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Education

University of California, San Diego

PhD Political Science 2016

- Institute for Network Science, Yale University (2013 - 2014)

- Data Science Team, Facebook (2013)

Dissertation title: *Loss, change, adaptation: how people change when their lives do*

Chair: James Fowler

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

BA Economics 2009

Academic Employment

Network Science Institute, Northeastern University

Postdoctoral Fellow in the Lazer Lab (2016 -)

Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University

Visting Fellow (2016 -)

Publications

“Online Social Integration is Associated with Reduced Mortality Risk.”

William Hobbs, Moira Burke, Nicholas Christakis, and James Fowler. Forthcoming.

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

“Presidential Effort and International Outcomes: evidence for an executive bottleneck.”

David Lindsey and William Hobbs. 2015.

Journal of Politics. 77(4): 1089-1102.

“Widowhood Effects in Voter Participation.”

William Hobbs, Nicholas Christakis, and James Fowler. 2014.

American Journal of Political Science. 58(1): 1-16.

“Prediction of Mortality Using On-Line, Self-Reported Health Data: empirical test of the RealAge score.”

William Hobbs and James Fowler. 2014.
PLOS ONE. 9(1): e86385.

“Embedded Interests and the Managerial Local State: the political economy of methanol fuel-switching in China.”

Genia Kostka and William Hobbs. 2013.
Journal of Contemporary China. 22(80): 204-218.

“Local Energy Efficiency Policy Implementation in China: bridging the gap between national priorities and local interests.”

Genia Kostka and William Hobbs. 2012.
China Quarterly. 211: 765-785.

Grants

Russell Sage Foundation grant to study attitudes toward the Affordable Care Act with Daniel Hopkins (2016).

Works in Progress

“How Sudden Censorship Can Increase Access to Information.”

William Hobbs and Margaret Roberts. 2016. (under review)

“Partisan Attachment or Life Stability?”

William Hobbs. 2016. (working paper)

“Identifying Communities Using Residence Change Networks.”

William Hobbs. 2016.

“The Effects of Divisive Political Campaigns on Day-to-Day Segregation.”

with Nazita Lajevardi.

(email me for embargoed papers)

Conference Presentations

“A Redistricting Method Based on Interregional Mobility and Social Interaction.”

William Hobbs. 2016 American Political Science Association Conference.

“The Black Market for Information: Perverse and Expected Effects of Increased Censorship on Evasion of the Great Firewall”

William Hobbs and Margret Roberts. 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

“Partisan Attachment or Life Stability?”

William Hobbs. 2016 Western Political Science Association Conference.

“Partisan Conformity in Households.”

William Hobbs. 2014 American Political Science Association Conference.

“Presidential Attention and the Quality of US Foreign Policy.”

David Lindsey and William Hobbs. 2014 American Political Science Association Conference.

Published as “Presidential Effort and International Outcomes: evidence for an executive bottleneck”.

“Health and Voter Participation.” William Hobbs and James Fowler. 2013 American Political Science Association Conference.

Summary: Terminally ill people are less likely to vote up to 10 years prior to death. Turnout drops precipitously in the last year of life.

“Turnout in the Seventy-Eight Weeks Before and After the Death of a Spouse.”

William Hobbs and James Fowler. 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

Published as “Widowhood Effects in Voter Participation”.

Teaching

UC-San Diego section instructor:

- *Introduction to American Politics*

- *Political Inquiry* (introduction to statistics for political science majors)

Other Activities and Affiliations

UC-San Diego:

- Human Nature Group (2011-2016)

- American Politics Workshop (2012-2016)

- Comparative Politics Workshop (2011-2012)

Facebook:

- Core Data Science, research intern (2013)

- Core Data Science, external contractor (2013-)

Yale:

- Human Nature Lab (2013-2014)

Frankfurt School of Finance and Management:

- Research assistant for Genia Kostka (2010-2011)

Brookings-Tsinghua Center:

- Research assistant (2010)

Foreign language: Chinese (Mandarin).

Referee for *Circulation*, *Electoral Studies*, *EPJ Data Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*.

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