guess, Tucker, Nagler, and Bonneau*)

Measuring Belief in Misinformation Across Information Ecosystems (*with Erlich, Tucker, Nagler, and Bonneau*)

Harder Than You Think: Testing Three Interventions on Discerning the Veracity of News in Real-Time (*with Godel, Sanderson, Tucker, Nagler, Bonneau, and Persily*)

Republicans See Red, Democrats Feel Blue: Labeler Issues in Image Analysis (*with Casas, Webb Williams, and Wilkerson*)

Crowd-Sourcing Fact-Checking (*with Godel, Sanderson, Tucker, Nagler, Bonneau, and Persily*)

Estimating Impacts of Ideology in Fake News Reports in a Recent Release of Differentially Private Facebook Data (*with Terechshenko, Buntain, Paskhalis, Bonneau, Nagler, and Tucker*)

## Non-Peer Reviewed Publications And Reports

Its Not Easy For Ordinary Citizens To Identify Fake News (April). Monkey Cage.  
The Washington Post. [Link] (with Sanderson, Godel, Persily, Bonneau, Nagler, and Tucker)

2020

## Grants/Awards/Fellowships

National Science Foundation (NSF) Award, “RAPID: Measuring Information Consumption and Beliefs During the Covid-19 Pandemic.” Key Research Personnel with PI Joshua Tucker. Award Number 2029610 (\$199,596)	2020
Richard Wesley Graduate Fellowship in Comparative Political Economy (UW) (\$2,000)	2019
Travel Grant, Durden Fellowship (UW) (\$500)	2018
Graduate Research Grant, EU Center (UW) (\$1,900)	2018
Small Event Grant, Council for European Studies ( <i>with Travis Nelson</i> ) (\$750)	2018
Research Grant, Polish Studies Endowment Committee (UW) (\$1,200)	2017
Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. U.S. Department of Education via Ellison Center (Polish, UW) (approx. \$35,000)	2016
Senior Experience Grant, Lawrence University (\$890)	2013

## Conference/Workshop Presentations

Images-as-Data Dublin (IMG-DUB) Workshop, Online	2020
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Online	2020
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.	2019
Conference on Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS), Washington, D.C.	2019
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2019
Graduate Student Research Workshop on the European Union, Seattle, WA	2018
Public Choice Society, Charleston, SC	2018
Social Science History Association (SSHA), Montreal, QC, Canada	2017
Western U.S. Graduate Research Workshop on the E.U., Seattle, WA	2017
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2017
NW REECAS Conference, Portland, OR	2017
Reforming Southern Europe Workshop, Seattle, WA	2016
Western U.S. Graduate Research Workshop on the E.U., Seattle, WA	2016

## Invited Presentations

CrowdTangle: Researchers X Journalists	2020
Center For Information Technology Policy, Princeton University	2020
Facebook, Menlo Park, CA	2020
Facebook, New York, NY	2019
Text as Data Special Interest Group - eScience Institute , University of Washington	2019
Severyns Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, University of Washington	2018
Wesley Forum on Politics and Economics, University of Washington	2018
Economics Department, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI	2017
Monroe Correctional Facility, Seattle, WA	2016

## Research Positions

Research Assistant for Dr. John Wilkerson, Political Science Dept, UW	2018-2019
Research Assistant for Dr. James Caporaso, Political Science Dept, UW	2015-2019
Research Assistant for Dr. Caitlin Ainsley, Political Science Dept, UW	2017-2018
Research Intern, National Bank of Poland, Warsaw, Poland	2012

## Teaching Positions

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (x3) (UW)
- Introduction to Political Economy (x2) (UW)
- Introduction to International Relations (x3) (UW)

## Software and Programming Skills

Advanced: R, Python, GIS, MySQL, Stata, Latex, Amazon Web Services.

Intermediate: Java, HTML

Online Repository: <https://github.com/kaslett>

## Language

English (Native); Polish (Advanced) ; French (Beginner)

## Reviewer

Computational Communication Research

The International Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)

## Service

Chair, APSA Panel (Misinformation and Disinformation Online), 2020

Mentor, MIT COVID-19 Datathon, 2020

Mentor, Social Science Research at the Bronx High School of Science, 2019-2020

Chair of panel at Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies (REECAS) NW Conference, 2019

Graduate Chair of Severyns-Revenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, 2018-2019

Chair of panel at Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies (REECAS) NW Conference, 2018

Co-organizer of EU Graduate Student Workshop, Seattle, WA, 2018