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## Education

Georgetown University, Washington, DC	Expected May 2025
<i>MA, PhD Candidate, Government</i>	
<i>Dissertation: Tweepers and Leaders: How Congress Uses Twitter to Gain Power</i>	
<i>Committee: Leticia Bode (Chair), Michael Bailey, Jonathan Ladd, &amp; Michele Swers</i>	
McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC	2023
<i>Master of Public Policy</i>	
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN	2020
<i>MS, Media and Communication</i>	
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL	2014
<i>BA, Music</i>	

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

2024. Tang, Rongwei\*, **Burnley, Benjamin**, Vraga, Emily and Bode, Leticia. Corrective Democracy? The relationship between correction of misinformation on social media and connective democratic norms. *Social Media + Society*. (Forthcoming)

## Working Papers

### Under Review

2024. Advise, Consent, and Tweet?: How Senators Talk About Supreme Court Nominations on Twitter. **Benjamin R. Burnley**.

### In Preparation

Tweepers and Leaders: How Members without Institutional Power Leverage Twitter to Gain Influence in Congress. **Benjamin R. Burnley**. (Part of Dissertation Project)

Heading for the “X”-it?: How Congress is Navigating Changes in the Digital Communication

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Landscape. **Benjamin R. Burnley**. Presented at MPSA 2024 (Part of Dissertation Project)

Legislative Influencers: Content Creation, Engagement, and Social Media Activity in Congress. **Benjamin R. Burnley**. Presented at SPSA 2024 (Part of Dissertation Project).

External threats and internal risks: how international wars shape leader's discourse in third-party countries. with (Ana Paula Pellegrino\* & Laia Balcells)

Analyzing 10 Years of Policy Tweets On Twitter (with Annelise Russell)

\* Graduate Student

## Research Experience

### Political Science Research and Methods

Replication Assistant: 2023-current

**Massive Data Institute**, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University

Graduate Research Assistant, 2022 - 2023

Environmental Impact Data Collaborative, Summer Scholar, 2022, 2023

### Research Assistant

Laia Balcells - Qualtrics programming, mediation analysis, topic modeling - 2024

danah boyd - forthcoming book project - 2021

## Honors & Grants

2024 - Summer Research Grant - Georgetown Department of Government

2023 - Collaborative Research Grant with Leticia Bode - Georgetown Department of Government

### Best Graduate Student Paper in American Politics, Political Parties, and Elections

2021 - Franco Mattei Award - Northeastern Political Science Association

*Social Mediated Democracy: The Role Platforms Play in Political Conversation & Participation*

### Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools - Best Master's Thesis Award

2020 - *Modeling the Effects of Social Media Use and Deliberative Behaviors on Voting*.

## Conferences

American Political Science Association: 2022, 2023, 2024

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Summer Institute in Computational Social Science - University of Pennsylvania: 2024

International Conference on Computational Social Science: 2024

Midwest Political Science Association: 2023,2024

Southern Political Science Association: 2024

Northeastern Political Science Association: 2021

Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research: 2018, 2019

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Georgetown University - Teaching Assistant**

Quantitative Methods III - Graduate (with Marko Klačnjak - Spring 2023)

Quantitative Methods I - Graduate (with Hans Noel Fall 2022)

Introduction to the United States Political System - Undergraduate (with Mark Rom, Fall 2021, Spring 202 )

### **Middle Tennessee State University - Teaching Assistant**

Free Expression and the First Amendment - Undergraduate (with Jason Reineke Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

American Media and Social Institutions - Undergraduate (with Leon Alligood Spring 2019)

Media Law - Undergraduate (Paul McAdoo Fall 2018)

## **Service**

### **Reviewer**

Policy Studies Journal

Georgetown Graduate Political Science Association - President, 2022-2024

McCourt School of Public Policy Student Ambassador 2020 - Present

## **Quantitative Skills**

Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Causal Inference

R, Python, git, LaTeX, SQL, STATA, SPSS, SAS

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