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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT **The George Washington University**

- School of Media and Public Affairs, Associate Professor, 2022-
- Department of Political Science, Associate Professor, 2022-

ACADEMIC POSITIONS **The Institute for Data, Democracy and Politics at George Washington University**

- Director, Misinformation/Disinformation Lab, 2020-present

EDUCATION **University of Chicago**

Ph.D., Political Science. 2016  
Dissertation: *The Consumer Citizen*  
John Mark Hansen (Chair), William Howell, Eric Oliver, Betsy Sinclair

### **Bard College**

B.A., Political Science and Literature. 2007

ADDITIONAL TRAINING **Russell Sage Summer Institute in Computational Social Science**

Princeton University, June 2017.

BOOKS

1. **The Consumer Citizen.** 2020. Oxford University Press.
2. **False Alarm: The Truth About Political Mistruths in the Trump Era.** 2019. Cambridge University Press for the Elements in American Politics series. With Thomas J. Wood.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. "Increasing Demand for Fact-Checking." With Matthew Graham. Accepted, *Political Communication*.
2. "Correcting Misinformation in The Fog of War: Evidence from the Former Soviet Union." With R. Bailey Scott, Thomas J. Wood and Raushan Zhandayeva. Accepted, *Plos One*.
3. "The Role of Mental Representation in Sharing Misinformation Online." With David Broniatowski, Pedram Hosseini and Thomas J. Wood. Forthcoming, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*.
4. "Combating Hateful Attitudes and Online Browsing Behavior: The Case of Antisemitism." With Catie Bailard, Matt Graham, Kim Gross and Rebekah Tromble. Forthcoming, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.
5. "Correcting COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation in 10 Countries." With Yamil Velez and Thomas J. Wood. *Royal Society Open Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.221097>. 2023.
6. "Factual Corrections and Misinformation During the 2020 U.S. Election: Evidence from Panel Experiments." With Alexander Coppock, Kimberly Gross, Emily Thorson and Thomas J. Wood. *British Journal of Political Science*. 53(4): 1328-1341. 2023.

7. “Latino-Targeted Misinformation and the Power of Factual Corrections.” With Yamil Velez and Thomas J. Wood. *Journal of Politics*. 85 (2): 789-794. 2023.
8. “Analogic Perspective-Taking and Attitudes Toward Teachers’ Unions.” With Alexander Hertel-Fernandez. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 10 (1): 100 - 111. 2023.
9. “Correcting Trump’s Election Lies Can Improve Confidence in U.S. Elections: Experimental Evidence.” With Catie Bailard and Kimberly Gross. *Harvard-Kennedy School Misinformation Review*. <https://doi.org/10.37016/mr-2020-109>. 2023.
10. “Time and Skeptical Opinion Content Erode the Effects of Science Coverage on Climate Beliefs and Attitudes.” With Brendan Nyhan and Thomas J. Wood. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 119 (26). 2022.
11. “Factual Corrections Eliminate False Beliefs About COVID-19 Vaccines.” With Yamil Velez and Thomas J. Wood. *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 86 (3): 762 – 773. 2022.
12. “Can Social Media Ads Affect Vote Choice? Evidence from a Field Experiment.” With Alexander Coppock and Donald P. Green. *Research and Politics*. doi: 10.1177/20531680221076901. 2022.
13. “Political Misinformation and Factual Corrections on the Facebook News Feed.” With Thomas J. Wood. *Journal of Politics*. 84 (3): 1812-1817. 2022.
14. “Can the Gender Gap in Political Ambition Be Reduced? Evidence from High School Students.” With Joshua Kalla. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*. 17 (2): 259-281. 2022.
15. “Placebo Selection In Survey Experiments: An Agnostic Approach.” With Yamil Velez. *Political Analysis*. 30(4): 481 - 494. 2022.
16. “Aligning Taxes and Spending: Theory and Experimental Evidence.” With Daniel Hemel. *Behavioural Public Policy*. 6(3): 464-484. 2022.
17. “The Global Effectiveness of Fact-Checking: Evidence From Simultaneous Experiments in Argentina, Nigeria, South Africa, and the U.K.” With Thomas J. Wood. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 118 (37). 2021.
18. “Elite Rhetoric Can Undermine Democratic Norms.” With Katherine Clayton, Nicholas T. Davis, Brendan Nyhan, Timothy J. Ryan, and Thomas J. Wood. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 118 (23). 2021.
19. “Why Public Sector Union Members Support Their Unions: Survey and Experimental Evidence.” With Alexander Hertel-Fernandez. *Social Forces*. 100 (1): 375 - 399. 2021.
20. “Surfacing the Submerged State: Operational Transparency and Trust in Government.” With Ryan Buell and Michael I. Norton. *Manufacturing and Service Operations Management*. 23 (4): 781-802. 2021.
21. “Correcting Bias in Perceptions of Public Opinion Among American Elected Officials: Results from a Randomized Field Experiment.” With Joshua Kalla. *British Journal of Political Science*. 51 (4): 1792-1800. 2021.
22. “The Public’s Dilemma: Race and Political Evaluations of Police Killings.” With Cathy Cohen and Thomas J. Wood. *Politics, Groups and Identities*. 9 (1): 101-128. 2021.

23. "Rethinking Public Appeals: Experimental Evidence on Presidential Performances." With William Howell and Thomas J. Wood. *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* (inaugural issue). 1 (1): 137 - 158. 2020.
24. "Can Presidential Misinformation on Climate Change Be Corrected? Evidence from Internet and Phone Experiments." With Thomas J. Wood and Babak Bahador. *Research and Politics*. doi:10.1177/2053168019864784. 2019.
25. "The Wisdom of Partisan Crowds." With Joshua Becker and Damon Centola. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 116 (22): 10717 - 10722. 2019.
26. "Taking Fact Checks Seriously, But Not Literally? The Effects of Corrective Information on Factual Beliefs and Candidate Favorability." With Brendan Nyhan, Jason Reifler and Thomas J. Wood. *Political Behavior*. 42: 939-960. 2019.
27. "The Elusive Backfire Effect: Mass Attitudes' Steadfast Factual Adherence." With Thomas J. Wood. *Political Behavior*. 41 (1): 135-163. 2019.
28. "Identifying Media Effects Through Low-Cost Multi-Wave Field Experiments." With Kimberly Gross and Thomas J. Wood. *Political Communication*. 36 (2): 272-287. 2018.
29. "Bureaucratic Responsiveness and Partisan Bias in an Election: Evidence from a Field Experiment." With Jon Rogowski. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. 8 (4): 602-617. 2018.
30. "Sex Trafficking, Russian Infiltration, Birth Certificates, and Pedophilia: A Survey Experiment Correcting Fake News." With Thomas J. Wood and David Kirby. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 5 (2): 159-164. 2018.
31. "Information, Knowledge and Attitudes: An Evaluation of the Taxpayer Receipt." With Lucy Barnes, Avi Feller and Jake Haselswerdt. *Journal of Politics*. 80 (2): 701-706. 2018.
32. "Race, Interracial Families and Political Advertising in the Obama Era: Experimental Evidence." With Thomas J. Wood. *Political Communication*. 33 (3): 481-502. 2016.

INVITED  
CONTRIBUTIONS

1. "Factual Corrections: Concerns and Current Evidence." With Thomas J. Wood. *Current Opinion in Psychology*. 2023.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. "Can Facts Change Minds? The Case of Free Trade." With Thomas J. Wood. In *The Politics of Truth in a Polarized Era*, edited by David C. Barker and Elizabeth Suhay. Oxford University Press. 2022.

SCIENTIFIC MASS  
COLLABORATIONS

1. "Tackling Misinformation: What Researchers Could Do With Social Media Data." 2020. With Irene Pasquetto, Briony Swire-Thompson and others. *The Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*.
2. *The Debunking Handbook 2020*. 2020. With Stephen Lewandowsky, John Cook, Ullrich Ecker and others. Available at <https://sks.to/db2020>. DOI:10.17910/b7.1182
3. "Measuring the Predictability of Life Outcomes with a Scientific Mass Collaboration." 2020. With Matthew J. Salganik, Ian Lundberg and others. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 117 (15): 8398 - 8403.

WORKING PAPERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Shoves, Nudges and Combating Misinformation: Evidence On A New Approach.” With Thomas J. Wood, David Broniatowski and Pedram Hosseini. Revise-and-resubmit, <i>Behavioural Public Policy</i>.</li> <li>2. “The Limits of Partisan Change: Evidence from Hypothetical Scenarios.” With Alexander Coppock and Donald P. Green. Under review.</li> <li>3. “Rethinking Citizen Competence: A New Theoretical and Empirical Framework.” With Steven Klein. Under review.</li> <li>4. “Encouraging Climate Science Exposure Changes Beliefs and Policy Attitudes But Not Behavior.” With Brendan Nyhan and Thomas J. Wood. In progress.</li> </ol>
GRANTS, GIFTS AND AWARDS	<p>External Grants and Gifts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Google News Initiative (\$150,000) December 2020 to December 2021</li> <li>• Social Science Research Council (\$50,000) January 2020 to January 2021</li> <li>• Omidyar Network (\$99,875) Apr 2014 to Nov 2015</li> <li>• National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant in Decision Sciences (\$29,965) Dec 2013 to Dec 2015</li> <li>• Department Tuition Grant for ICPSR July 2013</li> </ul> <p>Internal Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GW University Cross-Disciplinary Research Fund 2023</li> <li>• GW University Faculty Facilitating Fund 2019</li> <li>• SMPA Research Fund 2016-2017, 2017-2018</li> </ul> <p>Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staub Faculty Excellence Award, George Washington University 2020</li> <li>• Mellon Fellowship, University of Chicago 2015-2016</li> <li>• Eisenhower-Roberts Fellow, The Eisenhower Institute 2014-2015</li> <li>• Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago 2014, 2016</li> <li>• University Fellowship, University of Chicago 2010-2015</li> </ul>
RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Research Assistant</b> 2013 to 2016 William Howell, University of Chicago</p> <p><b>Managing/Associate Editor</b> 2007 to 2010 <i>Democracy: A Journal of Ideas</i>, Washington, D.C.</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>George Washington University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Fake News, Misinformation and the Challenges of 21st Century Democracy</i> 2019</li> <li><i>Strategic Political Communication</i> 2016-present</li> <li><i>Data Analysis for Political Communication</i> 2018-present</li> <li><i>Experiments in American Democracy</i> 2016</li> </ul> <p>University of Chicago (as Lecturer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Experiments in American Politics and Policy</i> Spring 2016</li> <li><i>Class Politics in America</i> Winter 2014</li> </ul>
PRESENTATIONS	<p>Invited Talks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MIT Human Cooperation Lab May 2024</li> <li>• University of Southern California Understanding and Combating Disinformation in Public Diplomacy March 2024</li> <li>• National Academy of Sciences Workshop on Understanding and Addressing Misinformation about Science April 2023</li> <li>• National Academy of Sciences Standing Committee on Evidence Synthesis and Communications in Diet and Chronic Disease Relationships March 2023</li> <li>• Google IQ March 2023</li> </ul>

- Wesleyan Media Project Post-Election Conference December 2022
  - International Conference on Web and Social Media June 2022
  - American Librarian Association Annual Conference June 2022
  - Comparative Politics Conference at Washington University in St. Louis April 2022
  - Harvard Kennedy/U.S. State Department Misinformation Workshop February 2022
  - PolitiFact: Festival of Fact-Checking May 2021
  - National Press Foundation March 2021
  - American Politics Workshop at Ohio State University February 2021
  - News and Information Disorder in the 2020 US Presidential Election Conference at Yale Law School December 2020
  - American Politics Workshop at Yale University December 2019
  - Gnovis Annual Conference at Georgetown University March 2019
  - Social Media in the U.S. Elections at the U.S. State Department October 2018
  - The 2016 U.S. Presidential Election Conference at the Mershon Center at the Ohio State University November 2017
  - American Politics Workshop at Columbia University February 2017
  - Pew Research Center January 2017
  - American Politics Workshop at University of Michigan Oct 2013
  - Conference on Hurricane Sandy at Yale University Apr 2013
  - Tax Politics and Policy Workshop at Harvard University Oct 2012
- Conference Presentations
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association 2013-2023
  - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association 2012-2022
  - Annual Meeting of the American Sociology Association 2018
  - Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference 2016
  - Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (poster) 2013-2015
  - Conference on State Political Institutions and the Executive Branch 2014
  - Experimental Political Science Conference at NYU 2014
  - Fiscal Sociology Workshop at Northwestern University 2013
- Invited Conference Participation
- Behavioral Sciences Workshop at Harvard University August 2013
  - White House Meeting On Psychological Science and Behavioral Economics in the Service of Public Policy May 2013
- University of Chicago
- American Politics Workshop 2013, 2014
  - Political Economy Lunch at the Harris School of Public Policy Nov 2013

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED *Rebuilding Trust in Government Through Transparency* June 2015  
 Presentations and panel discussions about the taxpayer receipt, transparency and trust in government, featuring political scientists and national policymakers

SERVICE  
 Reviewer: Cambridge University Press; National Science Foundation; Oxford University Press; *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Journal of Quantitative Description*; *Nature*; *Nature Communication*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Communication*; *Politics, Groups and Identities*; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*; *Psychological Science*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Science*; *Science Advances*; others  
 Section Head, Political Communication, Midwest Political Science Association 2024  
 Co-Director, American Politics Workshop at GW Political Science 2022-2023  
 Co-Director, Media and Politics Workshop at GW SMPA 2018-  
 Editor, Society for Political Methodology 2012-2015

SELECTED  
POPULAR  
PUBLICATIONS

- “Fact Checks Work, Even on Facebook. But Not Enough People See Them.” *The Washington Post*. With Thomas J. Wood. November 10, 2021.
- “Voters Won’t Believe That Policies Are Good Unless We Treat Them Like Consumers.” *The Washington Post*. January 27, 2021.
- “Why Is Facebook So Afraid of Checking Facts?” *Wired*. With Thomas J. Wood. May 14, 2020.
- “No, We’re Not Living in a Post-Fact World.” *Politico Magazine*. With Thomas J. Wood. January 4, 2020.
- “Politicians Don’t Actually Care What Voters Want.” *The New York Times*. With Joshua Kalla. July 11, 2019.
- “Study: Real News Tops Fake News (and Yes, This Is Real News).” *The Daily Beast*. With Thomas J. Wood and David Kirby. March 17, 2018.
- “The Rituals Of The Presidency Make Trump Seem More Presidential.” *FiveThirtyEight*. With William Howell and Thomas J. Wood. March 21, 2017.
- “Does Post-Debate Spin Work?” *The New York Times*. With Kimberly Gross and Thomas J. Wood. October 19, 2016.
- “Want to See How Government Spends Your Money?” *The Washington Post*. March 11, 2011.
- “Immoderate America.” *The Wilson Quarterly*. Fall 2010.
- “Coming to Washington.” *Dissent*. Fall 2010.
- “The Woman Democrats Need.” *The Boston Globe*. January 24, 2010.
- “Rashid Who? Why the Jews Finally Came Home for Obama.” *The New Republic Online*. Fall 2010.

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