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CONTACT INFORMATION

University of Virginia
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EDUCATION

University of Virginia

Ph.D., Government, Expected May 2023.

Dissertation: *Peril and Protection*

Major: American Politics; Minor: Methodology

Graduate Certificate, Gender and Sexuality Studies, May 2021.

M.A., Government, August 2020.

George Washington University

B.A., Journalism and Mass Communication, December 2015.

Magna Cum Laude.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2023. “What About the Rapists?’ The Political Psychology of Women’s Policing Attitudes.” *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 44(1): 20-39.

REVISE & RESUBMIT

“Protecting Our (White) Daughters: Immigration, Sexism and Racial/Ethnic Animus.”

“U.S. Sanctuary Policies and Mexican’s Migration Preferences: A Conjoint-Experimental Study,” with Kirill Zhirkov.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“The Gendered Political Consequences of Racialized Sexual Threats.”

“Inconsistency of Americans’ Opinions on Free Speech: Evidence from Three Survey Experiments,” with Kirill Zhirkov.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Politics of Protection: Defending White Women, Disenfranchising Black Men.”

“Polarization or Backlash? Group Empathy and Americans’ Reactions to Politicians’ Tweets about Race and Religion,” with Kirill Zhirkov.

“Media Framing of Immigration: Fear and Anger, Intersectional Stereotypes, and White American Public Opinion,” with Nicholas J.G. Winter.

PRESENTATIONS

Midwestern Political Science Association
2023, 2022.

Western Political Science Association
2023.

Women and Politics Workshop, Tulane University
2023.

Junior Americanist Workshop Series
2022.

American Politics Speaker Series, University of Virginia
2022.

American Political Science Association
2022, 2020.

APSA Pre-Conference in Political Communication
2022.

Gender, Race and Ethnicity Politics Workshop, Georgetown University
2022.

Race, Ethnicity and Gender Working Group, University of Virginia
2022, 2020.

Quantitative Collaborative Graduate Student Research Day, University of Virginia
2022.

Virtual Gender and Political Psychology Mentoring Conference
2020.

Southern Political Science Association
2020.

International Communication Association
2017.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record, Department of Politics, University of Virginia
PLAP 3500. Political Psychology of Racism and Sexism.
Summer 2022.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics, University of Virginia
PLAP 3140. Mass Media and American Politics, Paul Freedman.
Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020.

PLAP 3160. Politics of Food, Paul Freedman.
Summer 2021, Winter 2021.

PLAP 3270. Public Opinion and American Democracy, Nicholas J.G. Winter.
Fall 2019.

PLAP 3500. Men, Women and U.S. Politics, Jennifer Lawless.
Spring 2019.

Grader, Department of Politics, University of Virginia
PLAP 3160. Politics of Food, Paul Freedman.
Summer 2022, Winter 2022, Summer 2020, Winter 2020.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2022. University of Virginia Department of Politics,
Allison J. Melloy Award for Excellence in Teaching.

2022. University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts & Sciences,
Teaching Relief Fellowship.

2022. APSA Political Communication Section Travel Grant (\$200).

2021. University of Virginia College of Arts & Sciences Quantitative Collaborative,
Bynum Grant (\$2,000).

2021. Jefferson Scholars Foundation Research Prize (\$1,500).

2020. University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts & Sciences,
Summer Research Grant (\$1,100).

2020. SPSA Prestage-Cook Travel Award (\$300).

2019. University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts & Sciences,
Summer Research Grant (\$1,000).

2018. University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts & Sciences,
Professional Development Grant (\$5,000).

2015. George Washington University,
Luther Rice Undergraduate Research Fellowship (\$5,000).

POSITIONS & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Virginia
 Kirill Zhirkov, Department of Politics, January 2022 - August 2022.
 Nicholas J.G. Winter, Department of Politics, August 2018 - May 2020.

Mentor
 Polygence, Online Research Academy for High School Students, June 2021 - August 2021.

Editorial Assistant
 American Journal of Political Science, May 2019 - August 2020.

Undergraduate Research Assistant, George Washington University
 Robert Entman, School of Media and Public Affairs, January 2014 - December 2015.

SERVICE

Reviewer
Political Behavior
Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy

Department of Politics, University of Virginia
Graduate Student Representative
 Gender, Diversity, and Climate Committee, September 2022 - May 2023
Member
 American Politics Writing Group, September 2018 - May 2023
 Non-Binary and Women’s Caucus, September 2018 - May 2023
 Graduate Council, January 2020 - December 2020.
Coordinator
 American Politics Speaker Series, August 2019 - May 2020.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Short Workshop. Item Response Theory. June 2021.

SKILLS

Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Editor, Environmental Working Group
 August 2016 - July 2018.

REFERENCES

Nicholas J.G. Winter (nwinter@virginia.edu)
 Paul Freedman (freedman@virginia.edu)
 Justin Kirkland (jkh9y@virginia.edu)