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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**University of Oregon**

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Fall 2024 -

**New York University**

Postdoctoral Associate, Center for Social Media and Politics, February 2022—

EDUCATION

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**Princeton University**

2022 Ph.D., Sociology  
Committee: Molly Roberts (UCSD), Paul Starr, Brandon Stewart (chair), Yu Xie  
2017 M.A., Sociology

**Harvard University**

2014 M.A., Regional Studies: East Asia  
2010 B.A., East Asian Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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sociology of media and information; contemporary China; computational social science; sociology of perception

PUBLICATIONS (\* denotes equal authorship)

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*Peer Reviewed Articles*

**Waight, Hannah\***, Yin Yuan\*, Molly Roberts, Brandon Stewart. Forthcoming. “Strengthening Propaganda and the Limits of Media Commercialization in China: Evidence from Millions of Newspaper Articles.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

**Waight, Hannah**. 2021. “Recovering John Dewey’s Lost Vision for Social Science in Contemporary American Sociology.” *The American Sociologist* 52 (2): 420-448.

*Under Review*

**Waight, Hannah** and Adam Goldstein. “Decline of the Sociological Imagination? Social Change and Perceptions of Economic Polarization in the United States, 1966-2009.” (conditional acceptance at *The American Journal of Sociology*)

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**Waight, Hannah,\*** Solomon Messing,\* Anton Shirikov, Margaret E. Roberts, Jonathan Nagler, Jason Greenfield, Megan A. Brown, Kevin Aslett, Joshua Tucker. “Quantifying Narrative Diffusion Across Languages.” (revise & resubmit)

### *Manuscripts*

**Waight, Hannah,\*** Eddie Yang,\* Yin Yuan, Solomon Messing, Molly Roberts, Brandon Stewart, Josh Tucker. “Propaganda is Already Influencing Large Language Models: Evidence from Training Data, Audits, and Real-World Usage.”

**Waight, Hannah.** “Media Manipulation (In)visibility and the Limits to Coordinated Control in China.”

### *Short Essays and Reviews*

“Moral Economies and Economic Moralities in Recent Publications.” ASA Economic Sociology *Accounts* Newsletter. Summer 2017.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

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### *External Grants*

2024 Templeton Foundation, “Propaganda Bias in Generative AI Large Language Models”, \$249,550, September 2024-April 2026, Key Personnel.

### *Fellowships*

2023 Seigel Family Endowment, Research Fellow, Cohort 2023-2024  
2018 Lawrence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship (\$36,000), Princeton University Center for Human Values  
2014 Harvard University Graduate Fellowship

### *Internal Grants and Awards*

2021 Princeton Data-Driven Social Science Initiative small grant (\$2,600)  
2020 Princeton Center for Contemporary China grant (\$5,000)  
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2019 Princeton Center for Contemporary China grant (\$5,000)  
2019 Graduate student paper award, American Sociological Association History of Sociology section  
2018 Princeton Center for the Study of Social Organization grant (\$2,000)  
2018 Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies grant (\$1,000)  
2017 Marvin Bressler Graduate Student Teaching Award  
2016 Princeton Center for the Study of Social Organization grant (\$5,000)  
2015 Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies grant (\$5,000)

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### PRESENTATIONS

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#### *Invited Talks*

- 2024 University of California, San Diego, 21<sup>st</sup> Century China Center
- 2024 Institut Polytechnique de Paris, NLP & Social Sciences Seminar
- 2023 UC Berkeley/Stanford, Computational Culture Lab
- 2023 Simon Fraser University, Digital Democracies Institute
- 2022 New York University, Culture Workshop

#### *Conference Presentations*

- 2024 American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada
- 2024 Generative AI and Sociology Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2023 Social Media and Contentious Politics Workshop, Peace Research Institute of Oslo
- 2023 American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 Media Sociology Workshop
- 2023 The Digital Reach of the Chinese State: Emerging Research Fields, Schloss Herrenhausen, Hannover
- 2023 Experimental Sociology Workshop
- 2022 American Political Science Association, Montreal, CA
- 2022 Society for Political Methodology Summer Meeting, St. Louis, MO
- 2022 American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 Young Scholars Conference 2022 — New Directions in Survey Research, Fudan UC Center on Contemporary China, UCSD, San Diego, CA
- 2022 Quantitative China Studies Seminar, NYU, New York, NY
- 2019 American Sociological Association, New York, NY
- 2019 Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA
- 2018 Social Science History Association, Phoenix, AZ
- 2016 North American Chinese Sociologists Association, Seattle, WA
- 2016 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Berkeley, CA
- 2015 Pragmatism and Sociology Conference, Chicago, IL

### TEACHING

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#### *University of Oregon*

- 2024 SOC 312: Statistical Analysis in Sociology (undergrad)
- 2024 SOC 613: Text as Data (grad)

#### *Princeton Freshman Scholars Institute*

- 2021 SOC/POL 245: Visualizing Data
- 2020 FSI SOC: Visualizing Society

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*Princeton Prison Teaching Initiative*

- 2018 English Composition, Spring
- 2017 Introduction to Sociology, Spring
- 2016 Introduction to Sociology, Spring
- 2015 Sociology of Inequality, Spring

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, LANGUAGES, AND SKILLS**

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- 2025- Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review*
- 2024 Membership Affairs Committee, Mathematical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2023 Panel Organizer, “Text as Data and Social Measurement,” American Sociological Association
- 2019 Graduate Student Representative, ASA History of Sociology Section
- 2016 Co-Editor, *Accounts*, ASA Economic Sociology Section

Ad-hoc reviewer for *Sociological Theory*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Quantitative Description*, *Sociological Methods & Research*, *Political Analysis*

Proficient in modern Mandarin Chinese; Programming languages: R

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