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Academic Appointments

- Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Alabama, Aug. 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, Aug. 2008

Research

† Student co-author

Books & Monographs

2. Myles Williamson[†], Christopher Akor[†], and **Amanda B. Edgell**. In Press. Democracy in Trouble: Democratic Resilience and Breakdown from 1900 to 2022. *Cambridge Elements in Political Economy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
1. Michael Coppedge, **Amanda B. Edgell**, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Staffan I. Lindberg (eds). 2022. Why Democracies Develop and Decline. New York: Cambridge University Press.
– *Honorable mention for the Juan Linz Best Book Prize in the Comparative Study of Democracy & Autocracy, American Political Science Association, 2023*

Journal Articles

14. Carl Henrik Knutsen, Kyle Marquardt, Brigitte Seim, Michael Coppedge, **Amanda B. Edgell**, Juraj Medzihorsky, Dan Pemstein, Jan Teorell, John Gerring, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2024. “Conceptual and Measurement Issues in Assessing Democratic Backsliding.” *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 57(2), 162–177. Open Access: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S104909652300077X> (longer version released as V-Dem Working Paper No. 140.)

13. Valeriya Mechkova and **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2023. “Substantive Representation, Women’s Health, and Regime Type.” *Comparative Political Studies*. Online First. Open Access: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00104140231204222>.
12. Seraphine F. Maerz, **Amanda B. Edgell**, Matthew C. Wilson, Sebastian Hellmeier, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2023. “Episodes of Regime Transformation.” *Journal of Peace Research*. Online First. Open Access: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433231168192> (earlier version released as V-Dem Working Paper No. 113.)
11. Matthew C. Wilson, Juraj Medzihorsky, Seraphine F. Maerz, Patrik Lindenfors, **Amanda B. Edgell**, Vanessa A. Boese, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2023. “Episodes of Liberalization in Autocracies: A New Approach to Quantitatively Studying Democratization.” *Political Science Research and Methods*, 11(3), 501–520. Open Access: <https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2022.11> (earlier version released as V-Dem Working Paper No. 97.)
10. Martin Lundstedt[†] and **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2022. “Electoral Management and Vote Buying.” *Electoral Studies* 79, 1–10. Open Access: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2022.102521> (earlier version released as V-Dem Working Paper No. 108.)
9. Narrelle Gilchrist[†], **Amanda B. Edgell**, and Sebastian Elischer. 2022. “Tribeless and Democratic Youth? Political Attitudes of Kenyan Students toward Ethnicity and Democracy.” *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 56(3), 689–615. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00083968.2021.2008998>
8. **Amanda B. Edgell**, Vanessa A. Boese, Seraphine F. Maerz, Patrik Lindenfors, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2022. “The Institutional Order of Liberalization in Autocracies.” *British Journal of Political Science* 52(3), 1465–1471. Open Access: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S000712342100020X> (earlier version released as V-Dem Working Paper No. 95.)
7. **Amanda B. Edgell**, Jean Lachapelle, Seraphine F. Maerz, and Anna Lührmann. 2021. “Pandemic Backsliding: Violations of Democratic Standards During Covid-19.” *Social Science and Medicine* 285, 1–10. Open Access: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.114244> (earlier version released as V-Dem Working Paper No. 101.)
6. Vanessa A. Boese, **Amanda B. Edgell**, Sebastian Hellemeier, Seraphine F. Maerz, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2021. “How Democracies Prevail: Democratic Resilience as a Two-stage Process.” *Democratization* 28(5), 885–907. Open Access: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2021.1891413> (earlier version released as V-Dem Working Paper No. 110.) Reprinted in *Resilience of Democracy: Responses to Illiberal and Authoritarian Challenges*, Anna Lührmann and Wolfgang Merkel (eds.). 2023. Boulder, CO: Routledge.
5. Michael Bernhard, **Amanda B. Edgell**, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2020. “Institutionalizing Electoral Uncertainty and Authoritarian Regime Survival.” *European Journal of Political Research* 59(2), 465–487. Open Access: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12355> (earlier version released as V-Dem Working Paper No. 27.)

4. Mumo Nzau and **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2019. “Judicial Independence and Civil Liberties in Transitional Democracies: The Case of Kenya.” *Human Rights Quarterly* 41(2), 465–496. <https://doi.org/10.1353/hrq.2019.0034>
3. **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2018. “Vying for a Man Seat: Gender Quotas and Sustainable Representation in Africa.” *African Studies Review* 60(1), 185–214. <https://doi.org/10.1017/asr.2017.136>
– *Best Graduate Student Paper Award, African Studies Association, 2017*
2. **Amanda B. Edgell**, Valeriya Mechkova, David Altman, Michael Bernhard, and Staffan Lindberg. 2018. “When and Where Do Elections Matter? A Global Test of the Democratization by Elections Hypothesis, 1900-2010’.” *Democratization* 25(3), 422–444. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2017.1369964> (earlier version released as **V-Dem Working Paper No. 8.**)
1. **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2017. “Foreign Aid, Democracy, and Gender Quota Laws.” *Democratization* 24(6), 1103–1141. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2016.1278209>

Book Chapters

5. Vanessa Boese-Schlosser, **Amanda B. Edgell**, Sebastian Hellemeier, Seraphine F. Maerz, Yuko Sato, Matthew C. Wilson, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2024. “Identifying Episodes of Autocratization” in *The Routledge Handbook of Autocratization*. New York: Routledge, 65–76
4. Matthew C. Wilson, **Amanda B. Edgell**, Yuko Sato, Vanessa Boese-Schlosser, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2024. “Autocratization – Not an ‘Illiberal Turn’” in *The Oxford Handbook of Illiberalism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780197639108.013.20>
3. Michael Coppedge, **Amanda B. Edgell**, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2022. “Causal Sequences in Long-Term Democratic Development and Decline” in *Why Democracies Develop and Decline*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 215-260.
2. Michael Bernhard and **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2022. “Democracy and Social Forces” in *Why Democracies Develop and Decline*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 185–214. (earlier version released as **APSA Pre-Print**)
1. Michael Coppedge, **Amanda B. Edgell**, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2022. “V-Dem Reconsiders Democratization” in *Why Democracies Develop and Decline*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1–28.

Book Projects in Progress

2. **Amanda B. Edgell**. *Women, Quotas, & Autocracy*.
1. Matthew C. Wilson, **Amanda B. Edgell**, and Staffan I. Lindberg. *Liberalization and Democratization: Explaining When Political Openings Lead to Democracy*.

Journal Articles in Progress

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

7. **Amanda B. Edgell**, Jean Lachapelle, and Seraphine F. Maerz. “Achieving Transparency, Reproducibility, and Readability with Human-Coded Data: A Review.” Earlier pre-version released as [V-Dem Working Paper No. 145](#).**
6. **Amanda B. Edgell**. “From ‘Political Manipulation’ to ‘Positive Discrimination’: The Norm Life Cycle of Gender Quotas.”
5. **Amanda B. Edgell**, Matthew C. Wilson and Vanessa A. Boese-Schlosser. “demstock: An R Package for Calculating Stock using the Varieties of Democracy Data.”
4. **Amanda B. Edgell**, Juraj Medzihorsky, Matthew C. Wilson, Sebastian Hellmeier, Vanessa Boese-Schlosser, Adam N. Glynn, and Staffan I. Lindberg. “Electoral Management and Democratization: A Causal Analysis.”
3. **Amanda B. Edgell** and Kelly Morrison. “Foreign Aid, Democratization, and Democratic Resilience.”
2. Eric J. Lake, Matthew C. Wilson, and **Amanda B. Edgell**. “Democratic Experience and Terrorism.”
1. Narrelle Gilchrist[†], Nicholas Kerr, and **Amanda B. Edgell**. “Poll Workers and Public Trust: The Role of the National Youth Service in Nigeria’s 2023 Elections.”

Book Reviews

5. **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2024. “Weyland, Kurt (2024) Democracy’s Resilience to Populism’s Threat.” Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 312 pp. *Journal of Peace Research*, Book Note. <https://www.prio.org/journals/jpr/booknotes/394>
4. **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2023. “The Moral Economy of Elections in Africa: Democracy, Voting, and Virtue by Nic Cheeseman, Gabrielle Lynch, and Justin Willis, 2020. 259p. \$36.99 paper.” *African Studies Review* 66(4), 1064–1065. <https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/122/article/916679/summary>
3. **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2023. “Democracy in Hard Places. Edited by Scott Mainwaring and Tarek Masoud. New York: Oxford University Press, 2022. 330p. \$99.00 cloth, \$29.95 paper.” *Perspectives on Politics* 21(3), 1121–1122. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592723001378>
2. **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2015. “Rachel Beatty Riedl. 2014. Authoritarian Origins of Democratic Party Systems. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 265 pp.” *African Studies Quarterly* 16(1), 131–132. Open Access: <https://asq.africa.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/168/V16i1.pdf>

1. **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2013. “Jean-Michel Severino and Olivier Ray. 2012. Africa’s Moment. David Fernbach (transl.). Malden, MA: Polity Press. 317 pp.” *African Studies Quarterly* 13(4), 142–143. Open Access: <https://asq.africa.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/168/Vol-13-Issue-4.pdf>

Other Publications

12. **Amanda B. Edgell**, Matthew C. Wilson, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2023. “Thinking about Regime Transformation.” *APSA Democracy and Autocracy Newsletter*, 21(1).
11. **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2022. “Measuring Gender Quotas.” *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*, 32(2).
10. Narrelle Gilchrist[†], **Amanda B. Edgell**, and Sebastian Elischer. 2022. “Kenya’s Young Voters Have a Dilemma: They Dislike Ethnic Politics but Feel Trapped In It.” *The Conversation*.
9. Seraphine F. Maerz, **Amanda B. Edgell**, and Jean Lachapelle. 2022. “‘Pandemic Backsliding’ – Demokratien im Ausnahmezustand während COVID-19.” *DeFacto: Belegt, Was Andere Meinen*.
8. Palina Kolvani, Martin Lundstedt, **Amanda B. Edgell**, and Jean Lachapelle. 2021. “Pandemic Backsliding: A Year of Violations and Advances in Response to Covid-19.” *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.32.
7. **Amanda B. Edgell**, Matthew C. Wilson, and Seraphine F. Maerz. 2021. “Episodes of Regime Transformation: Assessing Democratization and Autocratization since 1900.” *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*, 31(1).
6. **Amanda B. Edgell**, Matthew C. Wilson, Vanessa A. Boese, and Sandra Grahn. 2020. “Democratic Legacies: Using Democratic Stock to Assess Norms, Growth, and Regime Trajectories.” *V-Dem Working Paper No.* 100.
5. Palina Kolvani, Shreeya Pillai, **Amanda B. Edgell**, Sandra Grahn, Stefanie Kaiser, Jean Lachapelle, and Anna Lührmann. 2020. “Pandemic Backsliding: Democracy Nine Months into the Covid-19 Pandemic.” *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.26.
4. Palina Kolvani, Martin Lundstedt, Seraphine F. Maerz, Anna Lührmann, Jean Lachapelle, Sandra Grahn, and **Amanda B. Edgell**. 2020. “Pandemic Backsliding: Democracy and Disinformation Seven Months into the Covid-19 Pandemic.” *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.25.
3. **Amanda B. Edgell**, Sandra Grahn, Jean Lachapelle, Anna Lührmann, and Seraphine F. Maerz. 2020. “An Update on Pandemic Backsliding: Democracy Four Months After the Beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic.” *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.24.
2. Anna Lührmann, **Amanda B. Edgell**, Sandra Grahn, Jean Lachapelle, and Seraphine F. Maerz. 2020. “Does the Coronavirus Endanger Democracy in Europe?” *Carnegie Europe*.

1. Anna Lührmann, **Amanda B. Edgell**, and Seraphine F. Maerz. 2020. “Pandemic Backsliding: Does Covid-19 Put Democracy at Risk?” *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief, No.23*.

Datasets, packages, and repositories

- Pandemic Backsliding Project: www.github.com/vdeminstitute/pandem
- Episodes of Regime Transformation (ERT) Dataset: www.github.com/vdeminstitute/ERT
- The vdemdata R package: www.github.com/vdeminstitute/vdemdata

Selected Grants & Accolades

- College Academy of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (CARSCA), 2024-2025
- Juan Linz Best Book Prize, Honorable Mention, APSA Democracy & Autocracy Section, 2024
- SEC Travel Grant (University of Tennessee) , 2023-2024
- SEC Travel Grant (University of South Carolina), 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
- 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
- U.S. Department of Education, FLAS Fellow (Kiswahili), 2012/2013, 2013/2014

Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

- Democratic Erosion Consortium, 6–7 June 2024
- University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 24 April 2024
- Texas A&M University (virtual), 29 March 2024
- Evidence in Governance and Politics, Mexico City, 05–06 Oct 2023
- The Lincoln School (virtual), 19 January 2023
- University of South Carolina, 18 March 2022
- Flagler College (virtual), 03 March 2022
- University of Gothenburg (virtual), 22 November 2021
- US Agency for International Development (virtual), 23 March 2021
- V-Dem Institute (virtual), 03 November 2020
- Tulane University (virtual), 01 October 2020
- US Agency for International Development (virtual), 10 July 2020

Conferences and Workshops

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

- American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 03–08 September 2024 (P, D)
- Demscore Conference, Gothenburg (Sweden), 13–14 June 2024 (P)
- Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 11–14 Jan 2024 (P)
- American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, 30 Aug–03 Sep 2023 (P)
- Why Democracies Develop and Decline Conference, Kellogg Institute, 5–6 Mar 2023 (P)
- Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete Beach, 11–15 Jan 2023 (P,D,C)
- African Studies Association, Philadelphia, 16–20 Nov 2022 (P)
- Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, Kellogg Institute, 27–28 Oct 2022 (P)
- Electoral Integrity Project Global Workshop (virtual), 04–08 July 2022 (D)
- Southern Political Science Association, San Antonio (virtual), 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)

Teaching and Supervision

Thesis/Dissertation Supervision

- Christopher Akor (PhD), University of Alabama, Aug 2022–present
 - Dissertation: “Authoritarian Enclaves or Decentralized Despotism? Democracy and Accountability at the Grassroots in Nigeria”
- Myles Williamson (PhD), University of Alabama, Aug 2021–May 2024
 - Dissertation: “A Global Analysis of Transgender Rights”
 - Awards: EGEN Prize (2023), University of Alabama Best Graduate Student Research in the Department of Political Science (2023, 2024), University of Alabama LGBTQ Alumni Association Award (2022)
 - Placement: Lecturer, University of Baltimore
- Alexander Lindenfesler (MA), University of Alabama, Aug 2021–May 2022
 - Thesis: “Campaigns, Classes, and Constraints: How Economic Sanctions Affect Protest Campaign Success”
 - Awards: University of Alabama Randall Research Award (2022), University of Alabama College of Arts and Sciences MA Thesis Award (2022)
 - Placement: University of Minnesota Law School
- Martin Lundstedt (MA, with distinction), University of Gothenburg, Aug 2019–June 2020
 - Thesis: “Clientelism and Electoral Integrity: Exploring the Role of Electoral Management in Deterring Clientelistic Practices”
 - Placement: Research Assistant, Varieties of Democracy Institute

Undergraduate Courses

- African Politics (W) - S2021, S2022, S2024
- Authoritarianism - F2020, F2022, S2024, F2024
- Democratization (W) - F2021
- Political Science Methods - F2022

Graduate Courses

- African Politics - S2022, F2024
- Authoritarianism - S2021
- Democratization - F2023
- Politics of Foreign Aid (MPA) - F2021, F2023

Service

University of Alabama

(C) College, (D) Department

- Placement Director, 2023–present (D)
- African Studies Working Group, 2022–present (C)
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2021–present (D)
- Methods Café Seminar Coordinator, 2021–present (D)
- Speakers Committee, 2020–present (D)
- Department Chair Search Committee, 2023–2024 (D)
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2021–2023 (D)
- Ad-hoc Undergraduate Research Methods Committee, 2022–2023 (D)
- Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2022–2023 (D)

Discipline

- Associate Editor, African Studies Quarterly, 2024–present
- African Politics Conference Group, Best Dissertation Award Committee, 2024–present
- APSA Democracy & Autocracy Section, Best Article Award Committee, 2020–2021
- Peer reviewer for: African Spectrum; African Studies Quarterly; African Studies Review; Agenda; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Democratization; Foreign Policy Analysis; Governance; Government & Opposition; International Political Science Review; Journal of Human Rights; Journal of Politics; Party Politics; Perspectives on Politics; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Political Studies; Politics & Gender; Politics, Groups, & Identities; Social Science and Medicine

Public

- Reviewer, Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, Sep 2022
- USAID Approaches to Legislative Strengthening Dialogue, Mar–June 2021
- Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pandemic Backsliding Risk Project, 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
- U.S. Department of State, Enhancing Military Food Security for D.R. Congo, 2010–2012