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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Tulane University

Assistant Professor

Data Analytics, Political Science Department

2026-

SLA Faculty Fellow

Political Science Department

2025-2026

Dartmouth College

Neukom Fellow

Government and Computer Science Departments

2024-2025

EDUCATION

New York University

Ph.D Politics

2019-2024

Northeastern University

BS Mathematics, *Magna cum laude*

BA International Affairs, *Magna cum laude*

2013-2018

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

- Palmer, Alexis. (2024) "[Reform and Community Level Participation: The Overturn of Stop, Question, and Frisk \(SQF\) in New York City.](#)" *Urban Affairs Review*.
- Palmer, Alexis and Arthur Spirling. (2024) "[Large Language Models Can Argue in Convincing and Novel Ways About Politics: Evidence from Experiments and Human Judgement.](#)" *Political Science*.
- Barrie, Christopher, Alexis Palmer, and Arthur Spirling. (2026) "Replication for Language Models: Problems, Principles, and Best Practice for Political Science". *Conditionally accepted at AJPS*.

WORKING PAPERS

- "Stories for Success: Narrative Propaganda about Government Agencies in Kenya and the United States"
- "Why Are Citizens So Cynical? And About What?" *with Gwyneth McClendon*
- "How to Use Masked Language Models to Classify Narrative Structure in Political Texts"
- "When does the IMF Expect More? Explaining Legislative Variation in Conditionality" *with Patrick Egan and Michael Breen*

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Cynicism and Corruption in Kenya” *with Gwyneth McClendon*
- “The Ideal Surveytaker Problem: Language Models and the Limits of Silicon Samples”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Palmer, Alexis, Noah Smith, and Arthur Spirling. (2024) [“Using Proprietary Language Models in Academic Research Requires Explicit Justification.”](#) *Nature Computational Science*.
- Balluff, Paul, Chun-ting Ho, Justin, Gruber, Johannes B., Palicki, Sean, Palmer, Alexis, Rossi, Luca, Shklovski, Irina and Chan, Chung-hong. (2026). [Newer, Larger, Better? A Critique of the Unreflective LLM Adoption in Communication Research.](#) *Political Communication*.
- McLoughlin, Killian L., Alexis Palmer, J. Nathan Matias, and M. J. Crockett. (2026) [“Proprietary LLMs impede scientific transparency and reproducibility.”](#) *Nature Reviews Psychology*.
- Barrie, Christopher, Lisa Argyle, James Bisbee, Michael Heseltine, Christopher Lucas, Jon Mellon, Alexis Palmer, Margaret Roberts, and Arthur Spirling. (2026) “AI and Research Methods.” In N. Persily and J. Tucker (Eds.), *Artificial Intelligence, Politics, and Political Science*. (Forthcoming)
- Palmer, Alexis. (2026). “The Human Element in Social Science Research.” In Rohan Alexander (Ed.), *Quantitative Social Science in the Age of AI*. (Forthcoming)

TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Instructor (Tulane)

Quantitative Methods I (Graduate)	F2026
Data Science in Politics	S2026
Scope and Methods of Political Science	F2025

Instructor (Dartmouth)

Persuasion and Propaganda: Information Control in Autocracies and Democracies	S2025
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Teaching Assistant (NYU)

Comparative Politics (undergraduate) for Prof. Gwyneth McClendon	S2024
Introduction to Research Methods (undergraduate) for Prof. Patrick Egan (Head TA)	F2023
Politics of Climate Change (undergraduate) for Prof. Eric Dickson	S2023
Introduction to Research Methods (undergraduate) for Prof. Hye Young You	F2022
Power and Politics in American (undergraduate) for Prof. Chris Dawes	S2022
Data Science for Everyone (undergraduate) for Prof. Arthur Spirling and Prof. Andrea Jones Rooy (Head TA)	F2021
International Politics (undergraduate) for Prof. Nicole Simonelli	F2020

Research Assistant

Research Assistant for Mashail Malik (Harvard)	2023
Research Assistant for Arthur Spirling (NYU)	2022
Research Assistant for Gwyneth McClendon (NYU)	2021
Research Assistant for Amanda Kennard (NYU)	2020

Global Resilience Institute, Boston
Project Manager

2017-2019

INTERPOL Washington, Counterterrorism Division
Intern

2015

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- EPSS 2026
- Machine Collaborators (invited) 2026
- SPSP 2026
- APSA 2023, 2024, 2026
- Meta's CSS Seminar (invited) 2023
- MPSA 2023, 2024, 2025
- New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data (TADA) 2023
- Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science 2024
- Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS) 2024
- Visions in Methodology (VIM) 2024
- Oxford LLM Workshop 2024 (invited) 2024
- Text-as-Data Speaker Series (invited) 2024, 2025
- Artificially Intelligent Social Science Workshop (Nuffield) (invited) 2025
- AI Governance (Yale) (invited) 2025
- COMPTTEXT Conference 2025
- The Impact of AI on (Mis)Information (CIND) (invited) 2025
- New England Political Psychology Meeting (NEAPP) 2025

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- MacCracken Fellowship 2019-2024
- George Downs Grant 2023
- GSAS Pre-doctoral Fellowship 2023
- Bradley Fellowship 2023
- Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship 2024

SERVICE

Reviewer

International Peacekeeping (2022)
American Political Science Review (2024)
Urban Affairs Review (2024 / 2025)
Political Analysis (2024, 2026)
Research and Politics (2025)
PNAS Nexus (2025a, 2025b)
International Journal of Public Opinion Research (2025)
Information, Communication & Society (2025)
Journal of Politics (2025)
Perspectives on Politics (2025)
American Journal of Political Science (2026)

Convener

Graduate Political Economy Workshop (2022)

(Co-)Organizer

SOWEPS (2025)
CAPERS: Contemporary Africa Political Economy Research Seminar (2023)
NYU Politics Department Women's Informal Network (2023-2024)
Conflict Reading Group (2022)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Software:** R, Python, ArcGIS, LaTeX