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Education

University of Pittsburgh
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science. *Expected Spring 2027*
Dissertation: Explaining the “Party Versus Democracy” Dynamic in Mass Opinion
Committee: Jae-Jae Spoon (Co-Chair), Emily A. West (Co-Chair), Yaoyao Dai,
Amanda Lea Robinson (External Member)
Fields: Political Behavior, Comparative Politics
M.A., Political Science. 2022
Bogazici University, Turkey
M.A., Political Science and International Relations (Distinction). 2021
B.A., Political Science and International Relations (Dean’s High Honors). 2017
Study Abroad: Sciences Po Paris. Fall 2016

Research Interests

Political Behavior, Political and Social Psychology, Public Opinion, Causal Inference, Experimental Methods,
Survey Methodology, Scale Development.

Research

Under Review

“Same Ballot, Different Partisans: Detecting Latent Democratic Constraint Under Party–Democracy Conflict”
R&R at *Political Behavior*. Job Market Paper.

Working Papers

“Comparing Partisan and Democratic Support Measures When the Two Conflict”
“When Do European Voters Break with Their Parties Over Democracy?”

Selected Works in Progress

“Rationalization in the Context of Party Versus Democracy”
“Political Socialization and the Origins of Varieties of Democrats”

Presentations

“Detecting Latent Democratic Constraint”	Democracy & Political Violence Mini-Conference 2026
“When Democracy Still Constrains”	APSA & MPSA 2026
“Party–Democracy Trade-offs in Europe”	MPSA 2026
“Cognitive Dissonance in the Context of ‘Party Versus Democracy’ ”	MPSA 2025
“Rationalization in the Context of ‘Party Versus Democracy’ ”	MPSA 2025
“Party Versus Democracy: Rationalizing Voter”	APSA & MPSA 2024
“Party Trumps Democracy: Absence of Perceived Democratic Stakes”	MPSA 2024
“The Origins of Varieties of Democrats”	MPSA 2023

Awards

& Fellowships

American Political Science Association	
Travel Grant (\$200)	2024
First Generation Scholars Travel and Accessibility Grant (\$192)	2024
Institute for Humane Studies	
Humane Studies Fellowship (\$1,400)	2026
Humane Studies Fellowship (\$3,000)	2025
Humane Studies Fellowship (\$2,500)	2024
University of Pittsburgh	
Umberger Summer Research Fund (\$3,500)	2026
Departmental Summer Research Fund (\$3,000)	2025
Summer Research Grant, A&S Graduate Student Organization (\$500)	2025
Travel Grant, Graduate & Professional Student Government (\$250)	2025
Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship (\$23,680)	2024–25
Departmental Summer Research Fund (\$2,500)	2024
Travel Grant, A&S Graduate Student Organization (\$200)	2024
Arts & Sciences PBC Travel Fund (\$500)	2024
Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,764)	2023–24
Arts & Sciences Summer Research Fellowship (\$2,000)	2023
Travel Grant, A&S Graduate Student Organization (\$200)	2023
Arts & Sciences Graduate Fellowship (\$23,688)	2020–21

Research Experience	Research Assistant, University of Pittsburgh	
	Supervised by Steven E. Finkel	Spring 2022; Summer 2023; Summer 2024
	Supervised by Emily A. West	Summer 2023
	Supervised by Angie N. Ocampo-Roland	Spring 2023
	Supervised by B. Guy Peters	Summer 2022
Teaching Experience	Instructor of Record (UG) , University of Pittsburgh	
	PS 1283 Experimental Methods in Political Science	Fall 2026
	PS 1340 Democratization	Fall 2025
	PS 0700 Research Methods in Political Science	Summer 2025
	PS 0300 Comparative Politics	Summer 2024
	PS 1378 Challenges to Democracy and Its Institutions	Summer 2023
	Teaching Assistant , University of Pittsburgh	
	PS 0500 International Relations (UG). Instructor: Jude C. Hays	Fall 2021, Fall 2022
	Guest Instructor , University of Pittsburgh	
	PS 0500 International Relations (UG)	Fall 2022
Service	University of Pittsburgh	
	Cohort Representative, Graduate Student Executive Committee	2026–2027
	TA/TF Mentor	2025–2026
	Graduate Student Representative, Departmental DEI Committee	2023–2024
	Graduate Student Mentor	2023–2025
	Cohort Representative, Graduate Student Executive Committee	2020–2021
	Reviewer <i>Political Behavior</i>	
Skills	Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent).	
	Computational: R, Stata, $\text{\LaTeX}$, Qualtrics.	
References	Available upon request.	