



Program

(For paper presentations, presenters are indicated in **bold font**.)

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

6 pm Networking Reception (by invitation) [*Ashdown House*]

Thursday, July 18, 2019

7:30 – 8:30 am Registration (continental breakfast provided) [*Tang Center (Building E51), Outside Wong Auditorium*]

8:30 – 8:50 am Opening Remarks [*Tang Center (Building E51), Wong Auditorium*]

8:50 – 9 am Transition to Samberg

9 – 10:15 am Session 1: Regular Presentations [*Samberg, 6th Floor*]

- *Using Agent-Based Models to Simulate Strategic Behavior in Elections*
Walter Mebane (University of Michigan), Fabricio Vasselai and Samuel Baltz
Discussant: **In Song Kim (MIT)**
[*Dining Room 3*]
- *Multi-Input Models for the Study of Affect in Political Videos*
Ludvic Rheault (University of Toronto) and Sophie Borwein
Discussant: **Michelle Torres (Rice)**
[*Dining Room 4*]
- *Discovery of Influential Text in Experiments Using Deep Neural Networks*
Luke Sanford (UCSD), **Molly Roberts (UCSD)** and Kevin Li
Discussant: **David Carlson (Koc University)**
[*Dining Room 5*]

10:15 – 10:35 am Break

10:35 am – 12 pm Session 2: Short presentations [*Samberg, 6th Floor*]

- Paper 1: *The Feedback Effects of a Market-Based Policy: Evidence from Public Opinion on the Affordable Care Act*
Daniel J. Hopkins (University of Pennsylvania) and William Hobbs
Discussant: **Robert Erikson (Columbia)**
Paper 2: *Using the Audio from Telephone Surveys for Political Science Research*
Bryce Dietrich (University of Iowa) and Jeff Mondak
Discussant: **Ludvic Rheault (University of Toronto)**
[*Dining Room 3*]
- Paper 1: *Supervised Learning of Candidates' Issue-Specific Positions Using Itemized Donations*
Zhao Li (Stanford University) and Adam Bonica
Discussant: **Benjamin Lauderdale (UCL)**



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Paper 2: When Do Politicians Grandstand? Measuring Message Politics in Committee Hearings

Ju Yeon Park (University of Pittsburgh)

Discussant: **Sarah Bouchat (Northwestern)**

[Dining Room 4] << **Emerging Scholars Session** >>

- Paper 1: Bracketing Bounds for Differences-in-Differences with an Application to Voter ID Laws

Luke Keele (University of Pennsylvania), Raiden Hasegawa and Dylan Small

Discussant: **Danny Hidalgo (MIT)**

Paper 2: Augmented Panel Data Models with Staggered Adoption

Avi Feller (UC-Berkeley), Eli Ben-Michael and Jesse Rothstein

Discussant: **Joseph Ornstein (WUSTL)**

[Dining Room 5]

12 – 2 pm Lunch & Poster Session I [Samberg, 7th Floor]

2pm – 3:15 pm Session 3: Regular presentations [Samberg, 6th Floor]

- A Parallel Evolutionary Metropolis-Try Markov Chain Monte Carlo Algorithm for Spatial State Spaces ([Link to the Author's Website](#))

Wendy K. Tam Cho (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Yan Liu

Discussant: **Santiago Olivella (UNC Chapel Hill)**

[Dining Room 3]

- What Do We Learn About Preferences from Conjoint Experiments?

Korhan Kocak (Princeton), Scott Abramson (Rochester) and Asya Magazinnik (MIT)

Discussant: **Naoki Egami (Princeton)**

[Dining Room 4]

- Word Embeddings: What Works, What Doesn't, and How to Tell the Difference for Applied Research

Pedro Rodriguez (New York University) and Arthur Spirling

Discussant: **Brandon Stewart (Princeton)**

[Dining Room 5]

3:15 – 3:30 pm Break

3:30 – 5 pm Session 4: Short presentations [Samberg, 6th Floor]

- Paper 1: A Validation Study of Individual-level Survey Methodologies for Sensitive Questions

Ahra Wu (Workplace Analytics, LLC), Andrew R. Wood and Randy T. Stevenson

Discussant: **Mike Alvarez (Caltech)**

Paper 2: On Theory and Identification: When and Why We Need Theory for Causal Identification

Tara Slough (UC-Berkeley)

Discussant: **Kevin Munger (Penn State)**

[Dining Room 3] << **Emerging Scholars Session** >>

- Paper 1: Contagious Political Concerns: Identifying Unemployment Shock Information Transmission Using the Danish Population Network

Horacio Larreguy (Harvard University), James E. Alt, Amalie Jensen, David D. Lassen and John Marshall



Discussant: **Shahryar Minhas (Michigan State University)**

Paper 2: *Do Gender Quotas Cause a Decline in Corruption?*

Justin Esarey (Wake Forest University), Natalie Valdes

Discussant: **Frederick Boehmke (University of Iowa)**

[Dining Room 4]

- Paper 1: *Polynomial Regression as an Alternative to Neural Nets*
Peter Mohanty (Stanford University), Norm Matloff, Xi Cheng and Bohdan Khomtchouk
Discussant: **Neal Beck (NYU)**
Paper 2: *Rehabilitating the Regression: Honest and Valid Causal Inference through Machine Learning*
Marc Ratkovic (Princeton University)
Discussant: **Matthew Blackwell (Harvard)**
[Dining Room 5]

5:30 – 7 pm IDSS Reception [Stata Center (Building 32), R&D Common]

Friday, July 19, 2019

8 – 9 am Continental Breakfast [Samberg, 6th Floor]

9 – 10:15 am Session 5: Regular Presentations [Samberg, 6th Floor]

- *The Elephant in the Chamber? Incorporating Tweets about Trump into Congressional Ideal Point Estimates*
Sunshine Hillygus (Duke University), Greg Spell, Larry Carin and Brian Guay
Discussant: **Chris Warshaw (GWU)**
[Dining Room 3]
- *Tools for Topic Model Validation: Towards Procedures for Validating Topics as Measures [Appendix]*
Jacob Montgomery (WUSTL), Luwei Ying, Brandon Stewart
Discussant: **Arthur Spirling (NYU)**
[Dining Room 4]
- *Experimental Design and Statistical Inference for Conjoint Analysis: The Essential Role of Population Distribution*
Brandon de la Cuesta (Princeton), Naoki Egami (Princeton), and Kosuke Imai (Harvard)
Discussant: **Dean Knox (Princeton)**
[Dining Room 5]

10:15 – 10:35 am Break

10:35 – 12 pm Session 6: Short presentations [Samberg, 6th Floor]

- Paper 1: *Does Authoritarian Propaganda Ever Respond to Public Opinion?*
Shuai Jin (UMass-Boston)
Discussant: **Molly Roberts (UCSD)**
Paper 2: *Artificial Communities and Bait-and-Switch Messaging of Russian Trolls on Twitter During the 2016 Election*
Alexandra Cirone (Cornell University) and William Hobbs (Cornell University)



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Discussant: **Nick Beauchamp (Northeastern University)**

[Dining Room 3] << *Emerging Scholars Session* >>

- Paper 1: *An Automated Approach to Measuring Competitive Issue Framing at Scale*
Mark Pickup (Simon Fraser University) and Vincent Hopkins (Simon Fraser University)
Discussant: **Seth Hill (UCSD)**
Paper 2: *The Social Network Effects of Drone Strikes*
Paolo Bertolotti (MIT IDSS), Ali Jadbabaie, Fotini Christia
Discussant: **Adeline Lo (Princeton)**
[Dining Room 4]
- Paper 1: *Navigated Weighting to Improve Inverse Probability Weighting for Missing Data Problems and Causal Inference*
Hiroto Katsumata (Gakushuin University and MIT)
Discussant: **Adam Glynn (Emory)**
Paper 2: *The Stability-Controlled Trial? Assessing the effect of new or newly-popular treatments without randomization*
Chad Hazlett (UCLA)
Discussant: **Fredrik Savje (Yale)**
[Dining Room 5]

12 – 2:00 pm Lunch & Poster Session II [Samberg, 7th floor]

2:00 – 3:15 pm Session 7: Regular presentations [Samberg, 6th Floor]

- *Does Politicized Media Distort Political Discourse? Evidence from Fox News Channel*
Elena Labzina (ETH Zurich) and Elliott Ash
Discussant: **Chris Lucas (WUSTL)**
[Dining Room 3]
- *A Practical Guide to Counterfactual Estimators for Causal Inference with Time-Series Cross-Sectional Data*
Yiqing Xu (Stanford), Licheng Liu and Ye Wang
Discussant: **Matthew Lebo (Stony Brook)**
[Dining Room 4]
- *Post-Modern Bayesian Inference*
Jeff Gill (American University), **Andreas Murr (U of Warwick)** and Richard Traunmueller
Discussant: **Jonathan Katz (Caltech)**
[Dining Room 5]

3:15 – 3:30 pm Transition to Wong Auditorium

3:30 – 4:30 pm Special Session: LGBTQ Research and Political Methodology [Wong Auditorium]

- **Patrick J. Egan (NYU)**
- **Katherine McCabe (Rutgers University)**
- **Patrick R. Miller (U of Kansas)**
- Moderator: **Danny Hidalgo (MIT)**

4:30 – 5:00 pm SPM Business Meeting [Wong Auditorium]



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5 – 5:45 pm Panel Discussion on Non-academic Careers [*Wong Auditorium*]

- **Adriana Crespo-Tenorio (Facebook)**
- **Winston Chou (Facebook)**
- **Joe Williams (YouGov)**
- Moderator: **Pablo Barbera (USC/Facebook)**

7:30 – 9:30 pm Dinner [*Stratton Student Center (Building W20), Lobdell Dining Room*]

Saturday, July 20, 2019

8 – 8:50 am Breakfast Roundtable Discussions [*Samberg, 6th Floor*]

- *Journal Editors' Roundtable: Publishing Methodology Papers in Political Science Journals* [*Dining Room 4*]
 - **Tom Clark (Emory, *Journal of Politics*)**
 - **Jeff Gill (American University, *Political Analysis*)**
 - **Kosuke Imai (Harvard, *Journal of Causal Inference*)**
 - **Benjamin Lauderdale (UCL, *American Political Science Review*)**
 - Moderator: **Suzie Linn (Penn State)**
- *Roundtable Discussion: What Impact Will Data Science Have on Universities and Political Science?* [*Dining Room 5*]
 - **Henry Brady (UC Berkeley)**
 - **Gary King (Harvard)**
 - **Rocio Titiunik (Princeton)**
 - Moderator: **In Song Kim (MIT)**

9 – 10:15 am Session 8: Regular Presentations [*Samberg, 6th Floor*]

- *A Bayesian Transition Network Topic Model for Inferring Conceptual Networks*
Nicholas Beauchamp (Northeastern University)
Discussant: **Burt Monroe (Penn State)**
[*Dining Room 3*]
- *The Bias is Built In: How Administrative Records Mask Racially Biased Policing*
Dean Knox (Princeton), Will Lowe and Jonathan Mummolo (Princeton)
Discussant: **Moritz Marbach (ETH Zurich)**
[*Dining Room 4*]
- *Tracing Causal Paths from Experimental and Observational Data*
Xiang Zhou (Harvard University) and Teppei Yamamoto (MIT)
Discussant: **Rocio Titiunik (Princeton)**
[*Dining Room 5*]

10:15 – 10:35 am Break

10:35 am – 12 pm Session 9: Short presentations [*Samberg, 6th Floor*]



- Paper 1: *Generalized Ideal Point Models for Time-Varying and Missing-Data Inference*
Robert Kubinec (NYU Abu Dhabi)
Discussant: **Alex Tahk (UW Madison)**
Paper 2: *Inference Using Algorithmic Districting*
Micah Altman (MIT), Brian Amos and Michael P. McDonald
Discussant: **John Londregan (Princeton)**
[Dining Room 3]
- Paper 1: *Estimating Proposal and Status Quo Locations for Legislation using Cosponsorships, Roll-Call Votes, and Interest Group Bill Positions*
Jesse M. Crosson (University of Michigan), Geoffrey Lorenz, Alexander C. Furnas
Discussant: **Devin Caughey (MIT)**
Paper 2: *The Effects of Firms' Lobbying on Resource Misallocation*
In Song Kim (MIT) and Frederico Huneus
Discussant: **Jamie Monogan (University of Georgia)**
[Dining Room 4]
- Paper 1: *Design Based Inference for Spatial Experiments*
Ye Wang (NYU), Peter Aronow and Cyrus Samii
Discussant: **Anton Strezhnev (NYU)**
Paper 2: *Causal inference with Misspecified Exposure Mappings*
Fredrik Savje (Yale University)
Discussant: **Chad Hazlett (UCLA)**
[Dining Room 5]

12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch *[Samberg, 7th Floor]*