Kevin Munger

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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor and Chair of Computational Social Science 2024-present
Department of Political and Social Sciences
European University Institute

Paternity Leave: February - April 2026

Visiting Research Scholar 2023-2024
Center for Information Technology Policy
Princeton University

Jeffrey L. Hyde and Sharon D. Hyde and Political Science Board of Visitors Early Career Professor of Political Science 2022-2024
Pennsylvania State University

Assistant Professor of Political Science and Social Data Analytics 2019-2024
Pennsylvania State University

Postdoctoral Fellow 2018-2019
Center for the Study of Democratic Politics
Princeton University

Education

New York University Department of Politics PhD 2018

New York University Department of Politics MA 2015

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 2012
B.A. in Mathematics and B.A. in Economics (Honors)

Professional Appointments

Co-Founder and Editor, *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media* 2021-Present

Publications: Forthcoming

[38] "Impact of the New Media Environment on Voters/Politics" 2027
(Eunji Kim, **Kevin Munger**). (Invited submission). *Annual Review of Political Science.*

[37] "Peer Review 2027: Scenarios for Academic Publishing in the Age of AI" 2026
(**Kevin Munger**, Bert N. Bakker, Adam J. Berinsky, Nathalie Giger, Andy Guess, Natascha Just, Regina G. Lawrence, Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt, and Arnout van de Rijt). Conditionally accepted, *Perspectives on Politics.*

2026

Peer-Reviewed

[36] "Overcoming Digital Barriers: Evidence from Venezuelan Migrants in Colombia" (Nejla Asimovic, **Kevin Munger**, Mateo Vasquez-Cortez). 2026
Quarterly Journal of Political Science.

[35] "Beyond Text: Using AI-Generated Visual Conjoints to Study Gender and Housework Attribution" (Léa Pessin, **Kevin Munger**). *Sociological Science.* 2026

Other Scholarly Publications

"Public Opinion in the Age of AI" (Joshua D. Clinton, Soubhik Barari, Ethan Busby, Trent D. Buskirk, Ray Duch, Anna-Carolina Haensch, D. Sunshine Hillygus, Courtney Kennedy, **Kevin Munger**, Doug Rivers, Sean Westwood). Chapter in *APSA Presidential Task Force on AI, Politics, and Political Science.* 2026

"AI Allows More Diversity in the Forms of Social Science" Chapter in *Quantitative Social Science in the Age of AI*, edited by R. Alexander. 2026

2025

Peer-Reviewed

[34] "Social Scientists on the Role of AI in Research" (Tatiana Chakravorti, Xinyu Wang, Pranav Narayanan Venkit, Sai Koneru, **Kevin Munger**, Sarah Rajtmajer). *Proceedings of the Eighth AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics and Society.* 2025

[33] "The Digitally Accountable Public Representation Database: Online Communication by U.S. Officials" (Cassandra Tai, Nitheesha Nakka, Khushi Navin Patni, Sarah Rajtmajer, **Kevin Munger**, Yu-Ru Lin, and Bruce Desmarais). *Nature: Scientific Data.* 2025

[32] "Political Deepfakes are as Credible as Other Fake Media and (Sometimes) Real Media" (Soubhik Barari, Chris Lucas and **Kevin Munger**). *Journal of Politics.* 2025
Honorable Mention, APSA ITP award for Best Paper published in 2025.

[31] "Thirst Traps and Quick Cuts: The Effects of TikTok 'Edits' on Evaluations of Politicians" (**Kevin Munger** and Valerie Li). *Social Media + Society.* 2025

[30] "Pressing Play on Politics: Quantitative Description of YouTube" (**Kevin Munger**, Matt Hindman, Omer Yalcin, Joseph Phillips, James Bisbee). *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media.* 2025

Other Scholarly Publications

Enough? (Drew Dimmery and **Kevin Munger**). *Observational Studies.* 2025

What Did We Learn About Political Communication from the Meta2020 Partnership? *Political Communication.* 2025

2024

Peer-Reviewed

[29] "Introducing the Visual Conjoint, with an Application to Candidate Evaluation on Social Media" (Alessandro Vecchiato and **Kevin Munger**). *Journal of Experimental Political Science.* 2024

[28] "The Vibes are Off: Did Elon Musk Push Academics off Twitter?" (James Bisbee and **Kevin Munger**). *PS: Political Science and Politics.* 2024

[27] *The YouTube Apparatus*, Cambridge University Press (Elements in Political Communication). 2024

[26] "Reenviado Muchas Veces": How Platform Warnings Affect WhatsApp Users in Mexico and Colombia." (**Kevin Munger**, Mateo Vasquez-Cortez, Jorge Gallego, and Angel Villegas-Cruz). *Political Communication.* 2024

Other Scholarly Publications

"Temporality and Truth in *Connected in Isolation*" *International Journal of Communication.* 2024

2023

Peer-Reviewed

[25] "Temporal Validity as Meta-Science". *Research & Politics* 2023

[24] "Antecedents and consequences of fake news exposure: a two-panel study on how news use and different indicators of fake news exposure affect media trust" (Sangwon Lee, Homero Gil de Zúñiga, and **Kevin Munger**). *Human Communication Research.* 2023

[23] "Generations in Contemporary US Politics: Statistical Aggregations or Collective Political Actors?" (**Kevin Munger** and Eric Plutzer). *Politics, Groups & Identities.* 2023

2022

Peer-Reviewed

[22] *Generation Gap: Why the Baby Boomers Still Dominate American Politics and Culture.* Columbia University Press. 2022
Cited in The New York Times, Roll Call, Foreign Affairs, NYRB

[21] "Digital Literacy and Online Political Behavior" (Andy Guess, **Kevin Munger**). *Political Science Research & Methods.* 2022

[20] "Fifteen Seconds of Fame: TikTok and the Democratization of Mobile Video on Social Media" (Benjamin Guinaudeau, Fabio Votta, **Kevin Munger**). *Computational Communication Research.* 2022
Winner, APSA ITP award for Best Paper published in 2022.
Covered in The Atlantic

2021

Peer-Reviewed

[19] "The Effect of Streaming Chat on Perceptions of Debates" (Victoria Asbury-Kimmel, Keng-Chi Chang, Katherine McCabe, **Kevin Munger**, Tiago Ventura). *Journal of Communication.* 2021

[18] "The Upworthy Research Archive: A Time Series of 32,488 Experiments in U.S. Advocacy" (Nathan Matias, **Kevin Munger**, Marianne Aubin Le Quere, Charles Ebersole) *Nature: Scientific Data.* 2021

[17] "Measuring Humans in the 21st Century" (David Lazer, Eszter Hargittai, Deen Freelon, Sandra Gonzalez-Bailon, **Kevin Munger**, Katherine Ognyanova, Jason Radford) *Nature.* 2021

[16] "Accessibility and Generalizability: Are Social Media Effects Moderated by Age or Digital Literacy?" (**Kevin Munger**, Ishita Gopal, Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker) *Research & Politics.* 2021

[15] "Connective Effervescence and Streaming Chat During Political Debates" (Tiago Ventura, **Kevin Munger**, Katherine McCabe and Keng-Chi Chang) *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media.* 2021

[14] "You Won't Believe Our Results! But They Might: Heterogeneity in Beliefs About The Accuracy of Online Media" (Mario Luca, **Kevin Munger**, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker) *Journal of Experimental Political Science.* 2021

Other Scholarly Publications

"Quantitative Description of Digital Media: A Modest Proposal to Disrupt Academic Publishing" (**Kevin Munger**, Andrew Guess and Eszter Hargittai) *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media.* 2021

2020

Peer-Reviewed

[13] "#polisci Twitter: A Descriptive Analysis of how Political Scientists Use Twitter in 2019" (Jim Bisbee, **Kevin Munger**, Jennifer Larson), *Perspectives on Politics.* 2020

[12] "Political Knowledge and Misinformation in the Era of Social Media: Evidence from the 2015 U.K. Election" (**Kevin Munger**, Patrick J. Egan, Jonathan Ronen, Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker) *British Journal of Political Science.* 2020

[11] "Right-Wing YouTube: A Supply and Demand Perspective" (**Kevin Munger** and Joseph Phillips), *International Journal of Press/Politics.* 2020
Covered in Wired and Vox.

[10] "The Effects of an Informational Intervention on Attention to Anti-Vaccination Content on YouTube" (Sangyeon Kim, Omer Yalcin, Samuel Bestvater, **Kevin Munger**, Burt Monroe, Bruce Desmarais) *Proceedings of the International Conference on Web and Social Media.* 2020

[9] "The (Null) Effects of Clickbait Headlines On Polarization, Trust, and Learning" (**Kevin Munger**, Mario Luca, Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker) 2020

Public Opinion Quarterly.

[8] "Don't @ Me: Experimentally Reducing Partisan Incivility on Twitter" 2020
Journal of Experimental Political Science.

2019

Peer-Reviewed

[7] "All the News That's Fit to Click: The Economics of Clickbait Media" 2019
Political Communication.

[6] "Tweeting for Peace: Experimental Evidence from the 2016 Colombian Plebiscite" (Jorge Gallego, Juan D. Martínez, **Kevin Munger**, and Mateo Vásquez), *Electoral Studies.* 2019

[5] "Measuring and Explaining Political Sophistication Through Textual Complexity" (Ken Benoit, **Kevin Munger**, and Arthur Spirling), *American Journal of Political Science.* 2019

[4] "How Accurate Are Survey Responses on Social Media and Politics?" (Andrew Guess, **Kevin Munger**, Jonathan Nagler, and Joshua Tucker), *Political Communication.* 2019

[3] "Elites Tweet to get Feet off the Streets: Using Social Media to Measure Regime Response to Protest" (**Kevin Munger**, Richard Bonneau, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker), *Political Science Research & Methods.* 2019

Other Scholarly Publications

"The Limited Value of Non-Replicable Field Experiments in Contexts with Low Temporal Validity" *Social Media + Society.* 2019

"Social Media, Political Science, and Democracy" 2019
Journal of Politics.

"Frenemies: How Social Media Polarizes America" 2019
Public Opinion Quarterly.

"The Dumbing Down of the State of the Union? Trends in the Complexity of Political Communication" (Ken Benoit, **Kevin Munger** and Arthur Spirling) In *Can America Govern Itself?*, Cambridge University Press. 2019

Publications: Earlier

Peer-Reviewed

[2] "Tweetment Effects on the Tweeted: Experimentally Reducing Racist Harassment", *Political Behavior.* 2017
Winner, APSA EPVOB award for Best Paper published in *Political Behavior*.
Covered in The New Yorker, New York Magazine, and The Atlantic.

[1] *Choosing in Groups: Analytical Politics II* (with Michael Munger); Cambridge University Press 2014

Working Papers

"Generalization To The Present: Bounding Causal Inference Across Time" (with Drew Dimmery).

"Contained and Uncontained Experiments"

"Three Divergences, Not One: The Youth Gender Gap in Political Ideology Across the OECD" (with Léa Pessin).

Statistical Software

"sophistication" R package: implements the new measure of textual complexity developed by Benoit, Munger & Spirling

Grants

EUI Research Council Grant (€7,500)	2025
CIVICA Thematic Activities Grant (1 of 2 PIs) (€12,000)	2025
EUI Research Council Grant (€11,500)	2024
NSF HNDS-I Infrastructure Grant (1 of 4 PIs) ($969,287)	2023
Penn State Center for Socially Responsible AI Seed Grant ($25,000)	2022
Penn State Center for Social Data Analytics Seed Grant ($20,000)	2022
IPA Peace & Recovery Grant (1 of 3 PIs) ($40,000)	2022
SSRC Social Data Research Fellowship ($40,000)	2020
Facebook Foundational Integrity Research Grant ($100,000)	2020
Russell Sage Foundation Computational Social Science Grant ($10,000)	2020
Penn State Center for Social Data Analytics Seed Grant ($20,000)	2019

Conference Presentations

Digital Publics Conference, University of Zurich	October 2026
Nordic Political Behavior Workshop, Copenhagen	September 2026
European Polarization Observatory Conference, Sciences Po	May 2026
Organizer EUI Conference on AI and Academic Publishing	November 2025
Organizer CIVICA Youth Gender Polarization Workshop	October 2025
Italian Political Science Association	August 2025
Europolmeth	April 2025
Social Media & Democratic Practice Conference, Stanford	March 2025
Workshop on Scientific Error, University of Bern	February 2025
Computational Approaches to Discrimination, Mannheim	February 2025
CIND Conference UPenn	April 2024
The Planned Economy in the Cybernetic Age Santa Fe Institute	April 2024
Duke Workshop on Online Political Behavior	March 2024
Princeton Workshop on Measurement in Survey Experiments	March 2024
Organizer Princeton Workshop on Morality in Tech	November 2023
Social Science Foo Camp	Feb 2020, 2021, 2024
MIT Conference on Digital Experimentation	2019, 2020, 2023
SSRC News Quality in the Platform Era	Nov 2020
PACSS and Polnet	Aug 2020
Summer Institute in Computational Social Science	2018
Harvard Harmful Speech Online Workshop	June 2017
LSE Text Analysis R Package Developers' Workshop	Apr 2017
NYU Center for Experimental Social Science	Mar 2017, 2018
Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop	Nov 2016, Sep 2018
Princeton SSRC Anxieties of Democracy Conference	Oct 2016
New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data	Oct 2016
MIT Online Harassment Workshop	Aug 2016
Political Methodology Summer Meeting (Poster)	2015, 2016, 2017, 2022
Crowdsourcing and Online Behavioral Experiments Workshop	Apr 2016

Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference	2016, 2017
American Political Science Association	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022
Midwestern Political Science Association	2015-2022
Southern Political Science Association	2017, 2020
European Political Science Association	2017, 2022, 2023, 2025

Invited Talks

Departmental Seminar, IE University	April 2027
Keynote ALP POP Alpine Population Conference	January 2027
Political Science Department, ETH	October 2026
Keynote Summer Academy, EUI	September 2026
Dondena Seminar, Bocconi University	May 2026
Keynote AI and Social Science, Konstanz Inequality Conference	March 2026
Studienkolleg, University of Tübingen	December 2025
CPPE Colloquium, University of Konstanz	December 2025
Communications Department, Aarhus University	November 2025
Seminar Series, Collegio Carlo Alberto	October 2025
Political Science Seminar Series, Trinity College Dublin	September 2025
Data Science Brown Bag, Hertie School, Berlin	September 2025
Quantitative Social Sciences Seminars, Bologna	May 2025
SODAS Speaker Series, Copenhagen	March 2025
Meta Computational Social Science	March 2025
MZES Speaker Series	February 2025
EUI Center for Media Pluralism	February 2025
Keynote Mannheim Future of Science Initiative	September 2024
Keynote IC2S2 Philadelphia	July 2024
R&D Salon Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) NYC	April 2024
Toulouse School of Economics	March 2024
Cornell Tech Social Technologies Lab	January 2024
University of Rochester Goergen Institute of Data Science	December 2023
Purdue University Department of Political Science	December 2023
UC-Boulder American Politics Research Lab	November 2023
LSE Department of Methodology	November 2023
US Air Force Academy Office of Labor and Economic Analysis	November 2023
Rutgers University American Politics Research Group	October 2023
UPenn Center for Information Networks and Democracy	October 2023
Keynote New Models Fifth Anniversary Berlin	July 2023
Keynote European Association for Computational Linguistics	May 2023
UNC American Politics Research Group	February 2023
Notre Dame Lucy Institute for Data and Society	November 2022
Purdue University Center on Aging	August 2022
Keynote ECPR General Conference	August 2022
Keynote PhoMemes Images in Online Political Communication	June 2022
Reddit	April 2022
Stanford Social Media Lab	March 2022
Stanford Cyber Policy Center	February 2022
Center for an Informed Public, University of Washington	May 2021
Cornell Information Science	March 2021
Connected Politics Lab, University College Dublin	February 2021
MIT Digital Marketing Seminar	November 2020
NYU CSMAP	July 2020
GWU IDDP	July 2020
Cornell Digital Experimentation	March 2020
Stanford Cyber Policy Center	January 2020

	Pew Research Center (Washington DC)	November 2019
	Central European University	March 2019
	Texas Tech	February 2019
	UC Santa Barbara	February 2019
	International Methods Colloquium	November 2018
	Princeton Quantitative Social Science Lunch Seminar	November 2018
	Princeton CITP Lunch Seminar	October 2018
	Facebook (San Francisco) Research Presentation	August 2018
	Twitter (San Francisco) Data Science Tech Lunch	August 2017
	Columbia Computational Social Science Working Group	May 2017
	Kings College London	Apr 2017
	SUNY Stony Brook Political Psychology Speaker Series	Mar 2017
	USC Networked Democracy Lab	Feb 2017
	Universidad de Rosario Facultad de Economía	Feb 2017
	Yale Human Nature Lab	Dec 2016
	Yale ISPS Experiments Workshop	Oct 2015

Academic Honors	APSA ITP Honorable Mention for Best Published Paper	2026
	APSA ITP Award for Best Published Paper	2023
	APSR Star Reviewer Award	2023
	APSA EPVOB award for Best Paper published in *Political Behavior*	2018
	APSA Political Communication award for Best Graduate Student Presentation	2018

Supervision of Students: Penn State	Michael Burnham (committee member, Political Science)	2024
	Faculty at Texas A&M	
	Marjan Davoodi (outside reader, Sociology)	2024
	Data Scientist at Johns Hopkins	
	Zicheng Cheng (outside reader, Communications)	2024
	Faculty at University of Arizona	
	Angel Villegas-Cruz (committee member, Political Science)	2024
	Data Scientist at University of Rochester	
	Sangyeon Kim (committee member, Political Science)	2023
	Faculty at Ewha Womans University	
	Ishita Gopal (committee member, Political Science)	2023
	Postdoc at Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research	
	Taegyoon Kim (committee member, Political Science)	2022
	Faculty at KAIST	

Teaching Experience	PhD Seminar The Politics of Media and AI (EUI)	2027
	PhD Intermediate Quantitative Methods (EUI)	2025, 2026
	PhD Workshop on Computational Social Science Methods (EUI)	2025
	PhD Seminar Media, Social Media & Politics (EUI)	2025
	PhD Seminar Causal Inference (Penn State)	2023
	UG Media, Social Media & Politics (Penn State)	2022
	UG Text as Data (Penn State)	2019, 2021 x2, 2023
	PhD Seminar Media, Social Media and Politics (Penn State)	2019, 2021
	MA Intro to Data Science Summer Course (U Rosario)	2018
	TA: MA (Center for Data Science) Text-as-Data (Arthur Spirling)	2016
	TA: MA (CDS) Intro to Data Science (Brian D'Alessandro)	2016
	TA: MA (CDS) Intro to Data Science (Arthur Spirling)	2017
	TA: MA (CDS) Intro to Data Science (Brian D'Alessandro)	2017

Professional Service

Reviewer for *Princeton University Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *National Science Foundation*, *Swiss National Science Foundation*, *Russell Sage Foundation*, *Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*, *Tryg Foundation (Denmark)*, *Nature*, *Science*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Science Advances*, *Nature Machine Intelligence*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Analysis*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Journal of Communication*, *Political Science Research & Methods*, *Political Communication*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *New Media and Society*, *Social Media + Society*, *Computational Communication Research*, *European Sociological Review*, *Electoral Studies*, *Politics & Gender*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities*, *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, *Public Choice*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, *International Journal of Communication*, *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, *AI and Ethics*, *WWW (The Web Conference)*, *CHI (ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems)*, *ICWSM (International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media)*, *IC2S2 (International Conference on Computational Social Science)*, *ICA (International Communication Association)*, *Abusive Language Online Workshop*.