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EDUCATION	University of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School for Communication , Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	Doctoral Program (PhD) in Communication Aug 2016 – Present
	• Adviser: Yphtach Lelkes
	• Dissertation Committee: Yphtach Lelkes, Sandra González-Bailón, Diana Mutz, and Barbie Zelizer
	• Research Areas: Political Communication, Polarization, Computational Social Science, Digital Platforms
	• Fully supported through a fellowship from the Annenberg School
	Master of Arts (MA) in Communication Aug 2018
	SUNY Geneseo , Geneseo, New York
	Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in English Aug 2011 – May 2016
	Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Mathematics Aug 2011 – May 2016

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNALS

- 1) S. Fischer, K. Jaidka, and Y. Lelkes, “National news outlets are favored over local news outlets in news aggregator results,” *Nature Human Behaviour*, 2020.

WORKING PAPERS

- 3) S. Fischer, “Local news availability does not increase pro-social pandemic response,” 2020.
- 3) S. Fischer, H. Lee, and Y. Lelkes, “The Impact of Electoral Systems and Outcomes on Mass Attitudes: Experimental Evidence,” 2020.
- 2) S. Fischer, “Partisan Overlap in Cultural Preferences: A Mixed-Methods Approach,” 2019.
- 1) D. Lee and S. Fischer, “Partisanship or Culture? The Effects of Information Variety and Volume on Trust,” 2019.

CONFERENCES

LAST THREE YEARS

S. Fischer, “Partisan Overlap in Cultural Preferences: A Mixed-Methods Approach,” at **International Communication Association’s 70th Annual Conference**, May 2020 (Virtual due to COVID-19).

S. Fischer, K. Jaidka, and Y. Lelkes, “Topical Biases in Local News Curation: an Audit of Google News,” at **International Communication Association’s 70th Annual Conference**, May 2020 (Virtual due to COVID-19).

D. Lee and S. Fischer, “Partisanship or Culture?: The Effects of Information Variety and Volume on Trust,” at **International Communication Association’s 70th Annual Conference**, May 2020 (Virtual due to COVID-19).

S. Fischer, K. Jaidka, and Y. Lelkes, “National news outlets are favored over local news outlets in news aggregator results,” at **Midwest Political Science Association, 2020**, Chicago, IL, Apr 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

S. Fischer, K. Jaidka, and Y. Lelkes, “National news outlets are favored over local news outlets in news aggregator results,” at **Computation + Journalism Symposium**, Boston, MA, Mar 2020 (Postponed due to COVID-19).

S. Fischer, K. Jaidka, and Y. Lelkes, “National news outlets are favored over local news outlets in news aggregator results,” at **Michigan Symposium on Media and Politics**, Ann Arbor, MI, Feb 2020.

S. Fischer, K. Jaidka, and Y. Lelkes, “Locating the Local: An Audit of Google News,” at **2nd Annual Conference on Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS)**, Washington D.C., Aug 2019.

D. Lee and S. Fischer, “Partisanship or Culture? The Effects of Information Variety and Volume on Trust,” at **Midwest Political Science Association, 2019**, Chicago, Apr 2019.

S. Fischer and Y. Lelkes, "Hollywood's Political Space: Estimating Film Ideology from Revealed Preferences," at **International Communication Association's 68th Annual Conference**, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2018.

**POPULAR
MEDIA**

Monkey Cage, The Washington Post, Dec 2020.

The Drum, ABC News (Australia), Dec 2020.

PUBLIC CODE

S. Fischer, "broadbandR: An R package for interfacing with the FCC's National Broadband Map API".

S. Fischer, "countyFIPS: An R package to look up the county-level FIPS codes for non-county locations".

**RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

Research Fellow, Annenberg School for Communication

Aug 2016 – Present

- Supervisors: Yphtach Lelkes, Sharrona Pearl
- Notable Projects: Helped design a large (N = 12,000) field experiment with industry partners; Worked on a grant funded (\$30,000) study of electoral systems and polarization

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Teaching Fellow, Annenberg School for Communication

Aug 2017 – Dec 2017

- Assisted Dr. Litty Paxton with **COMM 388: Ritual Communication**. Created and taught a lecture on the wedding industrial complex, graded student essays, and helped grade weekly responses and group presentations.
- Supervisor: Litty Paxton

Aug 2018 – Dec 2018

- Assisted Dr. Yphtach Lelkes with **COMM 522: Introduction to Communication Research**. Responsible for grading student assignments, delivering a lecture on big data and computational methods, and developing and delivering new learning materials on the R programming language.
- Supervisor: Yphtach Lelkes

Writing Learning Center, SUNY Geneseo

Student Tutor & Research and Development and Design

Aug 2012 – May 2016

English 419: Literary Theory, SUNY Geneseo

Class TA

Jan 2016 – May 2016

- Professor: Dr. Robert Doggett

INTD 105: Writing Seminar, SUNY Geneseo

Class TA

Jan 2016 – May 2016

- Professor: Dr. Gillian Paku

**ACADEMIC
SERVICE**

Organizer, Political Communication Workshop, Annenberg School for Communication

Jan 2019 – Present

Graduate Student Symposium Committee, Annenberg School for Communication

Jan 2018 – Apr 2019

Member, Graduate Student Council, Annenberg School for Communication Sep 2018 – Aug 2019

**ACADEMIC
HONORS
& AWARDS**

AWARDS

Social and Cultural Evolution Working Group Small Grant, University of Pennsylvania (\$1000) 2020

Social and Behavioral Sciences Initiative Small Grant, University of Pennsylvania (\$3000) 2019

Full Tuition Waiver and Stipend, Annenberg School for Communication Aug 2016 – Present

Annenberg Summer Fellowship, Annenberg School for Communication 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Geneseo Foundation Undergraduate Summer Fellowship, SUNY Geneseo Jul 2015

Funded fellowship to conduct summer research as part of the Intro to Comp research project

Jesse M. Rodgers Memorial Scholarship, Department of English, SUNY Geneseo May 2014

For being an outstanding undergraduate who has demonstrated academic achievement, leadership, and character

Geneseo Foundation Undergraduate Travel Grants

Jan 2014, Sep 2014, Jan 2015

Travel grants awarded based on the merit of several projects and faculty recommendation

HONOR SOCIETIES

Member, The Phi Beta Kappa Society, SUNY Geneseo 2015

Member, Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society, SUNY Geneseo 2013

REFERENCES

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