

CHRISTINA P. WALKER

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Georgia 2026-
Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs

AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Fellow, Benson-Bertsch Center for International Trade & Security (University of Georgia) 2026-
Faculty Affiliate, Governance and Responsible AI Lab (GRAIL) (Purdue University) 2026-
Computational Social Science Lab (Purdue University) 2022-2026

EDUCATION

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 2021-2026

Ph.D., Political Science

Major Field: Comparative Politics, Minor Field: Political Research Methodology

Committee: Joan Timoneda (Chair), Tara Grillos, Bryce Dietrich, and Mollie Cohen

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 2021-2023

M.A., Political Science

Oakland University, Rochester, MI 2017-2020

B.A., International Relations & French Language and Literature

Magna Cum Laude, Graduate of the Honors College, Departmental Honors

Additional Training:

CCSE Video Research Institute, West Lafayette, IN 2026

EITM Summer Workshop, Atlanta, GA 2024

ICPSR Summer Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI 2022

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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

9. Walker, Christina P. and Joan C. Timoneda. 2025. "Is ChatGPT Conservative or Liberal? A Novel Approach to Assess Ideological Stances and Biases in Generative LLMs." *Political Science Research and Methods*. 

- Winner of The Methodology Center at Purdue's Best Graduate Student Methodological Paper Award

8. Zulli, Diana, Diana Deyoe**, Christina Walker, and Meghan McKasy. 2024. "Is it Funny or a Trend?: Examining US News Humor on TikTok." *The Communication Review*: 1-17. 

7. 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
- Media coverage: [The Guardian](#), [The Hacker News](#), [MIT Technology Review](#), [Wish-TV](#), [Time Magazine](#), [Brookings](#), [NBC News](#), [Center for Democracy and Technology](#), [Financial Times](#), [PolitiFact](#), [The Atlantic](#), [The Washington Post](#), [Time Magazine](#), [De Standaard](#), [Scripps News](#)

6. Walker, Christina P. and Evan Cramer**. 2023. "Conflict to Contagion: Examining the Relationship Between Disease and Conflict in Africa." *Politics & the Life Sciences*.[📄](#)
5. 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.[📄](#)
4. Walker, Christina P., Terri L. Towner, and Lea Hilliker*. 2022. "Choosing Reviewers: Predictors of Undergraduate Manuscript Evaluations." *PS: Political Science & Politics*: 1-5.[📄](#)
3. 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.[📄](#)
2. 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.[📄](#)
1. 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.[📄](#)

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Walker, Christina P. 2025. "Framing False Information: Examining Legislators' Discourse Surrounding January 6." In *Partisan Rhetoric and Polarization, The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research, Volume 10*, ed. Robert X. Browning. Purdue University Press, 105-20.[📄](#)

WORKING PAPERS

Walker, Christina P. "Gendered Economy: The Public's Perception of Central Bank Candidates." (R&R at *Politics, Groups, and Identities*)

Dietrich, Bryce, Christina P. Walker, and Caglar Koylu. "Digital Districts: Exploring the Intersection of Social Media and Surrogate Representation." (R&R at *Social Media & Society*)

Walker, Christina P., Alena Birrer, Morgan Wack, Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, Daniel S. Schiff, and JP Messina. "Beyond Deception: A Functional Typology of Political Deepfakes." (Under Review)[📄](#)

- Media coverage: [CNN](#)

Lin, Guangyu, Li Lin, Christina P. Walker, Daniel S. Schiff, and Shu Hu. "Fit for Purpose? Deepfake Detection in the Real World." (Under Review)[📄](#)

Walker, Christina P., Natália S. Bueno, Daniel S. Schiff, Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, and JP Messina. "Watering Down Watermarks: The Effectiveness of Labeling Deepfakes."[📄](#)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Wack, Morgan, Christina Walker, Alena Birrer, Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, Daniel Schiff, and JP Messina. "Scrutinizing the Many Faces of Political Deepfakes." 2025. *Tech Policy Press*.[📄](#)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

Registration Grant (Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, 2025) (\$130)

APSA Travel Grant (Information, Technology, & Politics Section, 2025) (\$500)

Best Practices for AI Incident Reporting (Future of Life Institute, 2024) (\$5,000) (K.J. Schiff, D. 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

Research Breakthrough Award (Honor College, 2025) (\$20,000) (K.J. Schiff, D. Schiff, N. Bueno, J.P. Messina)
PROMISE Award (College of Liberal Arts, 2025) (\$850)
Ludwig Kruhe Fellowship (VP for Graduate Students & Postdoctoral Scholars, 2025) (\$69,700)
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

Teaching Academy Graduate Teaching Award (Center for Instructional Excellence, 2026)
Independent Instructor of the Year Award (Political Science Department, 2026)
Best Graduate Student Methodological Paper Award (The Methodology Center at Purdue, 2026) (\$500)
Best Graduate Peer-Reviewed Journal Publication (Political Science Department, 2026) (\$250)
Best Graduate Grant Submission (Political Science Department, 2026) (\$250)
College Nominee for Mentoring Award for Graduate Students (College of Liberal Arts, 2026)
Outstanding Prospectus Award (Political Science Department, 2025) (\$1,000)
Best Graduate Peer-Reviewed Journal Publication (Political Science Department, 2025) (\$250)
Best Graduate Grant Submission x2 (Political Science Department, 2025) (\$500)
University Nominee for the IBM Ph.D. Fellowship (2024)
University Nominee for the Apple Scholars in AI/ML Fellowship (2024)
University Nominee for the Google Ph.D. Fellowship (2024)
Best Major Field Paper (Political Science Department, 2024) (\$1,000)
University Special Recognition Award (2024) (\$1,500)
Best Graduate Peer-Reviewed Journal Publication x2 (Political Science Department, 2024) (\$500)
Best Graduate Grant Submission (Political Science Department, 2024) (\$250)
Best Graduate Peer-Reviewed Journal Publication (Political Science Department, 2023) (\$250)
Best Graduate Grant Submission (Political Science Department, 2023) (\$250)
Best Graduate Peer-Reviewed Journal Publication (Political Science Department, 2022) (\$250)

Best Graduate Grant Submission (Political Science Department, 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

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

2026: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (x2), American Political Science Association Conference (x2)

2025: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (x2), American Political Science Association Conference (x3), Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management 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 National Student 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 National Student 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 National Student Research Conference

INVITED TALKS

AI Research Showcase (Purdue University, 2026)

Department of Philosophy AI Summit (Purdue University, 2025)

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

Department of Political Science (Elon University, 2024)

TEACHING

University of Georgia

- Graduate Courses:
 - Technopolitics: AI and Comparative Politics (Fall 2026)
- Undergraduate Courses:

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2026)

Independent Instructor - Purdue University

- Technopolitics: AI and Political Systems (Summer 2025, Asynchronous Online)
- American Government (Spring 2025, In-Person)
- Global Green Politics (Winter 2025, Winter 2024, Summer 2023, Summer 2022, Asynchronous Online)

Workshops - Purdue University

- Introduction to Mathematics for Political Science Graduate Students (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022)

Teaching Assistant - Purdue University

- 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 2024, Dr. Reed Kurtz, 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)

Teaching Certificates - Purdue University

- IMPACT-X Course Redesign (2025) (\$1,000 to Develop Course)
- 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

The Discipline

Journal Reviewer: *Journal of Ethics and Emerging Technologies*, *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media, Platforms & Society*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Research & Politics*

Chair, Midwest Political Science Association (2026)

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association (2026) x2

Discussant, Midwestern Workshop in Empirical Political Science

Discussant, Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference (2026) x2

Discussant, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Conference (2025)

Chair, American Political Science Association Conference (2025)

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2025) x2

Discussant, Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference (2025) x2

Discussant, Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference (2024) x2

Chair, Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference (2024)

Discussant, Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference (2023) x2

Discussant, Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research 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 National Student Research Conference Planning Committee (2021)
Editor, Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics (Oakland University, 2018-2020)

Purdue University (University)

Judge/Reviewer, Spring Undergraduate Research Conference (2025)
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, 2021-2023)
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)

Purdue University (Department)

Graduate Representative (2022-2023, 2024-2026)
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)
Student Project Supervisor x2 (Undergraduate Research Collaboratory, 2022)
Social Science Mechanics Chair (Graduate Student Association, 2021-2022)
Student Project Supervisor (Undergraduate Research Collaboratory, 2021)

Research Assistantships

Dr. Kaylyn Jackson Schiff (Purdue University, Summer 2025)
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, U.S. Department of State CSO in Africa (2020-2021)
Field Director for Oakland University, Elissa Slotkin for Congress (2020)
City Treasurer Intern, The City of Rochester (2020)
Policy Analyst Intern, USAID on the African Union in the 21st Century (2019-2020)
Volunteer, HeadCount Voter Registration (2018)
Legislative Assistant, Michigan State Senate (2016-2017)

SOFTWARE

Contributor to PykTok 

SKILLS

Software: R, Python, oTree, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, GitHub
Languages: English (Native), French (Intermediate)