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Academic Appointments

2023– PRE-/POST-DOCTORAL ASSOCIATE Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2021–2023 ABD RESEARCH FELLOW Political Science, Trinity College, Dublin

Education

PH.D. Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles

Committee: Jeffrey B. Lewis (chair), Kathleen Bawn, Michael F. Thies, Chris Tausanovitch

M.A. Political Science, University of Ottawa

B.A. Sociology and Political Science, Memorial University of Newfoundland

B.Sc. Computer Science, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Publications

ARTICLES

- 2026 Holliday, Derek and Aaron F. Rudkin. “DC On My Mind: Voter Evaluations of Nationalized Policy Positions in State and Local Elections” *Journal of Politics*.
Award: UCLA Swarr Prize for Best Unpublished Paper (2022)
Award: APSA State Politics & Policy Quarterly (SPPQ) Best Paper Award (2021)
- 2025 Delano, Ryan, Aaron F. Rudkin, and In Song Kim. “Bulk Ingestion of Congressional Actions and Materials Dataset”. *Nature Scientific Data* 12(1).
Data Release: [Link](#)
- 2024 Boussalis, Constantine, Cassandra Craig, and Aaron F. Rudkin. “Collective Victimhood Narratives in Far-Right Communities on Telegram”. *Information, Communication & Society* 28(8).
- 2024 Baxter-King, Ryan, Arash Naeim, Tina Huang, Karen Sepucha, Annette Stanton, Aaron F. Rudkin, Rita Ryu, Leah Sabacan, Lynn Vavreck, Laura Esserman, Allison Stover Fiscalini, Neil Wenger. “Relationship Between Perceived COVID-19 Risk and Change in Perceived

Breast Cancer Risk: Prospective Observational Study”. *JMIR Cancer* 10(1).

- 2024 Sepucha, Karen, Aaron F. Rudkin, Ryan Baxter-King, Annette L. Stanton, Neil Wenger, Lynn Vavreck, and Arash Naeim. “Perceptions of COVID-19 risk: how did people adapt to the novel risk?”. *Medical Decision Making* 44(2).
- 2022 Naeim, Arash, Rebecca J. Guerin, Ryan Baxter-King, Andrea H Okun, Neil Wenger, Karen Sepucha, Annette L. Stanton, Aaron F. Rudkin, Derek Holliday, Alexander Rossell Hayes, Lynn Vavreck. “Strategies to increase the intention to get vaccinated against COVID-19: Findings from a nationally representative survey of U.S. adults, October 2020 to October 2021”. *Vaccine* 40(52).
Policy Impact: Vaccine incentive experiment module directly led to California instituting cash reward for vaccination (Gov. Gavin Newsom)
Selected Press: [New York Times](#)
- 2022 Huang, Tina, Ryan Baxter-King, Arash Naeim, Aaron F. Rudkin, Lynn Vavreck, Karen Sepucha, Leah P. Sabacan, Laura Esserman, Neil Wnger. “Change in breast cancer risk perception related to perceived COVID-19 risk: A WISDOM sub-population analysis.” *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 40(16).
- 2021 Blair, Graeme D., Darin Christensen, and Aaron F. Rudkin. “Do commodity price shocks cause armed conflict? Evidence from a meta-analysis” *American Political Science Review* 115(2).
- 2018 Boche, Adam, Jeffrey B. Lewis, Aaron F. Rudkin, and Luke Sonnet. “The new Voteview.com: preserving and continuing Keith Poole’s infrastructure for scholars, students and observers of Congress” *Public Choice* 176(1).

SOFTWARE AND DATA

- 2023– LobbyView
Data Release: [Link](#)
- 2019–2021 Democracy Fund + UCLA Nationscape
Software: **autumn**: Fast, Modern, and Tidy-Friendly Iterative Raking in R. [GitHub](#)
Technical Whitepaper: [Link](#)
Data Release: [Link](#)
Selected Press: [USA Today](#); [CNN](#); [Washington Post](#); [New York Times](#); [Wall Street Journal](#); [Los Angeles Times](#); also cited by Sen. Ben Cardin, U.S. Congress.
- 2018 sensemakr

Software: **sensemakr**: Sensitivity Analysis Tools for Regression Models. Initial package implementation. [CRAN](#)

2017–2018

DeclareDesign

Software: **fabricatr**: Imagine your data before you collect it. [CRAN](#)

Award: [Society for Political Methodology Statistical software award](#)

Award: [RStudio “Top 40” New Package Picks](#)

2016–2021

Voteview.com / NOMINATE

Data Release: [Link](#)

Selected Press: [New York Times](#); [Washington Post](#); [PolitiFact](#); [Wall Street Journal](#).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Rudkin, Aaron. “*Dunskreis*: Detecting Radical Right Populist Speech Contagion in German State Legislatures with a Data-Driven AI/ML Pipeline”

Rudkin, Aaron and In Song Kim. “The Value of Congressional Committees to Firms: Measuring Regulatory Exposure and Targeted Donations”

Teaching and Service

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

University of California Riverside Extension, Data Science Using R

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Graduate Methods - Web Scraping / Text as Data (R), Professor Jeff Lewis

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Graduate Methods - Causal Inference, Professor Chad Hazlett

Graduate Methods - Probability, Professor Kathleen Bawn

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Professor Luc Turgeon

Introduction to Canadian Politics, Professor Luc Turgeon

SERVICE

MIT, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Mentor

Trinity College Dublin, Applied Social Data Science, Math Camp Instructor

UCLA Political Science Math Camp 2 Instructor

UCLA Political Science “Math Maven” (departmental statistics and programming tutor)
UCLA Political Science Workshop: Python for Political Scientists Seminar

References

[Jeffrey B. Lewis](#), Professor, University of California - Los Angeles
[In Song Kim](#), Associate Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
[Lynn Vavreck](#), Professor, University of California - Los Angeles
[Chris Tausanovitch](#), Professor, University of California - Los Angeles
[Kathleen Bawn](#), Professor, University of California - Los Angeles
[Michael F. Thies](#), Associate Professor, University of California - Los Angeles

Biography

Born: 1986, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada
Citizenship: Canada, United Kingdom
Erdős Number: 4
Languages spoken fluently: English, French
Hobbies: Competitive programming, trivia, world cinema, plants and gardening, board games.