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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Substantive: authoritarian politics, political parties, electoral coordination, democratic backsliding, reversal of autocratization, elite behavior, democratization, political parties & legislative politics, peace after war, post-rebel parties, post-conflict governance, Middle East politics, Turkish politics.

Methodological: applied statistics, research design, GLM, panel regression models, survey methods and experiments, text analysis and NLP, mixed-methods, site-intensive methods, interviews, archival research.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Affiliate Faculty, Department of Political Science, June 2024 – present
Lecturer & Data Services Specialist, Research Data Services, June 2024 – present

EDUCATION

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D., Political Science May 2024
• Subfields: Comparative Politics (major), Political Methodology (minor)
• Dissertation: Pre-Electoral Coalitions in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes
• Committee: **Jennifer McCoy** (Chair), **Carrie Manning**, **Charles Hankla**

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

M.A., Political Science and International Relations August 2019
• Thesis: Rethinking state and civil society: Two educational policies during the Justice and Development Party era
• Advisor: **Zeynep Kadirbeyoğlu**

B.A., Political Science and International Relations June 2016

BOOK

Carrie Manning, Ian Smith, & **Ozlem Tuncel**. (2023). *Parties, politics, peace: How former insurgent groups shape politics after war*. Routledge.
• [MPSA Blog Post on Parties, Politics, Peace](#)

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Ozlem Tuncel. (2024). Talking to elites: A guide for novice interviewers. *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, 22(1), 53-60. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11097657>.

Carrie Manning, Ian Smith, & **Ozlem Tuncel**. (2024). Rebels with a cause: Introducing the Post-Rebel Electoral Parties Dataset. *Journal of Peace Research*, 61(2), 294-303. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221126552>.

Ozlem Tuncel. (2023). Selective inclusion under competitive autocratic regimes: An example from the Turkish educational civil society. *Journal of Civil Society*, 19(2), 232-250. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17448689.2023.2206152>.

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| | <p>Ozlem Tuncel, & Carrie Manning. (2023). Building democracy after war? Post-rebel electoral parties and the construction of stable party systems. <i>Party Politics</i>, 29(6), 1039-1050. https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688221124877.</p> <p>Ozlem Tuncel. (2017). <i>AKP dönemi eğitim politikalarına ilişkin bir örnek: Değerler eğitimi</i> (An example from education policies of the AKP period: Values education). <i>Kültür ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklaşımlar</i>, 33, 3-26.</p> |
| BOOK CHAPTERS | <p>Jennifer McCoy, Juan S. Gomez Cruces, Ozlem Tuncel, & Levente Littvay. (2025). <i>Reducing partisan animus in populist contexts: Limitations of shared common humanity and perspective-taking interventions</i>. In Angelos Chrysogelos, Eliza Tanner Hawkins, Kirk A. Hawkins, Levente Littvay, and Nina Wiesehomeier (Eds.) <i>The ideational approach to populism, Volume II: Consequences and mitigation</i>. Routledge.</p> <p>Carrie Manning, & Ozlem Tuncel. (2023). <i>Peacebuilding and democracy after war: Taking stock</i>. In John W. Harbeson and Donald Rothchild (Eds.) <i>Africa in world politics: Sustaining reform in a turbulent world order</i>. 7th edition. Routledge.</p> |
| OTHER PUBLICATIONS | <p>Ozlem Tuncel. (2025). <i>Teaching literature reviews in the age of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)</i>. <i>Political Science Educator</i>, 28(2).</p> <p>Ozlem Tuncel, Carrie Manning, & Ian Smith. (2022). <i>Political integration and post-war elections</i>. <i>Folke Bernadotte Academy</i>.</p> <p>Jennifer McCoy, Ben Press, Murat Somer, and Ozlem Tuncel. (May 5, 2022). <i>Reducing pernicious polarization: A comparative historical analysis of depolarization</i>. <i>Carnegie</i>.</p> <p>Ronay Bakan & Ozlem Tuncel. (July 4, 2019). <i>Women's struggle in Turkey</i>. <i>Yale Global</i>.</p> |
| WORK IN PROGRESS | <p><i>Ousting an autocrat: Temporary alliances of opposition parties in electoral authoritarian regimes</i>. (Working Book Project, formerly my dissertation).</p> <p><i>Uniting against autocracy: Opposition coalitions in electoral authoritarian regimes</i>. (Job Market Paper, Under Review)</p> <p><i>Understanding opposition strategies through opposition learning: Example of Turkish opposition parties navigating the new electoral field</i>. (Under Review)</p> <p>Elite interviewing in Political Science: Insights from leading journals. (EMW project, Under Review)</p> <p><i>Toward a new transition theory? Opposition dilemmas and how to resist and recover from democratic erosion</i>. (with Jennifer McCoy and Murat Somer, APSA Preprints)</p> |
| AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS | <p>2025. Institute for Humane Studies – Expense Support. (\$4,000)</p> <p>2024. APSA Democracy and Autocracy – <i>Best Fieldwork Award</i>. (Honorable Mention)</p> <p>2024. Emerging Methodologists Workshop Travel Grant. (\$800)</p> <p>2023. ISA-South Best Graduate Student Paper Award. (\$150)</p> <p>2023. APSA First Generation Scholars in the Profession Accessibility Grant. (\$145)</p> |

2023. APSA Comparative Politics Section Support Grant. (\$500)

2023. APSA Travel Grant. (\$150)

2023. MPSA Harrell Rodgers Travel Scholarship. (\$500)

2023. The Craigie International Security Fellowship. (\$20,000)

2023. [William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies \(APSA Centennial Center\)](#). (\$2,500)

2022-2023. [Georgia State University Library Dissertation Travel Award](#). (\$1000)

2022. ISA-Midwest Travel Grant. (\$250)

2022. ISA-Midwest Emerging Scholars Grant. (\$250)

2022. GSU Political Science Department's Summer Research & Professional Development Fellowship for ICPSR Summer School. (\$2600)

2020-2021. [GSU Political Science Department](#) Best Graduate Paper Award.

2019. [Boğaziçi University](#): Dean's High Honors Degree.

2018. Northwestern University Buffett Institute for Global Studies for 2018 Keyman Conference: Education in Turkey, Chicago. (\$600)

ORIGINAL
DATA

[Coalitions in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes \(CEAR\) Dataset](#).

[Post-Rebel Electoral Parties \(PREP\) Dataset](#) with Carrie Manning and Ian Smith.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

[Georgia State University](#), Atlanta, GA

Lecturer

July 2024 – present

Teaching Assistant

2020, 2021, 2022–2024

- *Spring 2024* – [POLS 8810: Uses of Intermediate Statistical Methods](#), [Michael Fix](#)
- *Fall 2023* – [POLS 8830: Advanced Quantitative Methods](#), [Ryan Carlin](#)
- *Spring 2023* – [POLS 8810: Uses of Intermediate Statistical Methods](#), [Michael Fix](#)
- *Fall 2022* – [POLS 8830: Advanced Quantitative Methods](#), [Ryan Carlin](#)
- *Fall 2022* – [POLS 8805: Introduction to Quantitative Analysis](#), [Michael Herb](#)
- *Fall 2020* – [POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government](#), [Mike Evans](#)

Instructor

Spring, 2021

- [POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government](#)

[ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods](#), Ann Arbor, MI

Teaching Assistant

Summer 2023

- [Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment](#), [Kerem Ozan Kalkan](#)

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2017 - Summer 2019

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2025, 2025 (VRM), 2024, 2024 (VRM), 2023

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022

International Studies Association (ISA): 2023 (South), 2022 (Midwest), 2021

Emerging Methodologist Workshop: 2024

POMEPS Virtual Research Workshop: 2024

Authoritarian Political Systems Group: 2023

Political Science Association Turkish Politics Specialist Group Research Colloquia: 2023

Political Science Association (PSA): 2023

United Nations Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Meeting: 2022

Atlanta Symposium on Political Science (ASOPS): 2021, 2020

Helsinki Conference on Emotions, Populism and Polarisation (HEPP): 2021

Georgia Political Science Association (GPSA): 2021

Northwestern University Keyman Conference: 2018

SERVICE

Treasurer, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section 2025

Country Expert, Chapel Hill Expert Survey for Turkey 2024

Committee Member, APSA Centennial Center Research Grants 2024

Mentor, American Political Science Association (x2) 2024-2025

Graduate Student Representative in Faculty Hiring Committee,
Department of Political Science, GSU 2023

DEI Committee Graduate Student Representative,
Department of Political Science, GSU October 2022 - October 2023

Reviewer, Perspectives on Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Democratization, International Journal of Public Opinion Research (x3), Die Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (ZfVP)

Discussant/Chair, APSA 2025, MPSA 2024, ISA-South 2023, MPSA 2023, ISA-Midwest 2022, ISA 2021, ASOPS 2021 & 2020

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| | Graduate Student Association, Georgia State University | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Chair, ASOPS • Conference Co-Chair, ASOPS • International Student Delegate | <p>May 2022 - May 2023</p> <p>May 2021 - May 2022</p> <p>May 2020 - May 2021</p> |
| PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE | <p>Party at the Mailbox, Atlanta, GA</p> <p><i>Data Analyst</i></p> | December 2020 - January 2021 |
| | Center for European Studies Student Forum (CESSF) , Istanbul, Turkey | |
| | <i>President</i> | 2014-2016 |
| | Sabancı University, Istanbul Policy Center , Istanbul, Turkey | |
| | <i>Intern</i> | June 2016 – August 2016 |
| ADDITIONAL TRAINING | <p>Vanderbilt University – Center for Global Democracy</p> <p>Summer School in International Survey Methods</p> | June 2025 |
| | <p>Purdue University – Video Research Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wav2Vec and Multimodal Classification • Convolutional Neural Networks | June, 2024 |
| | <p>ICPSR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2022) <i>Panel data and longitudinal analysis</i> (received A), <i>Data science and text analysis</i> (received A) and <i>Causal inference for the social sciences</i> (audited). • (2023) <i>Machine Learning</i> (EITM Certification, received A). | 2022 & 2023 |
| | Data Matters | December, 2020 |
| | DataCamp | June, 2020 |
| SKILLS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified the Carpentries Instructor • Software: R, Python, Stata, Qualtrics, \LaTeX, NVivo, Tableau; experience with ArcGIS. • Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (beginner). | |
| REFERENCES | <p>Jennifer McCoy Regent's Professor of Political Science Georgia State University ✉ jmccoy@gsu.edu</p> <p>Mike Fix Professor of Political Science Georgia State University ✉ mfix@gsu.edu</p> | <p>Carrie Manning Professor of Political Science Georgia State University ✉ cmanning2@gsu.edu</p> <p>Charles Hankla Associate Professor of Political Science Georgia State University ✉ chankla@gsu.edu</p> |

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