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Academic Appointments

University of South Carolina

- Professor of Political Science and Donald S. Russell Professor of Contemporary American Policy, 2026 - present

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

- Affiliate Faculty, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, 2024-2026
- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2022-2026
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2016-2022

Education

- Ph.D. Political Science, Emory University, 2016.
- M.A. Political Science, Emory University, 2014
- B.S. Political Science, University of Michigan, 2010.

Research Publications

Books

- *R for Political Science Research: An Introduction for Absolute Beginners*. 2025. Springer (Texts in Quantitative Political Analysis).
- *The Cost of Doing Politics: How Partisanship and Public Opinion Shape Corporate Influence*. 2022. Cambridge University Press (Series on Business and Public Policy).

Book Projects

- "Retailing Alone: The Rise of Entrepreneurship and Decline of Main Street Politics". Co-authored with Andrew Kerner.

Articles

(Note: * indicates current/former graduate student, ** indicates current/former undergraduate)

- Kerner, Andrew and Jane L. Sumner. "Gender Culture and Opposition to Trade in the United States". Forthcoming at *PS: Political Science & Politics*.
- Musgrave, Sarah* and Jane L. Sumner. "Using AI to Assess Demographic Balance of Syllabi and Bibliographies". *PS: Political Science & Politics* (2026): 1-9.
- Fazal, Tanisha M., Jane L. Sumner, Jessica Korona-Bailey, and Tracey Pèrez Koehlmoos. 2025. "U.S. Combat Medicine and Military Morale". *Armed Forces & Society*. (2025).
- Fazal Tanisha M., Jane L. Sumner, Jessica Korona-Bailey, and Tracey Perez Koehlmoos. "Military medicine and morale: Perceptions of inequities in triage impact national security." *Journal of Health and Social Sciences*, vol, 9, no. 3, (2024): 432-546.
- Farris, Emily M., Ellen M. Key, and Jane L. Sumner. "Understanding Variation in Start-Up Funds". *The Journal of Politics*, vol. 86, no. 4. (2024)
- McCarty, Sean** and Jane L. Sumner. "The Political Consequences of Corporate Public Service Donations". *Business and Politics*, vol. 26, no. 1. (2024)
- Farris, Emily M., Ellen M. Key, and Jane L. Sumner. "'Wow, I didn't know these options existed': Understanding Tenure-Track Start-Up Packages". *PS: Political Science & Politics*, vol. 56, no. 1 (2023): 75-81.
- Holman, Mirya R., Emily M. Farris, and Jane Lawrence Sumner. "Local political institutions and first-mover policy responses to COVID-19." *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 1, no. 4 (2020): 523-541.
- Montal, Florencia*, Carly Potz-Nielsen*, and Jane Lawrence Sumner. "What states want: Estimating ideal points from international investment treaty content." *Journal of Peace Research* 57, no. 6 (2020): 679-691.
- Dion, Michelle L., Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, and Jane L. Sumner. "Gender, seniority, and self-citation practices in political science." *Scientometrics* 125, no. 1 (2020): 1-28.
- Lê, Adam*, Emily M. Farris, Jane L. Sumner, and Josephine M. Warmka**. "Extra, Extra, Reddit All About it: What Reddit can Teach us About Local Politics." In *The Forum*, vol. 18, no. 1, (2020): 87-115.
- Gandhi, Jennifer, and Jane Lawrence Sumner. "Measuring the consolidation of power in nondemocracies." *The Journal of Politics* 82, no. 4 (2020): 1545-1558.
- Kerner, Andrew, Jane Sumner, and Brian Richter. "Offshore production's effect on Americans' attitudes toward trade." *Business and Politics* 22, no. 3 (2020): 539-571.
- Kerner, Andrew, and Jane L. Sumner. "Salvation by good works? Offshoring, corporate philanthropy, and public attitudes toward trade policy." *Economics & Politics* 32, no. 1 (2020): 1-27.
- Sumner, Jane Lawrence, Emily M. Farris, and Mirya R. Holman. "Crowdsourcing reliable local data." *Political Analysis* 28, no. 2 (2020): 244-262.
- Feng, Yilang, Andrew Kerner, and Jane L. Sumner. "Quitting globalization: trade-related job losses, nationalism, and resistance to FDI in the United States." *Political Science Research and Methods* (2019): 1-20.
- Key, Ellen M., and Jane Lawrence Sumner. "You research like a girl: Gendered research agendas and their implications." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52, no. 4 (2019): 663-668.

- Dion, Michelle L., Jane Lawrence Sumner, and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. "Gendered citation patterns across political science and social science methodology fields." *Political Analysis* 26, no. 3 (2018): 312-327..
- Esarey, Justin, and Jane Lawrence Sumner. "Marginal effects in interaction models: Determining and controlling the false positive rate." *Comparative Political Studies* 51, no. 9 (2018): 1144-1176.
- Sumner, Jane Lawrence. "The Gender Balance Assessment Tool (GBAT): a web-based tool for estimating gender balance in syllabi and bibliographies." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 51, no. 2 (2018): 396.
- Owens, Michael Leo and Jane Lawrence Sumner. "Regional or Parochial? Support for Cross-Community Sharing within City-Regions". *Journal of Urban Affairs* 40, no. 1 (2018): 98-116.
- Kerner, Andrew and Jane Lawrence. "What's The Risk? Bilateral Investment Treaties, Political Risk and Fixed Capital Accumulation". *British Journal of Political Science* 44, no. 1 (2014): 107-21.

Book Chapters

- Sumner, Jane L. "Being Intentional about Demographic Balance in Syllabi: Why and How". in Elgar Encyclopedia of Teaching and Pedagogy in Political Science, Mallinson, Dan, Julia Hellwege, and Joseph W. Roberts (eds). Forthcoming.
- Özçelik, Ezgi,* and Jane L. Sumner, 'Research Design and Personal Identity', in Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Dino P. Christenson, and Valeria Sinclair-Chapman (eds), *Oxford Handbook of Engaged Methodological Pluralism in Political Science* (Vol 1) (2024; online edn, Oxford Academic, 23 Oct. 2023).

Selected Working Papers

- "Not If But When: Does Survey Launch Time Affect Characteristics of Samples Obtained From Online Platforms?" Co-authored with Emily Lucinda Kurtz* and Caitlyn N. Barrett*.
- "He Said, She Said, He Said: Using Topic Models with Transcript Data". Co-authored with Sarah Musgrave* and Taylor Hvidsten*. (Most recently presented at PolMeth 2026).
- "Why Do We Give Businesses a Pass to Destroy the Environment?". Co-authored with Emily Lucinda Kurtz*.
- "Strategic Firm Communication about Politically Sensitive Issues". Co-authored with Jong Hyun (Jake) Lee*. (To be presented at APSA 2026).
- "Interview Solicitation as a Latent Network". Co-authored with Josef Woldense.
- "The Ron Swanson Effect: Disconnection in Attitudes Towards & Sorting Into Government". Co-authored with Dasom Ham**.
- "Religious Group Involvement and Trade Attitudes: Two Pathways Toward Information Transmission and Solidarity". Co-authored with Deniz Kaptan* and Amina Hasan**.
- "Mobility as a Measurement Problem: An Investigation into Best Practices". Co-authored with Nicolas Campos*, Stephanie G. Erickson, and Christopher M. Federico.

Other Publications

- Can activists stop AT&T from donating to antiabortion politicians? Washington Post, 22 June 2022.

Teaching

University of Minnesota

Graduate Courses

- "R Camp", 2017-2024
- Maximum Likelihood Estimation, 2016-17, 20-21
- Empirical Research Design, 2021-2026
- International Political Economy, 2024-25

Undergraduate courses

- The United States and the Global Economy, 2017-2025
- Quantitative Analysis in Political Science, 2016-25
- Advanced Political Data Analysis, 2017-18, 2026

Advising

Primary Advisor/Chair

Completed:

- Emily Lucinda Kurtz (UMN 2025, VAP in Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics at Carleton College)
- Pongsakorn (Peter) Suwanpong (UMN 2024, private sector)
- Carly Potz-Nielsen (UMN 2021, tenure-track Georgia Tech)

In progress:

- Deniz Kaptan (UMN)
- Jong Hyun (Jake) Lee (UMN)

Dissertation Committee Member/Reader

Completed:

Adam J. Lê (UMN, 2025), Ashley Sorensen (UMN, 2023), Jeffrey Bloem (UMN, 2020), Avram Muñoz (UMN, 2019)

In progress:

Ezgi Özçelik (UMN), Sarah Musgrave (UMN), Taylor Hvidsten (UMN), Nick Campos (UMN)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor

University of Minnesota:

Marguerite Berrett (2026), Madeleine Prescott (2026), Daniel Tobias (2025), Emma Nelson (2024), Maya Marchell Hoff (2023), Jack Sewpersaud (2023), Dylan Stage (2023), Lillian Prybil (2022), Layne Bower (2022), Sophia Peterson (2022), Haley Chinander (2021), Elise Eckert (2020), Molly Dunn (2019)

Selected Grants, Honors, and Awards

- Horace T. Morse - University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education. 2025-2026.
- Warwick Mid-Career Faculty Research Award, "The Politics of Small Business Ownership". (\$39,854). UMN. 2024-26
- Arthur "Red" and Helene B. Motley Exemplary Teaching Award (UMN CLA, 2022)
- UMN College of Liberal Arts Seed Grant . 'Understanding International Money Laundering". (\$7,000), 2020.
- Co-PI (with Brian Richter and Andrew Kerner), research grant for "Does the Geography of Corporate Social Responsibility Matter to Consumers?". The Center for Global Business/CIBER, UT-Austin McCombs School of Business (\$6,000), 2016.
- Emory University Arts & Sciences Fellowship, 2011 - 2016

Service

Discipline

- Chair, Award Committee, Society of Political Methodology Mentoring Award, 2025, 2026
- Member, Program Committee, Annual Meeting of Society for Political Methodology (POLMETH), 2025
- Member, Editorial board, PS: Political Science and Politics, 2023-present
- Section co-organizer, APSA, American Political Economy, 2025
- Section organizer, MPSA, Political Behavior and Methods (Undergraduate Posters), 2025
- Member, Award Committee, Society of Political Methodology Mentoring Award, 2024
- Chair, Award Committee, APSA Wallerstein Best Paper in Political Economy Award, 2024
- Section organizer, MPSA, Political Behavior and Methods (Undergraduate Posters), 2023
- Chair, Award Committee, APSA McGillivray Best Paper in Political Economy Award, 2020
- Future Nominations Committee, Visions in Methodology, 2017-2018
- Moderator, Visions in Methodology listserv, 2014-2017.

- Award Committee, Midwest Women's Caucus MPSA Graduate Student Travel Award, 2017.

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