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Academic Appointments

- Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Alabama, August 2020–present
- Research Associate, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg, June 2019–present

Education

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of Florida, May 2019
- M.A. Political Science, University of Florida, May 2015
- M.A. International Affairs, Texas A&M University, May 2011
- B.S. Political Science, Appalachian State University, August 2008

Journal Articles

1. Episodes of Liberalization in Autocracies: A New Approach to Quantitatively Studying Democratization (with Matthew C. Wilson, Juraž Medzihorsky, Seraphine F. Maerz, Patrik Lindenfors, Vanessa A. Boese, and Staffan I. Lindberg). In Press. *Political Science Research and Methods*
2. Tribeless and Democratic Youth? Political Attitudes of Kenyan Students toward Ethnicity and Democracy (with Narelle Gilchrist and Sebastian Elischer). 2022. *Canadian Journal of African Studies*. First View. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00083968.2021.2008998>
3. Pandemic Backsliding: Violations of Democratic Standards During Covid-19 (with Jean Lachapelle, Seraphine F. Maerz, and Anna Lührmann). 2021. *Social Science and Medicine* 285, 1-10. DOI: [10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.114244](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.114244)
4. The Institutional Order of Liberalization (with Vanessa A. Boese, Seraphine F. Maerz, Patrik Lindenfors, and Staffan I. Lindberg). 2021. *British Journal of Political Science*. First View. DOI: [10.1017/S000712342100020X](https://doi.org/10.1017/S000712342100020X)
5. How Democracies Prevail: Democratic Resilience as a Two-stage Process (with Vanessa A. Boese, Sebastian Hellemeier, Seraphine F. Maerz, and Staffan I. Lindberg). 2021. *Democratization* 28(5), 885-907. DOI: [10.1080/13510347.2021.1891413](https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2021.1891413)
6. Institutionalizing Electoral Uncertainty and Authoritarian Regime Survival (with Michael Bernhard and Staffan I. Lindberg). 2020. *European Journal of Political Research* 59(2), 465–487. DOI: [10.1111/1475-6765.12355](https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12355)
7. Judicial Independence and Civil Liberties in Transitional Democracies: The Case of Kenya (with Mumo Nzau). 2019. *Human Rights Quarterly* 41(2), 465–496. DOI: [10.1353/hrq.2019.0034](https://doi.org/10.1353/hrq.2019.0034)
8. Vying for a Man Seat: Gender Quotas and Sustainable Representation in Africa. 2018. *African Studies Review* 60(1), 185–214. DOI: [10.1017/asr.2017.136](https://doi.org/10.1017/asr.2017.136).

9. When and Where Do Elections Matter? A Global Test of the Democratization by Elections Hypothesis, 1900-2010 (with Valeriya Mechkova, David Altman, Michael Bernhard, and Staffan Lindberg). 2017. *Democratization* 25(3), 422–444. DOI:10.1080/13510347.2017.1369964
10. Foreign Aid, Democracy, and Gender Quota Laws. 2017. *Democratization* 24(6), 1103–1141. DOI:10.1080/13510347.2016.1278209

Books

1. Why Democracies Develop and Decline (co-editor with Michael Coppedge, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Staffan I. Lindberg). *Forthcoming June 2022*. Cambridge University Press.

Book Chapters

1. Democracy and Social Forces (with Michael Bernhard) in *Why Democracies Develop and Decline*. 2022. Cambridge University Press. Available at [APSA preprints](#).
2. Introduction (with Michael Coppedge, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Staffan I. Lindberg) in *Why Democracies Develop and Decline*. 2022. Cambridge University Press.
3. Conclusion (with Michael Coppedge, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Staffan I. Lindberg) in *Why Democracies Develop and Decline*. 2022. Cambridge University Press.

Selected Working Papers

* *Under review*, ** *Revise and resubmit*, *** *Conditional acceptance*

1. A Framework for Understanding Regime Transformation: Introducing the ERT Dataset (with Seraphine F. Maerz, Matthew C. Wilson, Sebastian Hellmeier, and Staffan I. Lindberg). **V-Dem Working Paper, No.113**.**
2. Institutions of Electoral Integrity and Clientelism: The Role of Electoral Management Bodies (with Martin Lundstedt), 2020. **V-Dem Working Paper, No.108**.**
3. Democratic Legacies: Using Democratic Stock to Assess Norms, Growth, and Regime Trajectories (with Matthew C. Wilson, Vanessa A. Boese, and Sandra Grahn), 2020. **V-Dem Working Paper, No.100**.
4. Taking Stock of Conflict Likelihood: Democratic Experience and Domestic Instability (with Matthew C. Wilson).
5. demstock: An R Package for Calculating Stock using the Varieties of Democracy Data (with Matthew C. Wilson and Vanessa A. Boese).
6. Legislative Strength and the Durability of Dictatorships.

Other Publications

1. “Pandemic Backsliding” – Demokratien im Ausnahmezustand während COVID-19 (with Seraphine F. Maerz and Jean Lachapelle). 2022. **DeFacto: Belegt, Was Andere Meinen**.
2. Pandemic Backsliding: A Year of Violations and Advances in Response to Covid-19 (with Palina Kolvani, Martin Lundstedt, and Jean Lachapelle). 2021. **V-Dem Institute Policy Brief, No.32**.

3. Episodes of Regime Transformation: Assessing Democratization and Autocratization since 1900 (with Matthew C. Wilson and Seraphine F. Maerz). 2021. *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*, 31(1).
4. Pandemic Backsliding: Democracy Nine Months into the Covid-19 Pandemic (with Palina Kolvani, Shreeya Pillai, Sandra Grahn, Stefanie Kaiser, Jean Lachapelle, and Anna Lührmann). 2020. *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.26.
5. Pandemic Backsliding: Democracy and Disinformation Seven Months into the Covid-19 Pandemic (with Palina Kolvani, Martin Lundstedt, Seraphine F. Maerz, Anna Lührmann, Jean Lachapelle, and Sandra Grahn). 2020. *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.25.
6. An Update on Pandemic Backsliding: Democracy Four Months After the Beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic (with Sandra Grahn, Jean Lachapelle, Anna Lührmann, and Seraphine F. Maerz). 2020. *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.24.
7. Does the Coronavirus Endanger Democracy in Europe? (with Anna Lührmann, Sandra Grahn, Jean Lachapelle, and Seraphine F. Maerz). 2020. *Carnegie Europe*.
8. Pandemic Backsliding: Does Covid-19 Put Democracy at Risk? (with Anna Lührmann and Seraphine F. Maerz). 2020. *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.23.

Datasets, packages, and repositories

- Pandemic Backsliding Project (co-PI with Seraphine F. Maerz, Anna Lührmann, Jean Lachapelle), available at: www.github.com/vdeminstitute/pandem
- Episodes of Regime Transformation (ERT) Dataset (with Seraphine F. Maerz, Laura Maxwell, Richard Morgan, Juraj Medzihorsky, Matthew C. Wilson, Vanessa A. Boese, Sebastian Hellemeier, Jean Lechapelle, Patrik Lindenfors, Anna Lührmann, and Staffan I. Lindberg), available at: www.github.com/vdeminstitute/ERT.
- The vdemdata R package (with Seraphine F. Maerz, Joshua Krusell, Laura Maxwell, Sebastian Hellemeier, and Nina Ilchenko), available at: www.github.com/vdeminstitute/vdemdata.

Teaching Experience

F=Fall, S = Spring, Su = Summer

University of Alabama

- Democratization (PSC 330), F2021
- African Politics (PSC 336), S2021, S2022
- Authoritarianism (PSC 343), F2020
- African Politics (PSC 632), S2022
- Authoritarianism (PSC 632), S2021
- The Politics of Foreign Aid (PSC 663), F2021

University of Florida

- Women and Politics in Africa (AFS 4330), Guest Lecturer (2 weeks), S2019
- Politics of Authoritarianism (CPO 4053), S2017
- Junior Fellows Research Program (POS 4911), F2016

Supervision

- PhD Dissertation Co-Chair, Myles Williamson, University of Alabama, 2021–present
- MA Thesis Chair, Alexander Lindenfelser, University of Alabama, 2020-2021
- MA Thesis Chair, Martin Lundstedt (with distinction), University of Gothenburg, Spring 2020

Service

University of Alabama, Department of Political Science

- Undergraduate Research Methods Committee, 2022-present
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2021-present
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2021-present
- Speakers Committee, 2020-present
- Methods Monday Seminar Coordinator, 2021-present

Discipline

- American Political Science Association: Democracy & Autocracy Section, Best Article Award Committee, 2020-2021
- Peer reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Democratization*; *Governance*; *International Political Science Review*; *Journal of Human Rights*; *Journal of Politics*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Studies*; *Politics & Gender*; *Social Science and Medicine*

Public

- USAID Approaches to Legislative Strengthening Dialogue, March-June 2021
- Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pandemic Backsliding Risk Project, co-PI with Anna Lührmann, Seraphine F. Maerz, and Jean Lachapelle, 01 June–31 Dec 2020.
- USAID DRG webinar "Democracy and Covid-19", 10 July 2020.
- Swedish Embassy Rwanda & Sida, Rwanda Data Portrait, Apr–Sep 2019.
- U.S. Department of Defense, Assessment of Kenya C-IED Training Program, Jan–Sep 2017.
- USAID, Women's Leadership Program, University of Rwanda, June–July 2014.
- Princeton University, Corruption and Social Norms (P.I.: Betsy Palluck), Nigeria, July–August 2013.
- U.S. Department of State, Enhancing Military Food Security for D.R. Congo, May 2010–Aug 2010; May 2011–June 2012.

Selected Grants & Accolades

- SEC Travel Grant, 2021-2022
- APSA Women and Politics Section, Small Grant, 2021
- African Studies Conference Group (APCG) Lynne Rienner Best Dissertation Award, 2020.
- APSA, Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs Research Grant, 2020-2021
- African Studies Association, Graduate Student Paper Award, 2017

- U.S. Department of Education, FLAS Fellow (Kiswahili), 2012/2013, 2013/2014
- Dissertation Fellowship Award (University of Florida), Su. 2016, Sp. 2019
- Dauer Fellowship (University of Florida), 2017
- O. Ruth McQuown Fellowship (University of Florida) 2015/2016
- Mosbacher Scholarship (Texas A&M University), 2010/2011
- Scowcroft Fellowship, (Texas A&M University), 2009/2010

Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

- University of South Carolina, 18 March 2022
- Flagler College, 03 March 2022
- University of Gothenburg, 22 November 2021
- US Agency for International Development, 23 March 2021
- Tulane University, 01 October 2020
- US Agency for International Development, 10 July 2020

Conferences and Workshops

(P)resenter, (C)hair, (D)iscussant

- Electoral Integrity Project Global Workshop, 04-08 July 2022 (D)
- Southern Political Science Association, San Antonio, 13-16 Jan 2022 (P,D,C)
- American Political Science Association, Seattle (virtual), 29 Sep-01 Oct 2021 (P)
- APSA Women Mentoring Workshop (virtual), 28-29 June 2021 (P)
- American Political Science Association, San Francisco (virtual), 30 Sep-03 Oct 2020 (P)
- African Research Development Group (virtual), 01 Sep 2020 (D)
- Best Practices in Academic Research workshop, Essex, 17-18 Oct 2019 (P,D)
- ECPR Empirical and Theoretical Approaches to Parliaments, Konstanz 26-28 Sep 2019 (P,D)
- V-Dem Research Conference, Gothenburg 23-24 May 2019 (P,D,C)
- International Studies Association, Toronto 27-30 Mar 2019 (P)
- Southern Political Science Association, Austin 17-20 Jan 2019 (P)
- African Studies Association, Atlanta 28 Nov-02 Dec 2018 (P)
- American Political Science Association, Boston 30 Aug-02 Sep 2018 (P)
- African Women in Politics Workshop, Berkeley, 04-05 Sep 2017 (P)
- American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 30 Aug-03 Sep 2017 (P)
- Policy Dialogue Day, Gothenburg 10 May 2017 (P)
- V-Dem Research Conference, Gothenburg 8-9 May 2017 (P)
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago 5-8 Apr 2017 (P,D)
- African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. 1-3 Dec 2016 (P)
- American Political Science Association, Philadelphia 1-4 Sep 2016 (P)

- African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego 19-21 Nov 2015 (P)
- American Political Science Association, San Francisco 3-6 Sep 2015 (P)
- African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis 20-23 Nov 2014 (P)
- Florida Political Science Association, St. Augustine 08 Mar 2014 (P)
- Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans 9-11 Jan 2014 (P)

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