

CHRISTINA P. WALKER

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EDUCATION

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN <i>Ph.D., Political Science</i> <i>Major Field: Comparative Politics, Minor Field: Political Research Methodology</i>	<i>Expected: 2026</i>
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN <i>M.A., Political Science</i>	<i>2023</i>
Oakland University, Rochester, MI <i>B.A., International Relations & French Language and Literature</i> <i>Magna Cum Laude, Graduate of the Honors College, Departmental Honors</i>	<i>2020</i>
<i>Additional Training:</i> <i>EITM Summer Workshop, Atlanta, GA</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>ICPSR Summer Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>oTree Workshop, Virtual</i>	<i>2022</i>

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

* denotes undergraduate co-author, ** denotes graduate co-author

Zulli, Diana, Diana Deyoe**, **Christina Walker**, and Meaghan McKasy. 2024. "Is it funny or a trend?: Examining US news humor on TikTok." *The Communication Review*: 1-17.

Walker, Christina P., Daniel S. Schiff, and Kaylyn Jackson Schiff. 2024. "Merging AI Incidents Research with Political Misinformation Research: Introducing the Political Deepfakes Incidents Database." *Thirty-Eighth Conference on Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence*.

- Winner of the Inaugural CASMI AI Incidents and Best Practices Paper Award

Walker, Christina P. and Evan Cramer**. 2023. "Conflict to Contagion: Examining the Relationship Between Disease and Conflict in Africa." *Politics & the Life Sciences*.

Walker, Christina P., and Terri L. Towner. 2022. "Framing ISIL: The Media's Photo Discrimination between Africa, Europe, and the United States." *Digital War*: 1-20.

Walker, Christina P., Terri L. Towner, and Lea Hilliker*. 2022. "Choosing Reviewers: Predictors of Undergraduate Manuscript Evaluations." *PS: Political Science & Politics*: 1-5.

Ghazi, Ghazi**, and **Christina P. Walker**. 2021. "Posts to Protests: Looking at Instagram's Role in the 2019 Lebanese Revolution." *Journal of Middle Eastern Politics and Policy* (7): 31-37.

Walker, Christina P., Terri L. Towner, Rosalee A. Clawson, Zoe M. Oxley, Christine L. Nemacheck, & Ronald Rapoport. 2021. "Learning through Peer Reviewing and Publishing in the Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics: Twenty Years Later." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54(2): 346-52.

Kubicek, Paul, and **Christina Walker**. 2020. "Do Truth and Reconciliation Committees Improve Human Rights? Evidence From Africa." *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa* 11(3): 295-310.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Walker, Christina P. Forthcoming. “Framing False Information: Examining Legislators’ Discourse Surrounding January 6th.” *The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research*. West Lafayette, Indiana: Purdue University Press.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Walker, Christina P. and Joan C. Timoneda. “Is ChatGPT Conservative or Liberal? A Novel Approach to Assess Ideological Bias in Generative AI Models.” *RR at Political Science Research and Methods*.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

Best Practices for AI Incident Reporting and Management to Address Collective Harms (Future of Life Institute, 2024) (\$5,000) (with Kaylyn Jackson Schiff and Daniel Schiff)

National Science Foundation EITM Summer Institute (Emory University, 2024)

APSA Travel Grant (Information, Technology, & Politics Section, 2023) (\$250)

The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research Chapter (C-SPAN Archives, 2023) (\$1,500)

Graduate Student Travel Grant (MapleMeth, 2023) (\$500)

Student Caucus Travel Grant (National Communication Association, 2022) (\$200)

Research Grant (Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, 2022) (\$2,500)

Travel Grant (International Studies Association, 2022) (\$700)

Howard Penniman Scholarship for Graduate Study (Pi Sigma Alpha, 2021) (\$2,000)

Chapter Activity Grant (Pi Sigma Alpha, 2019-2020) (\$2,000)

Foreign Policy Leadership Development Program (John Quincy Adams Society, 2020)

Research Grant (Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, 2019) (\$2,500)

Wilson Trust Scholarship (2017) (\$5,000, recurring for 4 years)

Internal - Purdue University

PROMISE Award (College of Liberal Arts, 2024) (\$500)

Robert A. McDaniel Graduate Fund Grant (College of Liberal Arts, 2024) (\$800)

PROMISE Award (College of Liberal Arts, 2023) (\$750)

Robert A. McDaniel Graduate Fund Grant (College of Liberal Arts, 2023) (\$1,000)

Department Research Grant (\$162)

PROMISE Award (College of Liberal Arts, 2022) (\$750)

Travel Grant (Graduate Student Government, 2022) (\$500)

ICPSR Scholarship (Political Science Department, 2022) (\$2,600)

PROMISE Award (College of Liberal Arts, 2021) (\$750)

Internal - Oakland University

Undergraduate Research Grant (Honors College, 2019) (\$250)

Vincent Khapoya Scholarship (Political Science Department, 2019) (\$2,500)

Provost Undergraduate Research Award (2018) (\$500)

Distinguished Scholar Award (2017) (\$5,000, recurring for 4 years)

AWARDS AND HONORS

External

AI Incidents & Best Practices Paper Award, Center for Advancing Safety of Machine Learning (2024) (\$2,000)

Internal - Purdue University

Nominee for the IBM Ph.D. Fellowship (2024)

Nominee for the Apple Scholars in AI/ML Fellowship (2024)


Nominee for the Google Ph.D. Fellowship (2024)


Best Major Field Paper (2024) (\$1,000)
University Special Recognition Award (2024) (\$1,500)
Best Graduate Peer-Reviewed Journal Publication x2 (2024) (\$500)
Best Graduate Grant Submission, Purdue University (2024) (\$250)
Best Graduate Peer-Reviewed Journal Publication (2023) (\$250)
Best Graduate Grant Submission (2023) (\$250)
Best Graduate Peer-Reviewed Journal Publication (2022) (\$250)
Best Graduate Grant Submission (2022) (\$250)


Internal - Oakland University


Thesis Award in Political Science (Honors College, 2020)
Thesis with Distinction (Honors College, 2020)
President's List (2020)
Outstanding Student Officer (Office for Student Involvement, 2020)
Dean's List, 2017-2020


MEDIA APPEARANCES


Murray, Clara. 2024. "How we were deepfaked by election deepfakes." Financial Times. 


Tuquero, Loreben. 2024. "Not the AI election': Why artificial intelligence did not define the 2024 campaign." PolitiFact. 

Wong, Matteo. 2024. "AI's Fingerprints Were All Over the Election." The Atlantic. 

Verma, Pranshu, Will Oremus, and Cat Zakrzewski. 2024. "AI didn't sway the election, but it deepened the partisan divide." The Washington Post. 

Chow, Andrew R. 2024. "AI's Underwhelming Impact on the 2024 Elections." Time Magazine. 

Deckmyn, Dominique. 2024. "Generatieve AI bepaalde dan toch niet de verkiezingen in VS" [Generative AI Didn't Decide US Election After All]. De Standaard. 

Tubman, Kadia. 2024. "Viral celebrity deepfake ad warns of AI being used 'trick you into not voting.'" Scripps News. 

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

2025: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference

2024: Annual Conference on Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (x2), American Political Science Association Conference (x2)

2023: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, MapleMeth, American Political Science Association Conference (x2), The Association of Internet Researchers Conference, The Center for C-SPAN Scholarship & Engagement Conference

2022: International Studies Association Annual Convention, Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference, National Communication Association Annual Convention

2021: International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference (x2), International Studies Association Joint Human Rights Conference, International Conference of the Digital Humanities Association of Nigeria, American Marketing Association Winter Academic Conferences, Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Research Conference

2020: Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference, International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference, Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Research Conference

2019: International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference, Oakland University Research Symposium (x2), Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference, Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Research Conference

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Purdue University:

Independent Instructor

American Government (Spring 2025, In-Person)

Global Green Politics (Winter 2024, Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Asynchronous Online)

Workshops

Introduction to Mathematics for Political Science Graduate Students (Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024)

Teaching Assistant

Graduate Courses

MLE, Machine Learning, and Regime Change (Spring 2024, Dr. Joan Timoneda)

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Political Analysis (Fall 2024, Dr. Miriam Barnum)

Introduction to Environmental Policy (Fall 2023, Dr. Shan Zhou)

International Relations Among Rich and Poor Nations (Spring 2022, Dr. Kevin Taber)

Global Green Politics (Fall 2021, Dr. Kevin Taber)

Guest Lectures

International Relations Among Rich and Poor Nations (Spring 2022)

Transformative Texts: Critical Thinking & Communication II: Modern World (Fall 2021)

Teaching Certificates

Teaching Through Online Forums/Discussions Mini Course (2023)

IMPACT-X Course Redesign (2022) (\$1,000 to Develop Course)

Certificate of Foundations in College Teaching (2021)

SERVICE

Purdue University (Department)

Recruitment and Mentoring Chair (Graduate Student Association, 2024-2025)

Graduate Student Representative (Assistant Professor – AI, Search Committee, 2023)

Student Project Supervisor x3 (Undergraduate Research Collaboratory, 2023)

Graduate Representative (2022-2023, 2024-2025)

Student Project Supervisor x2 (Undergraduate Research Collaboratory, 2022)

Social Science Mechanics Chair (Graduate Student Association, 2021-2022)

Student Project Supervisor (Undergraduate Research Collaboratory, 2021)

Purdue University (University)

Judge/Reviewer, Fall Undergraduate Research Conference (2024)

Judge/Reviewer, Spring Undergraduate Research Conference (2024)

Graduate Representative (College of Liberal Arts Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2021-2022 & 2022-2023)

Judge/Reviewer, Spring Undergraduate Research Conference (2023)

Judge/Reviewer, Fall Undergraduate Research Conference (2022)

Oakland University (University)

Student Representative (College of Arts & Sciences Dean Search Committee, 2020-2021)

Associate Chair (Student Activities Funding Board, 2019-2020)

Student Representative (Academic Standing and Honors Committee, 2019-2020)

The Discipline

Discussant, National Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Conference (2024) x2
Chair, National Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Conference (2024)
Discussant, National Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Conference (2023) x2
Discussant, National Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Conference (2022) x2
Organizer and Discussant, Undergraduate Research Panel (International Studies Association-Midwest, 2021)
Assistant Editor, International Journal of Human Rights (2021-2022)
Social Media Editor, International Journal of Human Rights (2021-2022)
Student Representative, Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Research Conference Planning Committee (Virtual, 2021)
Editor, Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics (Oakland University, 2018-2020)

Journal Reviewer

PS: Political Science & Politics, Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media


Research Assistantships

Dr. Cherie Maestas (Purdue University, Summer 2024)
Dr. Andy Baker (Purdue University, Fall 2023, Summer 2024)
Dr. Joan Timoneda (Purdue University, Fall 2022, Spring 2024)
Dr. Daniel Schiff (Purdue University, Summer 2023)
Dr. Tara Grillos (Purdue University, Spring 2023)
Dr. Rosie Clawson (Purdue University, Summer 2022)
Dr. Terri Towner (Oakland University, 2020)

Additional Work

Conflict Analysis Intern, The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Conflict & Stabilization Operations in Africa (Remote, 2020-2021)
Field Director for Oakland University, Elissa Slotkin for Congress (2020)
City Treasurer Intern, The City of Rochester (Virtual, 2020)
Policy Analyst Intern, USAID on the African Union in the 21st Century (Virtual, 2019-2020)
Volunteer, HeadCount Voter Registration (2018)
Legislative Assistant, Michigan State Senate (2016-2017)

SOFTWARE

Contributor to PykTok 

INVITED TALKS

Department of Political Science (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2024)
Department of Political Science (Elon University, 2024)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Computational Social Science Lab (Purdue University)
Governance and Responsible AI Lab (Purdue University)
American Political Science Association
Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honorary (Nu Omega President, 2020)
Midwest Political Science Association

SKILLS

Software: R, Python, oTree, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, Git

Languages: English (Native), French (Intermediate)