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Education

Georgetown University, Washington, DC   Expected May 2025
MA, PhD Candidate, Government
Dissertation: Tweeters and Leaders: How Congress Uses Twitter to Gain Power
Committee: Leticia Bode (Chair), Michael Bailey, Jonathan Ladd, & Michele Swers

McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC   2023
Master of Public Policy

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN   2020
MS, Media and Communication

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL   2014
BA, Music

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

Tweeters 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

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).*

From Engagement to Extremism: Social Media's Dual Impact on Democratic Citizenship. *Rongwei Tang*,* **Benjamin Burnley,** *and Emily Vraga*

External threats and internal risks: how international wars shape leader's discourse in third-party countries. *Ana Paula Pellegrino*,* **Benjamin Burnley,** *and Laia Balcells*

Analyzing 10 Years of Policy Tweets On Twitter. ***Benjamin Burnley*** *and 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

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 Klašnja - 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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