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Positions

Rutgers University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science; New Brunswick, NJ; *September 2026 – Present*.

New York University Abu Dhabi

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Social Science Division; Abu Dhabi, UAE; *2024 – 2026*.

- Affiliated Faculty: Leonid Peisakhin, Joan Barceló, Jeffrey Jensen
- Engaged in collaborative research on topics in historical political economy and conflict legacies

Education

Princeton University

Ph.D., Department of Politics; Princeton, New Jersey, USA; *2018 – 2024*.

- Advisor: Grigore Pop-Eleches
- Passed comprehensive examinations in *Comparative Politics* and *Formal Theory & Quantitative Methods*, with *Identity Politics* as third field

Princeton University

MA, Department of Politics; Princeton, New Jersey, USA; *2020*.

University of Canterbury

BA (Hons); Christchurch, New Zealand; *2015 – 2016*.

University of Canterbury

BA; Christchurch, New Zealand; *2011 – 2014*.

Research

Published & Forthcoming

- **Carter, P.**, and Choi, D. *How Much Data Is Enough? A Design-aware Approach to Empirical Sample Complexity in Political Science*. Forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*. OSF paper; scR package.
- Brodeur, A., et al. 2026. Reproducibility and Robustness of Economics and Political Science Research. *Nature* 652: 151-156. DOI: 10.1038/s41586-026-10251-x.
- **Carter, P.**, and Pop-Eleches, G. 2025. Territorial Loss and Nationalist Populism. *Comparative Political Studies* 58(11): 2508-2553. DOI: 10.1177/00104140241302753.
- **Carter, P.** 2022. Reproduction of Bautista et al. (2021): “The Geography of Repression and Opposition to Autocracy.” *Social Science Reproduction Platform*. DOI: 10.48152/ssrp-9r31-2c74.
- **Carter, P.**, Brady, A.-M., and Pavlov, E. 2016. Russia’s “Smart Power” Foreign Policy and Antarctica. *The Polar Journal* 6(2): 259-272. DOI: 10.1080/2154896X.2016.1257102.

Working Papers

- **The (In)Effectiveness of Authoritarian Reform: The Case of Russian Commercial Courts** (with Leonid Peisakhin)
- **Wealth, War, and Mortality: Are the Wealthy More Likely to Fight and Die in a Redistributive Civil War?** (with Leonid Peisakhin, Jeffrey Jensen, and Joan Barceló)
- **Beliefs about Beliefs: Politicians' Rhetorical Ideology and Voter Perceptions** (with Daniel Daneri and Will Schulz)
- **The Comfort of Capacity: How Exposure to Strong Governance Shapes Political Behavior** (with Tiffany Simon)
- **Social Structure and Redistributive Politics** (with Joseph Ruggiero)
- **Who Is Responsible? A Model for Inference over Narrative Structure in Political Speech**
- **Sample Complexity for Open-Ended Survey Responses** (with Narrelle Gilchrist and Dahyun Choi)
- **My Neighbor's Loss: Social Transmission and the Legacies of Violence**
- **An Impassable Road to Glory: Loss and Displacement in the Republic of Armenia**
- **My Country Is Occupied: How Territorial Loss Narratives Shape Political Ambiguity Attitudes**
- **It's Anyone's Guess: Measuring the Role of Ambiguity in Political Decision-Making**
- **Army as the Forge of Political Loyalty: The Case of Chinese POWs in the Korean War** (with Leonid Peisakhin and Paul Pinto)
- **Scope Conditions in Political Science: A Meta-Analysis** (with Grigore Pop-Eleches)
- **Choosing Your Battlegrounds: Improving Decision-Making in the FDA** (with Matias Iaryczower and Nathan Canen)

Professional Experience

2022–2024: Methodological Consultant, Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science, Princeton University.

2022–2024: Editorial Assistant, World Politics, Princeton University.

2020–2024: Research Assistant, Matias Iaryczower (DataX grant), Princeton University Department of Politics.

2019: Research Assistant, Mark Beissinger (book translation), Princeton University Department of Politics.

2016–2017: Research Assistant, Jeremy Moses, University of Canterbury Department of Political Science.

2016–2017: Research Assistant, Anne-Marie Brady, University of Canterbury Department of Political Science.

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2025, 2026: Culture and Diversity Cluster Research Grant, New York University Abu Dhabi.

2025, 2026: Postdoctoral Research Fund, New York University Abu Dhabi.

2024: Large-Scale Grant, Data-Driven Social Science Initiative (with Dahyun Choi and Narrelle Gilchrist).

2022–2023: Award for Outstanding Methodological Consulting, Princeton University.

2023–2024: PGRA Fellow, Princeton University.

2023–2024: PIIRS Dissertation Fellow, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies.

2022–2023: Q-APS Fellow, Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science, Princeton University.

2022: Multi-Center Grant, The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University.

2022: Dissertation Grant, The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University.

2022: Dissertation Grant, Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies, Princeton University.

2022–2023: Dissertation Research Grant, Program in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, Princeton University.

2022: Graduate School Teaching Award, Princeton University Graduate School.

2019–2023: Research Travel Grants, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies.

Teaching Experience

Fall 2025: POLSC-UH 221 I Data Analysis for Political Science, Professor, New York University Abu Dhabi.

Fall 2021: DDSS Consultant, Methodological and Coding Tutor, Princeton University.

Fall 2021: POL571 Quantitative Methods I (Graduate-level), Individual Tutor, Princeton University.

Fall 2021: POL230 Introduction to Comparative Politics, Teaching Assistant, Princeton University.

Spring 2021: POL345 Introduction to Quantitative Social Science, Teaching Assistant, Princeton University.

Fall 2020: POL571 Quantitative Methods I (Graduate-level), Teaching Assistant, Princeton University.

2017–2018: English as a Second Language (all levels), English Teacher, EF Alexeevskaya, Moscow, Russia.

2014–2016: Music Theory and Performance, Music Teacher, Cashmere High School, Christchurch, New Zealand.

2012–2017: Saxophone, Bassoon, and Recorder Performance, Music Teacher, Christchurch School of Music, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Other Skills

Technical Skills

Programming: Python, R, Stan, SQL.

Web: JavaScript, HTML, CSS.

Additional: Java, MATLAB, Maple.

Languages Spoken

Native: English.

Fluent: Russian, Spanish, Georgian.

Lower intermediate: Eastern Armenian, Te Reo Māori.

References

- **Grigore Pop-Eleches**, Professor of Politics, Princeton University Department of Politics, gpop@princeton.edu
- **Mark Beissinger**, Professor of Politics, Princeton University Department of Politics, mbeissin@princeton.edu
- **Rocío Titiunik**, Professor of Politics, Princeton University Department of Politics, titiunik@princeton.edu
- **Christopher Achen**, Professor of Politics, Emeritus, Princeton University Department of Politics, achen@Princeton.edu