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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Election Science — Public Policy
Tech & Democracy — Political Behavior
Data Transparency & Integrity — Civic Engagement

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Thomas S. Foley Distinguished Professor in Government — Effective Aug. 2026
Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs
Director, Thomas S. Foley Institute of Public Policy and Public Service — Effective Aug. 2026

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Associate Teaching Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy — 2024-2026
Associate Research Professor, Massive Data Institute — 2024-2026

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
Associate Professor of American Politics — 2023-2024
Assistant Professor of American Politics — 2017-2023
Department of Political Science & Public Administration

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, ST. PETERSBURG
Visiting Assistant Professor of American Politics — 2016-2017
Department of History & Politics

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & Affiliations

CENTER FOR NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH, WSU
Affiliate Faculty, — Fall 2026–present

CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY & TECHNOLOGY
Non-Resident Fellow — Spring 2026-present

ELECTORAL INTEGRITY PROJECT
Senior Research Fellow — Spring 2025

TUFTS UNIVERSITY
NSLVE Senior Fellow — Summer 2023

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
Ph.D., Political Science — 2016
Fields: American Politics - Political Methodology – Public Policy

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
M.A., Political Science/Political Campaigning 2011

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD, UK
M.A., International Studies 2008

UNIVERSITY OF MACEDONIA, GREECE
B.A., Politics and Diplomacy 2006

GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Awarded

Principal Investigator

1. AI + Elections Clinic, Arizona State University. "Generative AI for Election Officials: Use Cases, Best Practices, and Ethical Guardrails." $10,000
2. Public Agenda Democracy Renewal Project. "Restoring the Health of the Election Information Ecosystem: The Election Officials' Communications Tracker." $50,000
3. U.S. Election Assistance Commission. "Tracking the Implementation of Voter Education Programs Across the States." $170,000
4. MIT Election Data & Science Lab. "Combating Misinformation and Building Trust in Elections: Assessing Election Official Communications During the 2022 Election Cycle." $120,000
5. Scholars Strategy Network, Building Trust in Elections Grant. $17,300
6. MIT Election Data and Science Lab, New Initiatives Grant. "Voter List maintenance Within a Hybrid Structure of Data Management: The Case of Mississippi." $18,000
7. MIT Election Data and Science Lab, New Initiatives Grant "Investigating Voter List Maintenance Practices in Mississippi." $5,000

Co-Principal Investigator

1. Center of Tech and Public Policy, Georgetown University. "Building Robust Algorithmic Tools to Advance the Study of Information Integrity in Digital Ecosystems." (PI: Renee DiResta, Georgetown University). $76,000
2. Bipartisan Policy Center Election Workforce Grant Program. "ARTT for Local Election Officials (ARTT-LEO): building capacity for trust in the election information ecosystem." (PI: Connie Moon Sehat, Discourse Labs). $62,000
3. Scholars Strategy Network, Mississippi Student Voter Summit. $6,800

Submitted & In-Progress

Principal Investigator

1. "From the Legislator's POV:
   Self-definitions and perceptions of legislative effectiveness." $5,000
2. "Decomposing Trust in AI-Mediated Election Communications:
   A Signal-Based Framework for Measuring How Public Confidence is Constructed." $100,000
3. "Can voters rely on chatbots to get accurate information about voting? Stress testing commercial AI chatbot responses on voting-related prompts." $94,500
4. "Effective communication strategies to demystify the voter list maintenance and voter registration process." $98,885
5. "Building Infrastructure for Democratic Resilience: A Research Agenda on Institutional Trust, Election Communication, and Responsible AI." $350,000

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Djanogly Garai, Zachary; Baltz, Samuel; Gross, Joelle; Merivaki, Thessalia; Suttmann-Lea, Mara; Stewart, C., Charles III. 2026. "From Nuts and Bolts to Crisis Response: The Transformation of Election Officials' Communications on Twitter, 2016-2022." *Journal of Election Administration, Research & Practice*.
2. Mara Suttmann-Lea, Thessalia Merivaki, and Rachel Orey. 2025. "When Election Officials Speak, Do Voters Listen? Trust-building Communications, Information seeking, and Voter Confidence in the 2022 midterm elections." *Political Communication*.
3. Thessalia Merivaki, Mara Suttmann-Lea, and Rachel Orey. 2025. "Does Relying on Close to Home Sources Increase Voter Confidence? Evidence from the 2022 Midterm Elections." *Social Science Research*. Vol. 126. 103131.
4. Thessalia Merivaki, Mara Suttmann-Lea, Mary Catherine McCreary, and Tyler Daniel. 2024. "#TrustedInfo2022: Measuring States' Trust-Building Campaigns on Social Media During the 2022 Election Cycle." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, 24(4): 468-478.
5. Mara Suttmann-Lea and Thessalia Merivaki. 2023. "The Impact of Voter Education on Voter Confidence: Evidence from U.S. Elections." *Election Law Journal*. Online First: https://doi.org/10.1089/elj.2022.0055.
6. Mara Suttmann-Lea and Thessalia Merivaki. 2023. "Don't Drown the Message: The Effects of Voter Education on Mail Ballot Acceptance." *Journal of Election Administration, Research & Practice* 1(2): 69-92.
7. Thessalia Merivaki and Mara Suttmann-Lea. 2022. "Can Electoral Management Bodies Expand the Pool of Registered Voters? The Effects of Face-to-Face, Remote, Traditional, and Social Media Outreach." *Policy Studies*. https://doi.org/10.1080/01442872.2022.2044020.
8. Thessalia Merivaki. 2022. "Making National Voter Registration Day a Course Assignment." *PS: Political Science and Politics*. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096521001657.
9. Thessalia Merivaki and Mara Suttmann-Lea. 2022. "Designing Voter Education: State Responses to the Help America Vote Act." *Election Law Journal*. Vol. 21(1): 46-59.
10. Derek Willis, Thessalia Merivaki and Ioannis Ziogas. 2021. "Election Data Transparency: Obtaining Precinct-Level Election Returns." *Public Integrity*. Online First.
11. Thessalia Merivaki. 2020. "Who is Left Out? Validating Voter Registration Applications." *American Politics Research Special Symposium on Election Sciences* 48(6): 682:686.
12. Thessalia Merivaki. 2020. "Our Voter Rolls Are Better Than Yours: Investigating Voter List Maintenance Practices in Mississippi." *American Politics Research* 48(5): 560-570.
13. Thessalia Merivaki and Daniel A. Smith. 2020. "A Failsafe for Voters? Cast and Rejected Provisional Ballots in North Carolina." *Political Research Quarterly* 73(1): 65-78.
14. Thessalia Merivaki. 2019. "Access Denied? Assessing Voter Registration Rejections in Florida," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 19(1): 53-82.
15. McDonald, Michael P. and Thessalia Merivaki. 2015. "Voter Turnout in Presidential Nominating Contests," *The Forum* 13(4): 597-622.

GRANT REPORTS & WHITE PAPERS

1. Generative AI for Election Officials: Use Cases, Best Practices, and Ethical Guardrails. 2025. ASU Mechanics of Democracy Lab.
2. Restoring the Health of the Election Information Ecosystem: The 2024 Election Officials' Communications Tracker. 2025. Public Agenda, Democracy Renewal Project.
3. ARTT for Local Election Officials: A pilot training model for de-escalatory language and connective communication in the election information ecosystem. 2025. Bipartisan Policy Center.

4. The Election Trust Playbook. 2024. MIT Election Data Science Lab.
5. Voter Education Report. 2024. U.S. Election Assistance Commission.
6. Combating Misinformation and Building Trust in Elections. 2024. MIT Election Data Science Lab.
7. Learning from Election Reforms: Before and After the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election. 2021. The Carter Center.
8. How can Online Voter Registration Improve the Voter Experience? 2019. Democracy Fund.

BOOKS

1. Paul Gronke, Christian Grose, David Kimball, Bridgett King, Thessalia Merivaki, and Mara Suttmann-Lea. 2025. Local Election Administrators in the United States – The Frontline of Democracy. Palgrave McMillan.
2. Thessalia Merivaki. 2021. The Administration of Voter Registration: Expanding the Electorate Across and Within the States, Palgrave-McMillan.

UNDER REVIEW

1. Natalie Scala, Kenton Njuguna, Thessalia Merivaki, and Josh Delingher. "Measuring voter satisfaction and trust in elections: Evidence from Anne Arundel County's 2024 General Election survey."
2. Thessalia Merivaki, Mara Suttmann-Lea, and Lisa Bryant. "Election Officials As Trusted Information Sources: Capturing voters' engagement with election officials' communications and their attitudes towards election integrity."
3. Martha Kropf, Kingsford Onyia, and Thessalia Merivaki. "When You Don't Know Your Voting Rights: How Knowledge of Voting Requirements Shapes Voter Confidence." *Revise & Resubmit in Electoral Studies.*
4. Fernanda Gonzalez, Alejandro Flores, Samuel Baltz, Thessalia Merivaki, Mara Suttmann-Lea, and Charles Stewart III. "¿Dónde diablos voto? Unexamined variations in linguistic responsiveness by democratic representatives."
5. Ioannis Ziogas, William McGloin, and Thessalia Merivaki. "FrailNet: Deep Survival Modeling with Temporal Adaptation and Latent Heterogeneity."

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Thessalia Merivaki, Ioannis Ziogas, and Adriana Stephan. "Assessing the Quality of LLMs' Information Retrieval when Responding to Voting-related Queries."
2. Thessalia Merivaki and Ioannis Ziogas. "Decomposing Trust in AI-Mediated Election Communication:
   A Signal-Based Framework for Measuring How Public Confidence is Constructed."
3. Thessalia Merivaki, Ioannis Ziogas, and Quinyang Wang. "Detecting resource diffusion at scale: A computer vision pipeline for tracking social media toolkit use in decentralized political communication."

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Thessalia Merivaki and Mara Suttmann-Lea. Forthcoming. "Demystifying election security processes: New York State's #12DaysOfElectionSecurity Campaign." International IDEA/Electoral Integrity Project Review of Elections.
2. Mara Suttmann-Lea and Thessalia Merivaki. 2026. "Voter Education." In Oxford Handbook of

Electoral Integrity. https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780197777497.013.0018.

3. Gross, Joelle, Samuel Baltz, Mara Suttmann-Lea, Thessalia Merivaki, and Charles Stewart III. 2024. "Online Hostility towards Local Election Officials Surged in 2020," in Dari Tran, eds. "Pandemic at the Polls: How the Politics of COVID-19 Played into American Elections. Rowman & Littlefield.
4. Merivaki, Thessalia and Daniel A. Smith. 2019. "The Challenges of Voter Registration," in Kathleen Hale and Bridgett King eds., The Future of Election Administration. Palgrave-McMillan.
5. Smith, Daniel A., Brian Amos, Carl Klarner, Daniel Maxwell, Thessalia Merivaki, and Tyler Richards. 2019. "Rigged? Assessing Election Administration in Florida's 2016 General Election," in Matthew Corrigan and Mike Binder, eds., The 2016 Presidential Election in Florida: Ground Zero for America's New Political Revolution. Gainesville: University Press of Florida.
6. Merivaki, Thessalia. 2016. "Initiative, Referendum, and Recall." American Governance, Stephen L. Schechter et al. ed. Vol. 3. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Macmillan Reference USA/Cengage Learning: 71-76.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Merivaki, Thessalia. Electoral Integrity in America: Securing Democracy. Edited by Pippa Norris, Sarah Cameron, and Thomas Wynter. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018. 280p. Perspectives on Politics 17, no. 2 (2019): 581-583.
2. Merivaki, Thessalia. 2021. How We Vote: Innovation in American Elections. Georgetown University Press. Political Science Quarterly. https://doi.org/10.1002/polq.13223.
3. Merivaki, Thessalia. 2022. Voter Suppression in U.S. Elections: In Conversation with Kim Downs. By Stacey Abrams, Carol Anderson, Kevin M. Kruse, Heather Cox Richardson, and Heather Ann Thompson. (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2020. Acknowledgments, introduction, bibliography. Pp. xi, 160. %19.95, paper.) North Carolina Historical Review.

TECH & PUBLIC POLICY SANDBOXING/DATATHONS

1. Countdown to the 2026 Midterms: Election Crisis Simulation with Ready for Tuesday, McCourt School for Public Policy at Georgetown University, June 2026.
2. Beyond Winner-Take-All: Stress Testing Consensus Choice with Better Choices, McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University, April 2026.
3. Data in Action: Datathon with Massive Data Institute, Bright Data, and IBM, Massive Data Institute at Georgetown University, March 2026.
4. Save the Data: Data Preservation Event with Data Rescue Project, Massive Data Institute at Georgetown University, June 2025.
5. Tech & Public Policy Hackathon with Anthropic, McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University, April 2025.
6. Voting Systems Stress Testing with Voting Works, Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Mississippi State University, February 2020.

CONSULTING & DEMOCRACY WORK

1. Connecticut Secretary of the State, Civically Engaged Organization Program Evaluation, January 2026 - present.
2. AI & Elections Clinic, AI Prompts in Practice Substack blog, October 2025 - present.
3. DC Board of Elections, Ranked Choice Voting Implementation Support, December 2025 -

present.
4. DC Civics Coalition, McCourt Faculty Liaison, May 2025 – present.
5. Democracy Communications Collaborative, Research Coordination and Data Working Group, July 2025 – present.
6. The Carter Center, U.S. Elections Expert Study Team, August 2020 – present.
7. Data Rescue Project (DRP), April 2024 – present.
8. MIT Election Data Science Lab, July 2024 – December 2024.
9. Hacks & Hackers, April 2024 – December 2024.
10. Tufts University, National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement, August 2023 – December 2023.
11. March To the Polls, April 2022 – December 2022.
12. Democracy Fund, September 2019 - December 2019.

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

1. "Preparing Voters for an AI-mediated information environment." Knight Georgetown Institute//Center for Social Media, AI, and Politics at NYU, McCourt School of Public Policy, October 2026.
2. "What's normal and what isn't on Election Day and beyond: A webinar for reporters." Harvard Kenndy School Shorenstein Center (webinar). October 2026.
3. "Protecting The Vote: A Community Summit on Voting Rights and Election Readiness." NAACP Branch 7032-B (Virtual), May 2026.
4. "What Voters Know - And Don't - About Voting." Partnership for Election Infrastructure Legislative Advocacy Day. McCourt School of Public Policy, April 2026.
5. Election Science Research Workshop. Massive Data Institute, Georgetown University, February 17, 2026.
6. "Strengthening Trust and Professionalism in Election Administration: Ethics, Communication, and Workforce Development." The Elections Group//Bipartisan Policy Center, December 10, 2025 (Virtual).
7. "Ethical Guardrails in using Generative AI." AI + Elections Bootcamp, Arizona State University, December 2, 2025 (Washington, D.C.).
8. "Voter-centric Communications" in Voting System Technical Oversight Program's Annual Workshop, November 17, 2025 (Ball State University, Indiana).
9. "Measuring Bipartisanship in U.S. Election Administration." 2025 Electoral Integrity Project Fellows Meeting, May 23, 2025.
10. "Ethical Use of AI in Election Communications." McCourt School of Public Policy, April 15, 2025 (with The Elections Group and Discourse Labs).
11. "Virtual Roundtable: What's Next in the Post-2020 Early Voting Boom?" McCourt School of Public Policy, January 15, 2025 (with Secure Democracy Foundation).
12. "Listening to Digital Civic Discourse: Tools & Insights," 2024 National Conference on Citizenship, December 4, 2024 (Washington, D.C.).
13. "Building Informed and Resilient Voters." The Center for Election Science Speaker Series, August 27, 2024 (Virtual).
14. "Building an Informed Citizenry, Starting with Elections." The Elections Group, July 26, 2024 (Virtual).
15. "Research and Collaboration to Strengthen Voting and Elections in 2024." Scholars Strategy Network Leadership Convening, June 3, 2024 (Washington, D.C.).
16. "Empowering Local Elections Officials in 2024," The Future of Citizenship Conference, National

Conference on Citizenship, November 30, 2023 (Washington, D.C.).

17. "Drowning the Message: Effective Communication Strategies for Election Officials," Auburn University, 4th Biennial Election Symposium, October 16, 2023 (Auburn, AL).
18. "Polls are Open, Rain or Shine: Administering Elections During Emergencies," University of Maryland, Disaster and Resilience Seminar Series, October 4, 2023 (College Park, MD).
19. U.S. Election Assistance Commission Public Hearing on Voter Education and Engagement, August 2, 2023 (Washington, D.C.).
20. "Working with Local Election Officials at Mississippi State University," Student Voting Research Network Post-Election Briefing, November 14, 2022 (Virtual).
21. "Making Sense of the Midterms," Panel Discussion, Institute for the Humanities, Mississippi State University, November 9, 2022.
22. "Empowering Young Voters with Voter Education." (with Mara Suttmann-Lea), State of the Student Vote Workshop, April 27, 2022 (Virtual).
23. "Can Electoral Management Bodies Expand the Pool of Registered Voters?" International Foundation for Electoral Systems, Knowledge Management Initiative monthly meeting, March 2, 2022 (Virtual).
24. "What do I need to vote? The value of voter education for voter-centric election administration." Election Community Network monthly meeting, February 10, 2022 Virtual).
25. "Online Voter Education: How Election Management Bodies Engage with Voters on Social Media." Election Integrity Project (EIP), November 17, 2021 (Virtual).
26. "Restoring Faith in US Elections: Improving Security and Expanding Access." Public Policy Exchange, October 29, 2021 (Virtual).
27. "Stewards of Democracy Initiative: Adaptation, Adjustment, and Learning from the 2020 Election." Election, Voting and Information Center (EVIC), October 27, 2021 (Virtual).
28. "Systemic Risks: How to Protect our Democracies from Manipulation." International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (ICPS), June 2, 2021 (Virtual).
29. "Ballot Access, Voter Fraud, and Voter Suppression: A Panel Discussion." Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Georgia State University, October 13, 2020.
30. "Voter Education and the Administration of Elections during the Pandemic." MIT MEDSL Webinar Series, May 21, 2020.
31. "Preparing for the 2020 Election During a Pandemic," Center for the Humanities, Mississippi State University, May 11, 2020.
32. "Voter Education and Outreach Policies Across the States: Registering the Youth to Vote," Inclusion and Integrity in Election Administration Symposium II, Auburn University, October 11-13, 2019.
33. "Who Are Provisional Voters? Evidence From North Carolina," Inclusion and Integrity in Election Administration Symposium, Auburn University, October 15-17, 2017.
34. "The Contributions and Conundrums of Technology: The Election Administration and Voting Survey and Data Reporting Consistency." The Evolution of Election Administration since the VRA 1965-2015 Symposium, Auburn, September 15, 2015.
35. "Limitations of Online Voter Registration and Implications for Future Reforms," Future of Florida: Political Action Summit, Bob Graham Center for Public Policy at the University of Florida, Gainesville, February 22, 2015.
36. "Partisanship or Electoral Politics? Casting and Verifying Provisional Ballots in Florida," Symposium on Regulation in the U.S. States, Florida State University, Tallahassee, February 21, 2014 (with Daniel A. Smith).

RESEARCH BRIEFS, AMICI CURIAE & MEDIA

1. "What Americans Know About the Rules for Voting by Mail." October 31, 2026 (with Mara Suttmann-Lea, Lisa Bryant, Joseph Coll and Martha Kropf)
2. "Betting on the Ballot? How Prediction Markets Can Reshape the Election Environment." Center for Democracy & Technology. October 29, 2026 (with Tim Harper).
3. "Chatbots and deepfakes in the 2026 midterms: An evidence-based AI guide for journalists." SciLine. October 26, 2026.
4. "What it takes for voters to be resilient against AI misinformation." The MarkUp. October 10, 2026.
5. "Setting the Record Straight: Ten Reasons Why the 2020 Election Was Fair and Accurately Decided." Lia Merivaki's Substack, July 16, 2026.
6. "Voting Machines: What journalists covering the 2026 U.S. midterm elections need to know." SciLine. July 1, 2026.
7. "Proposed USPS rune could restrict vote by mail." Spectrum News DC. June 17, 2026.
8. "When the Algorithmic Odds are Not in your Favor: Algorithmic Poisoning and the 2026 U.S. Midterms." Center for Democracy & Technology. June 15, 2026 (with Isabel Linzer).
9. "In amicus brief election experts warn Alabama map switch could upend 2026 vote." Alabama Political Reporter. June 2, 2026.
10. Amicus Curiae, *Wes Allen et al. vs. Evan Milligan et al.* June 2026.
11. "Ready for List Maintenance: Closing the Communications Gap." Electionline.org. May 21, 2026.
12. "Humans In the Loop: Building trust in elections with bipartisan messaging." Electionline.org. January 8, 2026.
13. "As feds press for state data, officials may bolster privacy protections." Government Executive. January 6, 2026.
14. "Bringing AI to the Ballot Box: What Election Officials Need to Know." McCourt Discovery & Impact. September 11, 2025.
15. "Cognitive burden, voting systems, and voter satisfaction: How are they connected?" Center for Election Science Blog, July 20, 2025 (with Ryann Alonso and Whitney Hua).
16. "Massive Data Institute drives community efforts to preserve at-risk data." Massive Data Institute. July 17, 2025.
17. "Voter Education: Right-Sizing Funding and Support for Local Election Officials." EVIC Blog (with Mara Suttmann-Lea and Paul Gronke). May 15, 2025.
18. "Trump's New Executive Order on Election Security Faces Legal Tests." MSN news, Morning Rush, March 28, 2025.
19. "ARTT-LEO and the Election Official's Dilemma." Discourse Labs Blog (with Connie Moon-Sehat). February 14, 2025.
20. "Trump: 'All hell will break out if Hamas hostages not returned." Voice of America. January 7, 2025.
21. "Community members find comfort in security measures ahead of election." The Georgetown Voice. November 3, 2024.
22. "The Everyday Warfare of Voting in America." The Atlantic. October 25, 2024.
23. "You are invited to the voting party: celebrating National Voter Education." Electionline. October 10, 2024.
24. "Building Trust, one post at a time: Election Officials as Influencers." Democracy Stakes Substack, October 8, 2024.
25. "Students may have misregistered to vote with Emory Votes Initiative." The Emory Wheel.

October 7, 2024.

26. "Dr. Merivaki and the Democracy Renewal Project." Mississippi State University, Vision Podcast, April 29, 2024.
27. "Webinar: Building Trust in Elections." MEDSL, July 28, 2023 (with Mara Suttmann-Lea).
28. "Young Mississippi Voters Are Left Out Without Online Voter Registration." Mississippi Free Press, May 26, 2023 (with Leslie Baker and James Chamberlain).
29. "Building Voter Trust on Social Media." MIT Election Data and Science Lab, March 20, 2023 (with Mara Suttmann-Lea).
30. "Midterms 2022: 4 experts on the effects of voter intimidation laws, widespread mailin voting – and what makes a winner." The Conversation, November 8, 2022 (Contributing Author).
31. "Educating Voters Online," Red, White and Confused Radio Show with Dr. Heather Evans (UVA Wise), October 19, 2022.
32. "Voting in Georgia: What's New in 2022?" The Carter Center, Facebook Live, October 6, 2022.
33. "As the midterms loom, here's how election officials can help voters: It's National Voter Education Week! Do you know what your election officials are doing?" The Monkey Cage Blog, October 5, 2022 (With Mara Suttmann-Lea).
34. "Vision Podcast Episode 43 - Dr. Lia Merivaki and the 2022 Midterm Elections" College of Arts and Sciences, Mississippi State University.
35. "Local election offices often are missing on social media – and the information they do post often gets ignored." The Conversation, August 31, 2022 (with Mara Suttmann-Lea).
36. "15 Minutes with Elections Expert Thessalia Merivaki," Quarterly Publication of the Trust the Vote Project, OSET Institute, July 17, 2022.
37. "Online voter education by local election officials is a powerful tool for reaching 100% student voting," State of the Student Vote Blog, June 21, 2022 (with Mara Suttmann-Lea).
38. "Building Relationships: How researchers and LEOs work together to advance election administration." Electionline.org. April 7, 2022.
39. "How do Local Election Officials reach new voters?" MIT Election Data and Science Lab, November 4, 2021 (with Mara Suttmann-Lea).
40. "Is ballot collection, or 'ballot harvesting,' good for democracy? We asked 5 experts," The Conversation, March 15, 2021.
41. Amicus Curiae, Brnovich v. Democratic National Committee. March 2021.
42. "Improving Elections." Election Bites Facebook Live, The Carter Center, February 23, 2021.
43. "Can Dead Cats Vote?" Election Bites Facebook Live, The Carter Center, December 7, 2020.
44. "Dr. Lia Merivaki and the 2020 US Presidential Election", Vision Podcast, Mississippi State University, December 14, 2020.
45. "Getting Informed About Elections." Election Bites Facebook Live, The Carter Center, November 12, 2020.
46. "Learning from Election Reforms: Before and After the 2020 Election." The Carter Center, November 5, 2021.
47. "Ask an Expert: Provisional Ballots." The Carter Center, November 5, 2020.
48. "Ask an Expert: Election Observation in the U.S." The Carter Center, October 19, 2020.
49. "Election Rules." No Jargon Podcast, Scholars Strategy Network, October 9, 2020.
50. "Poll workers on Election Day will be younger- and probably more diverse- due to COVID-19," The Conversation, September 17, 2020.
51. "Voter Education and the Administration of Elections During the Pandemic." MIT MEDSL Webinar Series, May 21, 2020.
52. "COVID 19's potential effect on 2020 elections." Institute of the Humanities, Mississippi State University, May 11, 2020.

53. "Securing Fair Elections: Challenges to Voting in the United States and Georgia." Scholars Strategy Network, December 2019 (Contributing Author).
54. "Engaging Students on National Voter Registration Day at Mississippi State University." Political Science Now, American Political Science Association, November 19, 2019.
55. "Building Civic Engagement Capacity from The Ground: Voter Registration on College Campuses." Forbes, November 4, 2019.
56. "Measuring Voter Engagement in Election Administration: How Much Do States Expect from Local Election Officials?" MIT Election Data and Science Lab, July 12, 2019 (with Mara Suttmann-Lea).
57. "Why Those Who Register to Vote Early Can Risk Having Their Voter Registration Rejected," London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog, February 27, 2019.
58. "Mississippi State is All-In: A Community-Engaged Learning Approach to Student Civic Engagement," Urban Affairs Forum, October 24, 2018.
59. "Managing Voter Registration Lists the Hybrid Way: The Case of Mississippi," MIT Election Data and Science Lab, July 26, 2018 (with Sean Conner).
60. "Who Votes Provisionally and Why? A Look at North Carolina's 2016 General Election," MIT Election Data and Science Lab, May 2, 2018 (with Daniel A. Smith).
61. "What Provisional Ballots Tell Us about the Remaining Challenges in America's Local Voting Systems," Scholars Strategy Network Key Findings, February 2018.
62. "The Big Cost of Using Big Data in Elections." The Washington Post, October 18, 2015 (with Michael McDonald and Peter Licari).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. "Measuring Voter Satisfaction and Trust in Elections: Evidence from Anne Arundel County's 2024 General Election Survey." Election Integrity Project Virtual Conference (with Natalie Scala). 2026.
2. "Election Officials As Trusted Sources of Information: Capturing Information Exposure and Voter Confidence." Conference in Conference, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (with Lisa Bryant and Mara Suttmann-Lea). 2026.
3. "Same Message, Different Words: Assessing Differences in Trust-Building Communications among State Election Officials." Election Science, Research and Administration Annual Meeting, Tallahassee, FL (with Mara Suttmann-Lea). 2025.
4. "Election Officials Communications About Election Security During the 2024 Cycle." State Certification Testing of Election Systems National Conference (SCTESNC), McCourt School of Public Policy, DC. 2025.
5. "Teaming Up to Protect Elections: The Anne Arundel County, MD Voter Satisfaction Survey." Election Verification Network Annual Conference, NYU DC. March 27-28, 2025.
6. "Teaming Up to Protect Elections: The Anne Arundel County, MD Voter Satisfaction Survey." Election Trust Workshop, University of San Diego, CA. 2025.
7. "Does Knowledge of Election Policy Affect Voter Confidence?" Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico (with Mara Suttmann-Lea and Martha Kropf). 2025.
8. "Teaming Up to Improve Maryland Elections: The Anne Arundel County Voter Satisfaction Survey." Electoral Integrity Project Virtual Conference. 2024.
9. "Do Election Official Communications Increase Americans' Knowledge About Voting Rules?" Election Science, Research and Administration Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (with Mara Suttmann-Lea and Martha Kropf). 2024.
10. "¿Dónde diablos voto? Unexamined variations in linguistic responsiveness by democratic repre-

sentatives." The Racial Turnout Gap in the 21st Century, Brennan Center for Justice, New York (with Fernanda Gonzalez, Alejandro Flores, Samuel Baltz, Mara Suttmann-Lea, and Charles Stewart III). 2024.

11. "Tracking Voter Education Programs Across the States: A Mixed-Methods Approach," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (with Mara Suttmann-Lea). 2024.
12. "More than a Hashtag? Election Officials as Information and Opinion Leaders." Election Integrity Project Annual Virtual Conference (with Mara Sutmmann-Lea and Rachel Orey). 2023.
13. "More Than a Hashtag? Election Officials as Information and Opinion Leaders." Election Science, Research and Administration Annual Conference. Athens, GA (with Mara Sutmmann-Lea and Rachel Orey). 2023.
14. "TrustedInfo2022: Measuring states' trust-building campaigns on social media during the 2022 election cycle." Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, Florida (with Mara Suttmann-Lea). 2023.
15. "The Impact of Voter Education on Voter Confidence: Evidence from the 2020 U.S. Election." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, CA (with Mara Suttmann-Lea). 2022.
16. "The Impact of Voter Education on Voter Confidence: Evidence from the 2020 U.S. Election." Election Science, Administration and Reform Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC (with Mara Suttmann-Lea). 2022.
17. "The Impact of Voter Education on Voter Confidence: Evidence from the 2020 U.S. Election." Electoral Integrity Project Annual Workshop (with Mara Suttmann-Lea). 2022 (Virtual).
18. "Don't Drown the Message: Voter Education and Mail Ballot Acceptance in North Carolina." Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (with Mara Suttmann-Lea). 2022.
19. "Educating Voters Online: Local Election Officials' use of Social Media During the 2020 Presidential Election." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (with Mara Suttmann-Lea). 2021.
20. "Can Local Election Officials Expand the Electorate? Face-to-Face, Traditional, and Social Media Outreach and Voter Registration." Election Sciences, Research and Administration Annual Conference (with Mara Suttmann-Lea). 2021 (Virtual).
21. "Can Local Election Officials Expand the Electorate? Face-to-Face, Traditional, and Social Media Outreach and Voter Registration." Electoral Integrity Project Annual Workshop, Lisbon. 2021 (Virtual).
22. "When Misinformation Turns Toxic: Using Machine Learning to Measure Toxicity in Social Media." (with Samuel Frantz and Ioannis Ziogas). Electoral Integrity Project Annual Workshop, Lisbon. 2021 (Virtual).
23. "Measuring the Activity of Voter Registration Drives and Their Impact on Registration Success: Evidence from Florida." Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Virtual). 2021.
24. "Can Voters Tell When Costs of Voting Are High? The Voting Experience in Mississippi." Election Sciences, Research and Administration Annual Conference, Gainesville, Florida (Virtual). 2020.
25. "Our Voter Rolls Are Better Than Yours: Investigating Voter List Maintenance Practices in Mississippi." Mississippi ASPA Chapter Conference, Starkville, MS. 2020.
26. "Click Here to Register to Vote, And Then What? Assessing the Impact of Online Voter Registration Procedures on Prospective Voters," APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. 2019.
27. "Measuring Voter Engagement in Election Administration: How Much Do States Ask from Local Election Officials?" Election Sciences, Research and Administration Annual Conference,

Philadelphia, PA (with Mara Suttmann-Lea). 2019.

28. "Uncovering Implementation Problems in Voter Registration: The Case of Youth Preregistration in Florida," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. 2019.
29. "Research Transparency in Political Science: Assessing Progress Through Analytic Replication," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (with Ioannis Ziogas). 2019.
30. "Uncovering Implementation Problems in Voter Registration: The Case of Youth Preregistration in Florida," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX. 2019.
31. "Managing Voter Registration Rolls the Hybrid Way: The Case of Mississippi," Election Sciences, Research and Administration Annual Conference, Madison, WI. (with Sean Conner). 2018.
32. "Managing Voter Registration Rolls the Hybrid Way: The Case of Mississippi," State Politics and Policy Annual Conference, College Station, TX (with Sean Conner). 2018.
33. "Who are Provisional Voters? Evidence from North Carolina," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (with Daniel A. Smith). 2018.
34. "Tweeting with a Russian Accent: Assessing Twitter Patterns During the 2016 Presidential Election," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (with Ioannis Ziogas). 2018.
35. "Uncovering Implementation Problems in Voter Registration: The Case of Preregistration in Florida," Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. 2018.
36. "Who are Provisional Voters? Evidence from North Carolina," Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA (with Daniel A. Smith). 2018.
37. The Supply of Voter Registration in Florida: How and When One Registers Matters," Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. 2017.
38. "Beyond NVRA Compliance: State Responses to the Demand for Voter Registration." State Politics and Policy Conference, Dallas, TX. 2016.
39. "Some Register Better: Assessing County Variation in Voter Registration Rates in Florida," State Politics and Policy Conference, Sacramento, CA. 2015.
40. "Who Registers? Assessing County Variation in Voter Registration Rates in Florida," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. 2015.
41. "Is 'Young' More than a Bracket: Youth Voter Participation and State Election Reforms," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, (with Enrijeta Shino). 2015.
42. "More than a Bracket: Youth Voter Participation and State Election Reforms," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (with Enrijeta Shino). 2015.
43. "Explaining Voter Registration Rejections," State Politics and Policy Conference, Bloomington, IN. 2014.
44. "Surviving the Cut: Towards a Causal Explanation of Recall Success," Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL. 2013.
45. "Casting and Verifying Provisional Ballots in Florida," Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL (with Daniel A. Smith). 2013.

AWARDS & HONORS

Mississippi State University

College of Arts & Sciences Academic Excellence Award	2022/2019/2018
Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher Award	2019
Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher Award	2019
Community-Engaged Learning (CCEL) Fellow	2018

Midwest Political Science Association
Best Paper by Emerging Scholar Award 2019

American Political Science Association
Women's Research Mentoring Workshop Participant 2019

Southern Political Science Association
Artinian Travel Award 2017

University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Citizen Scholar, Center for Civic Engagement 2016-2017

University of Florida
Bob Graham Center for Public Service, Civic Challenge Award 2014
Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, International Center 2013

TEACHING

Washington State University
Media & Politics
Electoral Policy & Politics

Georgetown University
Decision Making in Public Policy
Electoral Policy & Politics
Information Disorder in American Elections

Mississippi State University
Dynamics of American Democracy
Political Behavior
Campaign Politics (Service Learning Designation)
Election Reform/State Election Policy & Politics
Chief Executive
Legislative Process

University of South Florida St. Petersburg
American National Government
Empirical Political Analysis
Florida Politics and Government
The American Congress
Political Parties and Interest Groups
The American Presidency

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Current Controversies in Public Policy The European Experience Political Engagement Research

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Journal of Election Administration, Research & Practice
Editorial Board Member 2021-present

Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration
Vice-Chair, Election Administration Leadership Section 2019-2024

National Science Foundation
Reviewer, Accountable Institutions and Behavior 2023/2021
Election Science Convergence Accelerator Workshop Participant 2021

Midwest Political Science Association
Chair, Turnout and Participation Section 2023
Committee Chair, Best Paper by Emerging Scholar Award 2019

Elections & Voting Information Center
Stewards of Democracy Survey Development team 2021-2022
Local Election Official (LEO) Survey, Advisory Board Member 2020

Southern Political Science Association
Co-Chair, Electoral Politics Section (with Judd Thornton) 2021

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Southwest Political Science Association (SPSA)
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Election Law Journal
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American Politics Research
Political Research Quarterly
Policy Studies Journal
Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics
State Politics and Policy Quarterly
PS: Political Science and Politics
Public Integrity
Field Methods
Representation
Social Science Quarterly
Mass Communication and Society
Politics and Governance
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