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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Northeastern University, Boston, MA
Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Political Science

August 2025- Present

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

May 2025

Ph.D., Political Science and International Relations

- Fields: American Politics and Research Methods
- Dissertation: Four More Years (of Education): College, Outgroup Empathy, and Changes in Ideology
- Committee: Jane Junn (Chair), Jeb Barnes, Jennifer Hook, and Christian Dyogi Phillips

Master of Arts, Political Science and International Relations

December 2021

- Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies

Fordham University, New York, NY

May 2019

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Theology

- *Summa Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha
 - Student Leader for 6-month Ubuntu Study Abroad Program in Pretoria, South Africa
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PUBLICATIONS

Wolf, Kayla, Chaerim Kim, Laura Brisbane, and Jane Junn. 2025. "Support for the MAGA Agenda: Race, Gender, and Authoritarianism." *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*: 1-20. Doi: 10.1017/rep.2025.21

Wolf, Kayla. "Federalist or Anti-Federalist: Simulating a Cabinet Debate." 2026. In M. Harvey, J. Fielder, R. Gibb, and D. Glasgow, eds., Taylor and Francis. *Short Games and Active Learning in Political Science: Beating the Clock*.

Wolf, Kayla. "Sex and Gender, Educational Disparities and Gender, and Equity and Equality." In Lia Roberts, ed., *Forthcoming in SAGE International Encyclopedia of Politics and Gender*.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Centeno, Raquel, **Kayla Wolf**, and Christian Grose, "The Demobilizing Effect of Primary Electoral Institutions on Asian American and Latinx Voters." *Invited to Revise and Resubmit at Political Research Quarterly*.

- *Presented at NYU Brennan Center Racial Turnout Gap Conference, Feb. 2024*

Wolf, Kayla. "Empathy Activation: How Post-Secondary Education Influences Political Attitudes" *Under Review*.

Brisbane, Laura, Jane Junn, and **Kayla Wolf**. "Patriarchy Across Gender and Race: How a Patriarchal Worldview Shapes Abortion Attitudes in the United States." *Invited to Revise and Resubmit*.

- *Winner of the Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award, 2025 WPSA*
- *Presented at Western Political Science Association Meeting, Mar. 2024*

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

"Does College Activate Empathy? Examining Attitudes Toward Transgender People and Rights"

- *Presented at Gender and Political Psychology Conference at Brandeis University, May 2024*

"Voting More but for Whom? Connecting Formal Education to Vote Choice"

- *Presented at WPSA and MPSA 2023*
- *Presented at Junior Americanist Workshop Series (JAWS) Spring 2023*

"To be or not to be? Feminist Identity in American Politics"

- *Presented at Western Political Science Association Meeting, April 2021 (virtual)*
- *Presented at Gender and Political Participation Workshop, April 2021 (virtual)*

AWARDS/GRANTS

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| • USC Institute on Inequalities in Global Health, Sexual Rights and Health Fellow | 2024 |
| • Willard and Betty Beling Student Scholars Award (\$5000) | 2024 |
| • Bartling Research Fund Grant, USC Dornsife School of Arts and Sciences (\$6100) | 2022/2024 |
| • Reading and Writing Summer Fellowship, USC Graduate School (\$2000) | 2022 |
| • Research Enhancement Grant, USC Department of POIR (\$1000) | 2021 |
| • USC PhD Academy Scholarship and Research Fund Award | 2021 |
| • Best research proposal, Fair Maps and Political Reform Lab | 2019-2020 |
| • Dean's Summer Research Grant, Fordham College at Lincoln Center | 2018 |
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Adjunct Instructor, Pepperdine University Fall 2021-Spring 2025
- POSC 104: American Politics and People (7 semesters)
 - Featured faculty for 2022 Summer Bridges Program for first-generation college students
 - Classes ranging from 12-150 students
 - Managed undergraduate teaching assistants
- Adjunct Instructor, Loyola Marymount University Fall 2023
- POSC 1200 U.S. Politics (13 students)
 - POSC 4330 Gender and Politics (29 students)
 - Mentored and nominated student whose work received the “Best Paper of the Year” department-wide award
- Adjunct Instructor, California State University Dominguez Hills Spring 2022
- POSC 101: American Institutions (50 students)
- Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California Fall 2020-Present
- POSC-130 Law, Politics and Public Policy (6 semesters)
- Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California August 2020
- Math and Quantitative Methods Workshop for Social Sciences PhDs
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PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- Wolf, Kayla**, Chaerim Kim, Laura Brisbane, and Jane Junn. (June 9 2025). “Trump fits the bill of an authoritarian. But so do many Americans.” London School of Economics USAPP Blog.
- Breen, Laura, Gaea Morales, Joseph Saraceno & **Kayla Wolf**. (Sep 16 2020). “Visualizing the Gender Publication Gap: 1999-2019.” Duck of Minerva.
- Wolf, Kayla**, Laura Brisbane & Jane Junn. (Feb 11 2020) “The Paradox of Electability: Gender and the 2020 Democratic Nomination.” The Gender Policy Report. University of Michigan.
- Wolf, K.E.** (2018) “Reactions of the Catholic Church in the Wake of the 2016 Presidential Election”. *Fordham Undergraduate Research Journal*. April 2018: 37 - 40.
- “The Biggest Mistakes in Mapmaking History”. TED-Ed short: May 2022.
- “Why Every World Map is Wrong”. TED-Ed short: March 2021.
- “Ugly History: The Spanish Inquisition”. TED-Ed short: March 2021.
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Educational and Development Consultant, Too Young to Wed January 2024-August 2026

- Design original curricula for immersive week-long camps for 15+ girls and 3-5 teenage mentors, creating modules about financial and digital literacy, adolescent health, and leadership
 - Facilitate multi-day workshops in English and Spanish for girls in economically disadvantaged areas to build confidence and resilience, giving them the tools to make their own decisions
 - Write and manage grant proposals, securing \$15,000+ in funding from private and public sources
 - Author engaging newsletters and social media content for an audience of over 105,000 followers, increasing online engagement and small individual donations
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MEMBERSHIPS

Midwest Political Science Association	2021-Present
Western Political Science Association	2021-Present
American Political Science Association	2020-Present
Gender and Political Participation Graduate Working Group	2021-Present
Multidisciplinary Intersectional Study of Violence and Trauma Working Group	2020-2021
WPSA Peer Mentorship Group for Scholars of Politics, Groups, and Identities	2020-2021

TEACHING AREAS OF EXPERTISE

U.S. Politics	Urban Politics and Policies
Quantitative Techniques	Campaigns and Elections
Congress and Presidency	Gender and Politics

SKILLS:

Proficient Programming Expertise in R and Stata; Qualtrics; Conversational Spanish