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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Politics, University of Virginia, 2014
Dissertation: Automating Administration? Neutrality and Its Limits in Technology-Mediated Decisions. <https://verawil.de/dissertation/>
- 2008-2010 M.A. in Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia
- 2001-2005 B.A. with High Distinction, Political Theory, Distinguished Majors Thesis, University of Virginia

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 Artist and Scientist in Residence, Hack42, Arnhem, Netherlands
- 2014-15 Fellow, Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, Inequality program, Harvard Kennedy School of Government
- 2014-15 National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Researcher, the Justice Database Fellow, Center for Policing Equity (joint with Harvard and UCLA appointments)
- 2014-15 Postdoctoral Scholar, Prejudice & Violence Lab, Department of Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2022 “Neonatal Jaundice and Autism: Precautionary Principle Invocation Overdue,” *Cureus Journal of Medical Science*, 14/2: e22512.
- 2021 “Breastfeeding Insufficiencies: Common and Preventable Harm to Neonates,” *Cureus Journal of Medical Science*, 4/13: e18478.
- 2014 Wilde, V.K., Martin, K.D., & Goff, P.A. Dehumanization as a Distinct Form of Prejudice. *Testing, Psychometrics, Methodology in Applied Psychology*, 21/3: 1-7.

Book Chapters

- 2021 “Shame, Name, Give Up the Game? Three Approaches to Uncertainty,” forthcoming in *Diagnoses Without Names: Challenges for Medical Care, Research, and Policy*, ed. Michael D. Lockshin, Mary K. Crow, and Medha Barbhuiya.
- 2016 Jackson, M.C., Wilde, V.K., & Goff, P.A. Seeing Colorblindness: Colorblind Racial Ideology Research Methods in Social Psychology. In *What Does it Mean to be Color-Blind?: Manifestation, Dynamics, and Impact*, eds. Neville, H.A., Gallardo, M., & Sue, Derald Wing, p. 125–140. American Psychological Association.

Works in Progress

Infant feeding reform book project: *The Breastfeeding Myth: Starving Babies, Shaming Mothers, and Peddling Fiction as Fact*.

“Overriding Race and Class Bias: Equity in Technology-Mediated Diagnosis”

“Neutralizing Confirmation Bias in Technology-Mediated Security Decisions”

Technologies of Truth: First Principles, Bias, and Challenges for AI

Selected Web-Based Research Publications

- Oct. 2022 - present. SubStack newsletter. “Wilde Truth: Research Methods for Revolution.” <https://wildetruth.substack.com/>
- 2019-2020 iBorderCtrl.NO! A co-created website that contributed to the demise of iBorderCtrl, an EU-funded automated border security system involving AI lie detection.
- 2018 “Warning Shots of Corruption: Releasing and Revisiting the Polygraph Interviews that Launched My Dissertation Research.” AltGov2. <https://tinyurl.com/26b7c6fb>
- 2016 “A Brief Guide to Combatting Mass Surveillance,” *The Science Creatively Quarterly*. <https://tinyurl.com/uu76cr78>
- 2016 “Wilde Truth: The Polygraph Files,” *The Memory Hole 2*. thememoryhole2.org/blog/wilde-truth
- 2016 “Refugee Screening: A Brief Introduction and A Request for Equipment,” *The Science Creatively Quarterly*. <https://tinyurl.com/mvvyv7mx>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016 Emerging Scholar Fellowship, Osaka University, Japan
- 2015 Freedom of Information Fund Litigant Grant, the Knight Foundation - supporting the lawsuit that became a 2016 U.S. Circuit Court precedent, *Sack v. DoD*, ensuring that students seeking government information for educational purposes are granted “Educational Requestor” status. <https://tinyurl.com/yc5eky6v>
- 2014-5 Postdoctoral Fellowship, National Science Foundation and Center for Policing Equity (joint)
- 2013-14 Politics Junior Fellowship, University of Virginia Society of Fellows
- 2013-14 William McMeekin Humane Studies Fellowship, The Institute for Humane Studies
- 2012-13 Politics Junior Fellowship, University of Virginia Society of Fellows
- 2012-13 Michael & Andrea Leven Humane Studies Fellowship, The Institute for Humane Studies
- 2012 Raven Society Fellowship, The Raven Society
- 2012 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Society of Fellows Travel Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2012 Louise and Alfred Fernbach Award for Research in International Relations, University of Virginia
- 2011-12 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant
- 2011-12 Bernard Marcus Humane Studies Fellowship, The Institute for Humane Studies
- 2011-12 Albert Gallatin Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2009 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Summer Foreign Language Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2008-12 President’s Fellowship (repeated annual award for the first four years of the PhD program), University of Virginia

INVITED TALKS

- May 25, 2023 “Exclusive Breastfeeding: Bad Science, Risky Practice, & Failed Policy,” as part of the University of Kent, Centre for Parenting Culture Studies, “Parenting culture and feeding babies” symposium. Slides: <https://tinyurl.com/2amhsewa>.
- May 13, 2023 “Psychic X-rays: Holy Grail, Cover Story — or the End of Human Rights?” as part of Stroom Den Hague’s “Border Displacements” Symposium. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lKr0J4fwQzA>; slides: <https://tinyurl.com/5n9793nj>.
- March 19, 2016 “Lie Detectors on Trial? Science, Security, and Accountability in the Era of the Hague Invasion Act,” presentation and response to Ken Alder’s keynote “The Lie Detectors,” American Studies Symposium, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan. <https://verawil.de/lie-detectors-on-trial-osaka-2016/>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Virginia, Teaching Assistant

Civil Rights & Civil Liberties (2012)
Public Opinion & Political Behavior, (2011)
Modern Political Theory, (fall 2009-11)
Introduction to Political Theory (2010)

University of Arizona, Teaching Assistant

Economics & Philosophy (summer 2012)

GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Virginia, Research Assistant

Politics and Public Policy (2010-2011)
Adviser: Eric Patashnik
Citation and copy-editing on research on the politics of evidence-based medicine that eventually became *Unhealthy Politics: The Battle Over Evidence-Based Medicine*.

Political Theory (2009-2010)
Adviser: Jennifer Rubenstein
Citation and copy-editing on research on the ethics of NGOs that eventually became *Between Samaritans and States: Political Ethics for Humanitarian INGOs*.

MEDIA COVERAGE (SELECTED)

- 2020 “Falsch geblinzelt,” Ann-Kathrin Nezik, *Die Zeit*. <https://tinyurl.com/yj2scxd3>
- 2020 “Lie detectors have always been suspect. AI has made the problem worse,” Jake Bittle, *MIT Technology Review*. <https://tinyurl.com/yckmcf2z>
- 2018 “An Eye-Scanning Lie Detector Is Forging a Dystopian Future,” Mark Harris, *Wired*. <https://tinyurl.com/fdt2a273>
- 2018 “The Lie Generator: Inside The Black Mirror World of Polygraph Job Screenings,” Mark Harris, *Wired*. <https://tinyurl.com/yckkw2wz>
- 2012 “U.S. polygraphers questioned accuracy of tests on detainees overseas,” Marisa Taylor, *McClatchy Newspapers*, part of a nationally syndicated investigative series that ran across the U.S. incorporating numerous documents, interviews, and sources from my research. <https://tinyurl.com/4vxud9rs>
- 2012 “Federal polygraph programs are secret even to researchers,” Marisa Taylor, *McClatchy Newspapers*. <https://tinyurl.com/2p8v4y6a>

- 2012 “Feds expand polygraph screening, often seeking intimate facts,” Marisa Taylor, McClatchy Newspapers. <https://tinyurl.com/2p9eau4p>
- 2012 “As polygraph screening flourishes, critics say oversight abandoned,” Marisa Taylor, McClatchy Newspapers. <https://tinyurl.com/4xdn2ss4>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

- 2012-2013 Manuscript reviewer for *Political Psychology*
- 2012-2014 Member American Political Science Association, American Association for Public Opinion Research, Society for Psychophysiological Research

RELEVANT SKILLS

Bias measurement and reduction, causal inferences, data protection and privacy, field experiments, human subjects protection, interviewing, program evaluation and impact assessment, psychophysiology lab experiments, publication bias testing, regression modeling strategies, risk communication, survey methods — design, implementation, Internet survey experiments).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

AI: medical diagnosis decision support, lie detection, welfare administration, mass surveillance.

Ethics: inequality, corruption, measurement problems, science crisis, research integrity, informed consent, human subjects protection.

Information freedom: open records requests as a research method, transparency, open access.

Meta-science: science crisis, publication bias, p-value reform, open science.

Medicine: neonatology and women’s health, informed consent, difficult diagnosis, uncertainty, risk communication, orphan diseases, prevention, citizen science.

Methods: statistics, uncertainty, risk assessment, risk communication, experiments, causal inferences, causal diagramming.

LANGUAGES

English: Native.

German: Intermediate reading, writing, speaking; completed B2-level course and telc certificate summer 2020.

French: Intermediate reading, writing, speaking; completed upper-level college French.

Italian: Beginner reading, writing, speaking; completed upper-level college Italian.

Spanish: Beginner reading, writing, speaking; completed intermediate-level college Spanish.

Arabic: Beginner reading; completed beginning-level college Arabic.

Russian: Beginner reading; completed beginning-level college Russian at the University of Virginia Summer Language Institute 2009.

REFERENCES

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