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## Current position

2019- **Computational Social Scientist**, [Data Labs](#) Pew Research Center

## Experience

2019-2019 **Graduate Intern (summer)**, Global Migration & Demography, Pew Research Center  
2018-2019 **Researcher**, [Center for Social Innovation](#)  
2012-2019 **Researcher**, [AAPI Data](#)

## Education

2020 PHD. in Political Science, University of California Riverside, CA  
**Fields:** Mass Political Behavior & Comparative Politics  
**Designated Emphasis:** Methods  
**Dissertation:** Essays on Co-Racial Campaign Contributions in US Elections  
Committee: Karthick Ramakrishnan (Chair), Jennifer Merolla, Kevin Esterling  
2015 MA in Political Science, University of California Riverside, CA  
2011 BA in Political Science, University of Central Florida, FL, **with honors**

## Refereed Publications

2021 ["Convergence Across Difference: Understanding the Political Ties That Bind with the 2016 National Asian American Survey"](#),(Janelle Wong), **RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences**, Apr 2021, Vol 7 (2).

2021 ["Unpacking Identity: Opportunities and Constraints for Cross-Racial Collaboration"](#),(with Maaneesh Arora and Sara Sadhwani), **RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences**, Apr 2021, Vol 7 (2).

2021 "Using Administrative Records and Survey Data to Construct Samples of Tweeters and Tweets", (with Stefan D. McCabe, William Hobbs, Adam Hughes, Emma Remy, and David Lazer), **forthcoming at Public Opinion Quarterly**.

- “Messaging Matters: How Information about Underrepresentation Affects the Political Participation of Racial and Ethnic Groups in California” with Cheryl Boudreau & Jennifer Merolla ***California Journal of Politics and Policy*, 1 (1)**
- 2020 [“The Trump Effect: An Experimental Investigation of the Emboldening Effect of Racially Inflammatory Elite Communication”](#) (with Ben Newman, Jennifer Merolla, Danielle Casarez Lemi, Loren Collingwood, and Karthick Ramakrishnan) ***British Journal of Political Science***, 1-2 (2020). [Un-gated Link](#)
- 2019 [“Asian American Attitudes Toward Undocumented Immigrants and Immigration Policies”](#) (with Janelle Wong) ***CUNY FORUM***, Vol 7, Issue 1 (Fall 2019 - Winter 2020).
- 2018 [“Who sees an Hourglass? Assessing Citizens’ Perception of Local Economic Inequality”](#) (with Ben Newman and Erinn Lauterbach) ***Research and Politics***, Vol 5, Issue 3 (2018).
- 2018 [“Race, Place, and Building a Base: Ethnic Change, Perceived Threat, and the Nascent Trump Campaign for President”](#) (with Ben Newman, and Loren Collingwood) ***Public Opinion Quarterly***, Vol. 82, Issue 1 (2018).
- 2016 “Gaps in Civic Engagement among Latinos and Asian Americans,”(with Karthick Ramakrishnan), in Klofstad, Casey (ed.), ***Resources, Engagement, and Recruitment: New Advances the Study of Civic Volunteerism***.

## Other Writing

- 2020 [How Democrats and Republicans Behave on Twitter](#), Pew Research Center (with Emma Remy, and Aaron Smith).
- 2020 [Rising share of lawmakers – but few Republicans – are using the term Latinx on social media](#), Pew Research Center.
- 2020 [Congress Soars to New Heights on Social Media](#), Pew Research Center (with Patrick Van Kessel, Regina Widjaya, Aaron W. Smith, and Adam Hughes).
- [Posts mentioning ‘Black lives matter’ spiked on lawmakers’ social media accounts after George Floyd killing](#), Pew Research Center (with Regina Widjaya).
- [“Tweets by members of Congress tell the story of an escalating COVID-19 crisis](#), Pew Research Center (with Adam Hughes and Aaron W. Smith)
- Covered by [Mediaite](#)
- [“Democrats on Twitter more liberal, less focused on compromise than those not on the platform](#), Pew Research Center (with Aaron W. Smith, Adam Hughes and Emma Remy)
- Covered by [Adweek](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox News](#), [National Review](#), [Vox](#)
- 2019 [Who are Indian American Donors \(and Chinese,etc.\) Giving To?](#), Data Bits, AAPI Data.
- [Who is winning the Asian American money race?](#), Data Bits, AAPI Data.
- 2018 [Where Can AAPI Voters Have Maximum Impact in 2018?](#), Data Bits, AAPI Data (with Karthick Ramakrishnan).

- 2017 [Trump Immigration Cuts Would Hurt Asian American Families](#), Data Bits, AAPI Data (with Karthick Ramakrishnan).  
 “Asian Americans in Different Parts of the Country Hold Different Beliefs” with Alton Wang. Data Bits. [\[Link\]](#).  
[One out of every 7 Asian immigrants is undocumented](#), Data Bits, AAPI Data (with Karthick Ramakrishnan).  
[Unequal Voices Part II: California’s Racial Disparities in Political Participation](#) (with John Dobbard, Kim Engie, and Karthick Ramakrishnan), Advancement Project California.
- 2016 [“Three reasons why nominating Sri Srinivasan for the Supreme Court could change U.S. elections,”](#) Monkey Cage, Washington Post (with Karthick Ramakrishnan).  
[Unequal Voices Part I: California’s Racial Disparities in Political Participation](#) (with John Dobbard, Kim Engie, and Karthick Ramakrishnan), Advancement Project California.
- 2015 [Where changing one person, one vote would matter the most- in 2 maps](#), Monkey Cage, Washington Post (with Karthick Ramakrishnan).

#### SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

“(Mis)representing Ideology on Twitter: How Social Influence Shapes Online Political Expression”, with William Schulz, Andrew Guess, Pablo Barbera, Simon Munzert, JungHwan Yang, Alexander Gottlieb, Adam Hughes, Emma Remy, and Aaron Smith.

“Donor Preferences for Coethnic Representation: breaking the mold or more of the same?” ***in preparation for submission***

“How to Win Friends and Influence People: Strategic Contributions of the Indian Lobby” (with Maneesh Arora, and Shubha Prasad)

#### SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Blood is Thicker than Association: An investigation of the persistence of national origin identity on voting for Kamala Harris (with Chinbo Chong)

“Asian American Agendas” (with Janelle Wong, and Karthick Ramakrishnan)

## Public Engagement

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

APSA Annual Conference (2014, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020), MPSA Annual Conference (2018), AAAS Annual Conference (2014).

## INVITED TALKS

Population Composition and Temporal Trends of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, NIH Virtual Workshop, 2021.

Using Computational Social Science at the Pew Research Center, Harvard Open Data Project, 2021.

Using Computational Social Science to Study Social Media in 2020, Wellesley College, 2020.

The World of Data (Science), Wellesley College, 2020.

The World of Data (Science), Butler University, 2020.

2018 and Beyond: Data, Narrative, and Action, Advancing Justice Conference, 2019.

The Power of Civic Engagement and Coalition Building, AAPI Civic U, 2018.

Census 2020- A complete Count for the IE, Funders Alliance of San Bernardino & Riverside Counties, 2018.

Civic Engagement Workshop. Social Innovation Institute, UC Riverside, 2018.

Regional Differences in Asian American Public Opinion & National Asian Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators, 2018.

Data and Technology Workshop & Social Innovation Institute, 2018.

## Skills

### QUANTITATIVE

Analysis of experimental & survey data • regression • maximum likelihood estimation • Analysis of administrative data • classification models • large-n analysis • multiple imputation

### QUALITATIVE

Semi-structured interviews

### TECHNICAL

R, STATA, SPSS, Python, GIT,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , SQL, GIS,HTML, CSS, Adobe Creative Suite, Shiny, Tableau

## Teaching

### INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

2018	Presidential Elections
2017	Presidential Elections
2016	Politics of Congressional Elections

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

2018 Latin American Politics  
2018 American Politics  
2013 Politics of Race and Ethnicity

## Grants, honors & awards

2018 2019 RStudio::Conf: Diversity Scholarship.  
2018 GSA: Conference Travel Grant.  
2017 Youth Participatory Politics Survey Workshop: Travel Grant.  
2015 GSA: Conference Travel Grant.  
2015 Department ICPSR Award.  
2015 Department Research Grant.  
2012 Dean's Distinguished Fellowship.  
2007 Florida Academic Scholar Bright Futures Scholarship.

## Additional Experience

2013-2019 Graduate student researcher, Professor Karthick Ramakrishnan, UC Riverside  
2016 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI

## Service to the Discipline

Reviewer for ***American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, Political Research Quarterly***

## Service to the Community

2019- Serving on subcommittee for Data, Research, & Evaluation for Inland Empire Complete Count Committee <http://iecounts.org/>  
2019- Part of team providing technical support, research, and evaluation for region 7's (Riverside and San Bernardino counties) administrative based organization funded through California' Complete Count Committee.  
2018- Coordinating census outreach between community based organizations, and local county governments through UCR's Center for Social Innovation.  
Participated as non-profit partner (AAPI Data) at Project by Project LA's AAPI Hackathon (October, 2018)

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