

## BURCU BAYKURT

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### EDUCATION

- 2019 PhD, Communications, Columbia University  
2012 MA, Media, Culture, and Communication, New York University  
2010 MA, Political Communication, Goldsmiths, University of London  
2006 BA, Political Science and International Relations, Bogazici University
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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2025- Associate Professor, Department of Communication, UMass Amherst  
2019-2025 Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, UMass Amherst  
2024 Visiting Fellow, The Weizenbaum Institute, Germany  
2023 Visiting Fellow, Academy of International Affairs, Germany  
2022 Visiting Fellow, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, Germany  
2020-2023 Faculty associate, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University
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### BOOKS

- 2026 Baykurt, B. *Smart as a City: The Politics of Test-Bed Urbanism*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.  
2021 Baykurt, B. & de Grazia, V. (eds). *Soft-Power Internationalism: Competing for Cultural Influence in the 21st Century Global Order*. New York: Columbia University Press.
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### EDITED SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES

- 2025 Courmont, A. & Baykurt, B. (Eds). Google: A Major Stakeholder in Local Governance? *Urban Studies*. 62 (13): 2571-2721. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00420980251359974>
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### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES (\*denotes student co-author)

- 2025 Baykurt, B. Google Urbanism 2010-2020: From Infrastructural Control to Growing Bit by Bit. *Urban Studies*. 62(13): 2617-2632. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00420980251328927>  
2025 Baykurt, B. Gov-Tech as Capture: Public Infrastructures Under Data Capitalism. *Information, Communication, and Society*. 28(15): 2795–2810 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2025.2479788>  
2024 Baykurt, B. & Lyamuya, A.\* Making up the Predictable Border: How Bureaucracies Legitimate Data Science Techniques. *New Media & Society*. 26(12): 6958–6974. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448231161276>  
2022 Baykurt, B. Algorithmic Accountability in U.S. Cities: Transparency, Impact, and Political Economy. *Big Data & Society* 9(2): 1-12. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/20539517221115426>

\*\* *International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, 2021, Runner-up Top Faculty Paper Award, Communication Law & Policy Division.*

- 2022 Baykurt, B. From Circulating Liberalism to Tech Nationalism: U.S. Soft Power and Silicon Valley. *Journal of Political Power*. 15(3): 456-468. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/2158379X.2022.2129781>
- \*\* Reprinted in Gallarotti, GM. (ed.) (2023). *Alternative Paths to Influence: Soft Power and International Politics*. Routledge.
- 2020 Baykurt, B. & Raetzsch, C. What Smartness Does in the Smart City: From Visions to Policy. *Convergence: The International Journal of Research into New Media Technologies*, 26(4): 775-789. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354856520913405>
- 2016 Schudson, M. & Baykurt, B. How Does a Culture of Health Change? Lessons from the War on Cigarettes. *Social Science and Medicine*, 165: 289-296. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2016.03.006>
- 2011 Baykurt, B. (2011). Redefining Citizenship and Civic Engagement: Political Values Embodied in FixMyStreet.Com. <https://spir.aoir.org/ojs/index.php/spir/article/view/8811/7019>
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## BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2026 Baykurt, B. & Trigos, M.\* The City as a Dataset. In U. Mejias, J. McNealy, and M. Miceli (eds). *Handbook of Critical Data Studies*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter.
- 2024 Baykurt, B. Corporate Capture. In J. Burrell, R. Singh, and P. Davison (eds). *Keywords of the Datafied State*. Data & Society Research Institute. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4734250>
- 2021 Baykurt, B. Circulating Liberalism: The Global Internet and Soft Power Internationalism. In B. Baykurt and V. de Grazia (eds). *Soft Power Internationalism: Competing for Cultural Influence in the 21st Century Global Order*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- 2021 Baykurt, B. & de Grazia, V. Soft-Power Internationalism. In B. Baykurt and V. de Grazia (eds). *Soft Power Internationalism: Competing for Cultural Influence in the 21st Century Global Order*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- 2020 Baykurt, B. Illiberal Media and Popular Constitution-Making in Turkey. In F. Petersen and Z. Yanasmayan (eds). *Regressing Toward Constitutional Autocracy? The Failure of Popular Constitution Making in Turkey*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
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## UNDER REVIEW

Baykurt, B. "Everybody and their mother wanted a dashboard": Tracking Covid-19 Data in U.S. Cities.

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## IN PREPARATION

Baykurt, B. "Scaling and Failing in Test-Bed Urbanism"

Ong, J. & Baykurt, B. "Decolonial Tech Policy: An Oxymoron?"

Ekmekcioglu, C. & Baykurt, B. "Digitalization as Neoliberalization: Moral Economies of Migration Governance"

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## BOOK REVIEWS AND PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2024 Baykurt, B. Capture in the Data-Driven City. *Edgeland Institute*.  
<https://www.edgelands.institute/blog/capture-in-the-data-driven-city>
- 2020 Baykurt, B. Can Smart Cities Be Equitable Cities? (2020). Book Review of *The Innovation Complex* by Sharon Zukin, *The Digital City* by Germaine Haleboua, and *The Smart Enough City* by Ben Green. *Public Books*. <https://www.publicbooks.org/can-smart-cities-be-equitable-cities/>
- 2020 Baykurt, B. (Dis)Connecting the Digital City. *Benton Foundation for Broadband and Society*.  
<https://www.benton.org/blog/disconnecting-digital-city>
- 2016 Baykurt, B. Book Review of America's Battle for Media Democracy by Victor Pickard. *Media, Culture & Society*, 38(4): 636-639.
- 2015 Baykurt, B. Once a Safe Haven, Turkey Tightens Grip on Foreign Journalists. *Columbia Journalism Review*.  
[https://www.cjr.org/analysis/once\\_a\\_safe\\_haven\\_turkey\\_tightens\\_grip\\_on\\_foreign\\_journalists.php](https://www.cjr.org/analysis/once_a_safe_haven_turkey_tightens_grip_on_foreign_journalists.php)
- 2015 Baykurt, B. David Versus Goliath: Digital Resources for Expanded Reporting-and Censoring. In Ann Cooper and Taylor Owen (eds). *The New Global Journalism: Foreign Correspondence in Transition*, Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia University.
- 2014 Baykurt, B. We are Turkey's Generation Y – not a robot lobby. *The Guardian*.  
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/mar/19/turkey-generation-y-robot-lobby>
- 2014 Baykurt, B. Digital Platforms, Analog Elections: How Civic Groups Are Trying to Bring Back Democracy in Turkey. *Jadaliyya*. <http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/17252/digital-platforms-analog-elections-how-civic-group>
- 2014 Baykurt, B. Turkey's Twitter ban is easily bypassed, but there are no easy answers to Erdoğan's abuse of power. *LSE EUROPP Blog*.  
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2014/03/24/turkeys-twitter-ban-is-easily-sidestepped-but-there-are-no-easy-answers-to-erdogans-abuse-of-power/>
- 2013 Baykurt, B. The Gezi protests have shown the rampant institutional bias in Turkey's media which now leaves little room for facts. *LSE EUROPP Blog*.  
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2013/07/10/gezi-protest-media/>
- 2013 Baykurt, B. Book Review of Hollywood's Copyright Wars by Peter Decherney. *Media, Culture & Society*, 35(7): 918-920.
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## FUNDED RESEARCH AWARDS

- 2026 Principal investigator. "When Government Data Goes Private: Managing Gov-Tech Agreements." The IBM Center for The Business of Government. (US\$20,000)
- 2026 Co-investigator. "Community-Oriented Decentralized Energy Islands for Future Cities," UMass Translational Seed Grants. (US\$61,000)
- 2023-2024 Co-investigator. "Center for Global Technologies for Social Justice (GloTech@UMass)," UMass Large-scale Integrative Research Award (LIRA). (US\$40,000)
- 2021-2023 Principal investigator. "The Politics of Covid-19 Data in U.S. Local Governments." UMass Faculty Research Grant/Healey Endowment Grant. (US\$19,226)
- 2021 James Carey Urban Communication Grant. (US\$2500)
- 2021 UMass Flex Grant for Teaching/Faculty Development (US\$500)
- 2018 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship. (US\$38,000)
- 2018 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant in Science and Technology Studies (US\$13,419)

2017	Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research Grant. (US\$7,500)
2016	Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. (US\$19,330)
2016	Columbia University/Carnegie Corporation Research Award. (US\$7,500)
2015	The Tobin Project in Democracy and Markets. (US\$2000)
2015	Tow Center for Digital Journalism Research Grant. (US\$13,000)
2011	IPP/FCC Summer Research Fellowship, Penn State University. (US\$8,900)
2010-2012	Fulbright Scholarship. (\$60,000)
2009-2010	Jean Monnet Scholarship, The European Union (€28,500)

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## OTHER FUNDED AWARDS AND MERIT-BASED HONORS

2025-2026	ISSR Scholar, UMass Amherst.
2025	Interdisciplinary Studies Institute Fellowship, UMass Amherst
2025	Research & Engagement Subvention Program Award, UMass Amherst
2024	Advancing Community, Democracy and Dialogue (ACDD) Grant, UMass Amherst
2021	Research and Conference Grant, SBS, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2020	Research and Intellectual Life Grant, Communication, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2020-2021	Distinguished Teaching Award Finalist at UMass Amherst
2019	Charles Benton Early Career Scholar Award, The Research Conference on Telecommunication, Information and Internet Policy

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026	"Algorithmic Harms and the Politics of Not Knowing." The Association of Internet Research (AoIR) Annual Meeting. October 14-17.
2026	"Building South-to-South Networks in Tech Studies: Refusing Co-option & Moral Laundering" (with J. Ong). International Communication Association Annual Meeting. June 4-8.
2026	"Recognizing and Fostering Excellent Scholarship in Activism." International Communication Association Annual Meeting. June 4-8.
2026	"How Digital Infrastructures Reshape and Perpetuate Durable Inequalities." ICA Blue Sky Workshop. International Communication Association Annual Meeting. June 4-8.
2026	"States of Automation." Fourth International Data Justice Conference, Cardiff University. June 1-2.
2025	"Decolonial Tech Policy: Engaging with an Oxymoron" (with J. Ong). The Association of Internet Research (AoIR) Annual Meeting. October 15-18.
2025	"Avoiding the F-word: How Test-Bed Urbanism Ends." Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. September 3-6.
2025	"From Commons to Commodities: Civic Data Infrastructures in the Smart City." International Communication Association Annual Meeting. June 12-16.
2025	"From Commons to Commodities: Civic Data Infrastructures in the Smart City." American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. March 24-28.
2025	"Avoiding the F-word: The Politics of Scaling and Failing in Test-Bed Urbanism." Urban Speculations: Cities, Technologies, Futures Conference. Lüneburg, Germany. 4-6 February.
2024	"Gov-tech: from digital public goods to data assets." EASST-4S 2024 Amsterdam: Making and Doing Transformations. July 16-19.
2024	"Gov-Tech: The Moral Economy of Capturing Public Information." International Communication Association Annual Meeting. June 20-24. [Virtual]
2024	ICA Blue Sky Workshop, "Strengthening Communication's Voice in Inter-Disciplinary Dialogue around the Future of Cities." International Communication Association Annual Meeting. June 20-24. [Virtual]
2023	"Capturing Data in the Smart City." Oregon Surveillance Studies Workshop. October 13-14.
2023	"Searching for Failures in the Smart City." STS Italia Conference, June 28-30.
2023	"Corporate Capture in the Data-Driven City." Reimagining Urban Communication Post-

- conference, International Communication Association Annual Meeting. May 30.
- 2022 "The Techno-Politics of COVID-19 Data in U.S. Cities." and "Civic Tech Goes to Market." International Communication Association Annual Meeting. May 26-30.
- 2022 "Making up the Predictable Border" (with Alphoncina Lyamuya). Digital Technologies and Migration Regimes Paper Workshop, University of Oxford, May 25
- 2022 "The Art of Quantifying the Smart City." The Smartification of Everything Symposium. March 10-11;
- 2022 "Making up the Predictable Border: A Case Study of Project Jetson" (with Alphoncina Lyamuya). STS-MIGTEC Paper Workshop. February 15-17.
- 2021 "Making up the Predictable Border: A Case Study of Project Jetson." (with Alphoncina Lyamuya). Critical Borders: Radical (Re)visions of AI, University of Cambridge. October 19-20.
- 2021 "The Art of Quantifying the City" and "Localizing a Pandemic: COVID-19 Data Dashboards in U.S. Cities." Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. October 6-9.
- 2021 "Localizing a Pandemic: COVID-19 Data Dashboards in U.S. Cities." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 6-10.
- 2021 A Typology of Algorithmic Accountability in the City." and "The Politics of Covid-19 Data in U.S. Cities." International Communication Association Annual Meeting. May 27-31.
- 2020 "Taking Data into Account." [Panel organizer] and "Making Governments Smart: Dashboards and Analytics in Local Governance" [Presenter] Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. August 18-21.
- 2020 "Enduring Inequalities in the Digital City." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 8-11.
- 2020 "Chasing Smartness: Researching the City through Technological Institutions." [Presenter and panel organizer] International Communication Association Annual Meeting. May 21-25.
- 2019 "Smartness as Deliberate Ignorance." and "Tweeting Economics: Co-Constructing Expertise on Social Media." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 10-13.
- 2019 "Becoming Data-Driven: The Practice of Prediction in Local Governments," Scraping the Demos: Political Epistemologies of Big Data, Weizenbaum Institute-Quantification and Social Regulation. July 8-9.
- 2019 "(Dis)Connecting the Smart City." and "De-Provincializing Soft Power: A Comparative-Critical History, 1990-2015." International Communication Association Annual Meeting. May 24-28. Washington, DC.
- 2019 "The City as Data Machine." The Herrenhausen Conference on Transparency and Society: Between Promise and Peril." June 12-14. Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin, Germany.
- 2018 "Civic Entrepreneurialism in the Age of Smart Cities." International Communication Association Annual Meeting. May 25-29. Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2018 "Circulating (II) Liberalism on the Internet." Global Perspectives on Populism and the Media, International Communication Association Pre-Conference. May 23-24. Budapest, Hungary.
- 2017 "Civicness in the Smart City: Solutions in Search of Problems." Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts, August 30-September 2.
- 2017 "Google Fiber: We Will Build it If They Come" and "Civicness in the Smart City: Solutions in Search of Problems." International Communication Association Annual Meeting. May 25-29. San Diego, California.
- 2016 "Solutions in Search of Problems: Inventing the Smart City." midweSTS Graduate Workshop. Chicago, Illinois, September 16-17.
- 2015 "Urban Experiments in the Gigabit City." Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado. November 11-14.
- 2015 "Growth and Governance in the Gigabit City." Experimenting with Technologies Conference. Delft, Netherlands, August 20.
- 2015 "The Politics of Speeding Up: Imagining Hyper Futures in a Gigabit City." Theorizing the Web Conference. New York City.
- 2015 "The Making of Policy: Ethnography, ANT, and Political Communication," International Communication Association Pre-Conference on Qualitative Political Communication Research. Seattle.

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## INVITED TALKS, PANELS & WORKSHOPS

- 2026 "Smart as a City: The Politics of Test-Bed Urbanism," African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town. June 9.
- 2026 "Smart as a City: The Politics of Test-Bed Urbanism." Charles Babbage Institute, University of Minnesota. May 5. [Online]
- 2026 "Smart as a City: The Politics of Test-Bed Urbanism." Information Systems Seminar Series, DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University. April 14.
- 2026 "Smart as a City: The Politics of Test-Bed Urbanism." Northeastern University. February 26.
- 2025 "Google Urbanism 2010-2020: From Infrastructural Control to Growing Bit by Bit." PLAMADISO Virtual Talk Series, The Weizenbaum Institute. December 11.
- 2025 "Editing as Method." ECREA Media, Cities and Space Online Workshop. November 25.
- 2025 "From Commons to Commodities: Digital Statecraft and Governing by Data." Data Solutionism in Servicing the Public: The Changing Interplay between Tech Companies and Public Entities, The Weizenbaum Institute. July 3-4.
- 2024 "Gov-tech: from digital public goods to data assets." Design Justice AI Global Humanities Institute, University of Pretoria, South Africa. July 1-13.
- 2024 "Ethnographies of the Datafied State." The Rutgers Digital Ethnography Working Group. April 12.
- 2024 "Urban Captures in the Data-Driven City." Edgelands Symposium: Bridging the Gap Between Technology, Security, and the Urban Social Contract. Medellín, Colombia, February 22-23.
- 2023 "Google Urbanism 2010-2020: From Infrastructural Control to Growing Bit by Bit." Sciences Po's Digital Cities Chair International Conference. July 10.
- 2023 "Extracting Value in the Data-Driven City" Data (Re)Makes the World, Yale University. March 31-April 1.
- 2023 "How to Do an Ethnography of a Dashboard?" Mixed Realities: Ethnographic Approaches to the Virtual, Yale University. February 23-24.
- 2022 "Pandemic Dashboards: How Cities Craft Knowledge of Covid-19." Quo vadis Digital Democracy? Strengthening and Preserving Democracy in the Digital Age, University of Bonn, Germany. September 30.
- 2022 "The Techno-Politics of COVID-19 Dashboards in U.S. Cities." Infrastructures and Interfaces of Publics Workshop, Aarhus University. June 8.
- 2022 "How Cities Craft Knowledge during a Pandemic." Center for Advanced Internet Studies Colloquium, Bochum, Germany. April 27.
- 2022 "Soft Power Internationalism" (with Victoria de Grazia). Columbia Global Centers at Rio de Janeiro. March 25.
- 2022 "Civic Tech Goes to Market." Department of Communication and Media Research Speaker Series, University of Zurich, March 7.
- 2022 "The Art of Quantifying the Smart City." Zube Lecture Series, University of Massachusetts Amherst. February 24.
- 2021 Amherst College, The Center for Humanistic Inquiry. "A Short History of Soft Power" (with Victoria de Grazia and Oliver Stuenkel). September 29.
- 2021 Mechanism Design for Social Good (MD4SG), Algorithms, Law, and Policy Working Group. "Algorithmic Accountability in the City." June 10.
- 2021 UMass Amherst, 3rd Annual College of Information and Computer Science Interdisciplinary Conversation on Ethics. April 16.
- 2021 Data & Society, Trust and Doubt in Public-Sector Data Infrastructures Academic Workshop. "Localizing a Pandemic: A Comparative Review of COVID-19 Data Dashboards in U.S. Cities." March 25.
- 2021 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Comparative Media Studies/Writing. "The City as Data Machine: Local Governance in the Age of Big Data." February 26.
- 2020 Harvard University, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society. "Protesting in a Pandemic:

- a discussion on public assembly, surveillance, human rights, racial justice, data privacy and big tech.” November 20.
- 2020 UMass Amherst. ““What – the field? (WTF): Ethnography in the Time of COVID.” May 27.
- 2019 Data & Society, Algorithms on the Shop Floor: Data-Driven Technologies in Organizational Context Academic Workshop. “Becoming Data-Driven: Dashboards and Data Analytics in City Hall.” June 14.
- 2018 University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Global Studies. “The City as Data Machine.” December 3.
- 2018 Kadir Has University, Brown Bag Series. “The City as Data Machine.” October 25.
- 2018 Rutgers University, Department of Communication. “The City as Data Machine.” February 6.
- 2018 University of California, San Diego. Department of Communication. “The City as Data Machine.” January 31.
- 2017 Yale Law School, The Information Society Project Lunch Speaker Series. “The Rise of Civic Entrepreneurialism.” September 14.
- 2017 Social Science Research Council, Intelligent Communities Roundtable. “The City as Data Machine.” June 16.
- 2016 The Hackers on Planet Earth (HOPE) Conference XI. “Smart Cities and Blockchains: New Techno-Utopian Dreams or Nightmares.” July 22-24.
- 2016 Fudan University, Global Cities, Local Knowledge: The Power of Networks. June 6-7.

## TEACHING & MENTORING

### Courses – Instructor of Record

- Media Theories (Comm. 614, UMass Amherst), Fall 2022; Fall 2024
- Ethnography of the Digital (Comm. 690E, UMass Amherst), Fall 2023; Spring 2026
- Social Life of Algorithms (Comm. 494LI, U Mass Amherst), Fall 2019-Spring 2020; Fall 2020-Spring 2021; Fall 2021; Fall 2022; Fall 2023; Fall 2024; Spring 2025; Fall 2025.
- Sidewalks and Screens (Comm. 397SC, U Mass Amherst), Fall 2019 – Spring 2020; Fall 2020-Spring 2021; Fall 2021; Spring 2025; Fall 2025.

### Guest Lectures

- Media Globalization, Temple University, Fall 2024
- Communication, Technology, and Urban Life, University of Zurich, Spring 2022
- Politics of Algorithms & Digital Data, Rutgers University, Fall 2022
- Communication, Technology, and Urban Life, University of Zurich, Spring 2021
- Research Methods in Communications, Columbia University, Spring 2020, Spring 2021
- Privacy Law, University of Kansas, Fall 2020

### Graduate Advising

#### *Ph.D. Supervision*

Marco Trigos, UMass Amherst, Communication  
Michelle Ciccone, UMass Amherst, Communication

#### *Ph.D. Committee Member*

Volha Verbilovich (Anthropology, UMass Amherst)  
Alphoncina Lyamuya (Communication, USC Annenberg)  
JM Lanuza (Communication, UMass Amherst)  
Larrisa Miller (Communication, UMass Amherst)  
Adrian Godboldt (Anthropology, UMass Amherst)  
Valentina Paskar (Communication, UMass Amherst)  
Tosin Bamidele (LARP, UMass Amherst)

Past: Yijun Sun (Communication, UMass Amherst)  
Danbi Yoo (Communication, UMass Amherst)

Dasol Kim (Communication, UMass Amherst).

*Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee:*

Aubrey Armbruster (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2026)  
Alphoncina Lyamuya (Communication, USC Annenberg, 2025)  
Bonnie Liang (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2025)  
Larrisa Miller (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2025)  
Michelle Ciccone (Communication, UMass Amherst; 2024)  
JM Lanuza (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2024)  
Valentina Paskar (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2024)  
Ifat Gazia (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2023)  
Lizhen Zhao (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2022)

*Ph.D. Plan of Study Committee:*

Liran Peretz (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2026)  
Nandini Rawat (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2026)  
Wei Lu (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2025)  
Keyi Chen (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2025)  
Kaya Kurdak (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2024)  
JM Lanuza (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2023)  
Michelle Ciccone (Communication, UMass Amherst; 2022)  
Larrisa Miller (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2022)  
Lujia Li (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2022)  
Valentina Paskar (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2021)  
Bonnie Liang (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2021)  
Shahnaz Bashir (Communication, UMass Amherst, 2021).

*Master's thesis:*

Alphoncina Lyamuya (Public Policy and Administration, UMass Amherst, 2021-2022)

**Undergraduate Advising**

2025-2026	Molly Ambrose, UMass Amherst, Communication – Practicum
2024-2025	Robert Long, UMass Amherst, Communication – Undergraduate research
2025	Carina Franco, UMass Amherst, Communication – Practicum
2024	Katelyn Warner, UMass Amherst, Communication – Practicum
2023	Annika Our, UMass Amherst, Anthropology – Undergraduate research
2022-2023	Abigail Ariagno, UMass Amherst, Communication – Honors thesis
2022	Nicole Galliac, UMass Amherst, Communication – Practicum
2022-2023	Nicole Ojugbana, UMass Amherst, Resource Economics – Undergraduate research
2022	Nia Hart, UMass Amherst, Sociology - Undergraduate research
2021-2022	Kevin Zheng, UMass Amherst, Computer Engineering - Undergraduate research
2021	Victoria Patton, UMass Amherst, Communication – Independent study and practicum
2021	Helen Eshetu, UMass Amherst, Political Science & Communication- Undergraduate research
2020	Maitreya Marathe, UMass Amherst, Communication - Undergraduate research
2020	Nicole Stearns, UMass Amherst, Communication – Practicum
2020	Aleah Cremer, UMass Amherst, Communication - Undergraduate research

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**SERVICE**

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Research and Intellectual Life, Department of Communication, 2025-2026

Graduate Studies and Admissions Committee, Department of Communication, 2025-2026

Department Personnel Committee, Department of Communication, 2024-2025  
Graduate Studies and Admissions Committee, Department of Communication, 2023-2024  
Search Committee, Race, Media, and Communication, Department of Communication, Fall 2022  
Programming and Events Committee, Department of Communication 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022

UMass Computational Social Science Institute, Faculty Affiliate 2026-present

UMass Ethnography Collective  
Convenor, 2024-  
Founding member, 2020-present

### **International Communication Association**

Member, CITAMS Public Sociology Award Committee, Spring 2026  
Member, ICA ACSJ Division Outstanding Book Award Committee, Spring 2026  
International Liaison, Activism, Communication and Social Justice Interest Group, 2022-2024  
Chair, ICA ACSJ Interest Group Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee, Spring 2023

### **Editorial Boards**

*International Journal of Cultural Studies*

### **Journal Reviewing**

*Big Data & Society*  
*New Media & Society*  
*Contemporary South Asia*  
*Urban Studies*  
*Social Problems*  
*Information, Communication, and Society*  
*Science, Technology, & Human Values*  
*Environment & Planning F*  
*Convergence*  
*Socius*  
*Environmental Sociology*  
*The Journal of Community Informatics*  
*Sociologica*  
*Social Studies of Science*  
*American Sociological Review*  
*Global Media Journal*  
*Columbia Journal of International Affairs*  
*Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*  
*Journal of Information Policy*  
*International Journal of Communication*  
*Ethnography*  
*Social Media & Society*  
*Media, Culture & Society*  
*Social Science and Medicine*

### **Book Reviewing**

Columbia University Press  
University of California Press  
Intellect Books  
University of Illinois Press

### **Conference Reviewing**

Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

ACM Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAcCT)  
International Communication Association (ICA)  
Social Studies of Science (4S)

### **Grant Panels and Reviews**

Social Science Research Council (SSRC); Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

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### **PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS**

American Sociological Association (ASA)  
European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST)  
International Communication Association (ICA)  
Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S)

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### **PRESS/MEDIA COVERAGE**

Is the UK falling behind in the soft-power race? Apollo Magazine. September 1, 2025. [\[Link\]](#)  
Burcu Baykurt on Google Urbanism. *Mediapolis: A Journal of Cities and Culture*. April 29, 2025. [\[Link\]](#)  
Why Smart Cities Aren't the Future. *Built In*. December 28, 2022. [\[Link\]](#)  
Municipal Broadband: The Solution to Camden City's Digital Divide?" *NJ Pen*. April 28, 2021. [\[Link\]](#).  
The Hope and Hype of Telehealth and COVID-19. *100 Days in Appalachia*. March 17., 2020. [\[Link\]](#).  
Smart-city tech may improve KC traffic, sewers, potholes." *The Kansas City Star*. July 22, 2017. [\[Link\]](#).