

ALEXIS PALMER

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Tulane University

Assistant Professor

Data Analytics, Political Science Department

2026-

SLA Faculty Fellow

Political Science Department

2025-2026

Dartmouth College

Neukom Fellow

Government and Computer Science Departments

2024-2025

EDUCATION

New York University

Ph.D Politics

2019-2024

Northeastern University

BS Mathematics, *Magna cum laude*

BA International Affairs, *Magna cum laude*

2013-2018

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

- Palmer, Alexis. (2024) "[Reform and Community Level Participation: The Overturn of Stop, Question, and Frisk \(SQF\) in New York City.](#)" *Urban Affairs Review*.
- Palmer, Alexis and Arthur Spirling. (2024) "[Large Language Models Can Argue in Convincing and Novel Ways About Politics: Evidence from Experiments and Human Judgement.](#)" *Political Science*, 1–11.

WORKING PAPERS

- "Replication for Language Models: Problems, Principles, and Best Practice for Political Science" *with Arthur Spirling and Christopher Barrie (under review)*
- "Stories of Success: Narrative Propaganda in Kenya"
- "Why Are Citizens So Cynical? And About What?" *with Gwyneth McClendon*
- "How to Use Masked Language Models to Classify Narrative Structure in Political Texts"

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Cynicism and Corruption in Kenya” *with Gwyneth McClendon*
- “Climate of Collaboration: Government as a Moderator of Trust and Environmental Uncertainty”
- “When should Language Models be Used: the Stability of LMs According to Task”
- “Books vs Bullets: Measuring Rebel-Provided Services”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Palmer, Alexis, Noah Smith, and Arthur Spirling. [“Using Proprietary Language Models in Academic Research Requires Explicit Justification.”](#) *Nature Computational Science*. 4, 2–3 (2024)

TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Instructor (Dartmouth)

Persuasion and Propaganda: Information Control in Autocracies and Democracies S2025

Teaching Assistant (NYU)

Comparative Politics (undergraduate) for Prof. Gwyneth McClendon S2024

Introduction to Research Methods (undergraduate) for Prof. Patrick Egan (Head TA) F2023

Politics of Climate Change (undergraduate) for Prof. Eric Dickson S2023

Introduction to Research Methods (undergraduate) for Prof. Hye Young You F2022

Power and Politics in American (undergraduate) for Prof. Chris Dawes S2022

Data Science for Everyone (undergraduate) for Prof. Arthur Spirling F2021

and Prof. Andrea Jones Rooy (Head TA)

International Politics (undergraduate) for Prof. Nicole Simonelli F2020

Research Assistant

Research Assistant for Mashail Malik (Harvard) 2023

Research Assistant for Arthur Spirling (NYU) 2022

Research Assistant for Gwyneth McClendon (NYU) 2021

Research Assistant for Amanda Kennard (NYU) 2020

Global Resilience Institute, Boston

Project Manager 2017-2019

INTERPOL Washington, Counterterrorism Division

Intern 2015

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- APSA 2023, 2024

- Meta’s CSS Seminar (invited) 2023

- MPSA 2023, 2024, 2025

- New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data (TADA) 2023

- Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science 2024
- Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS) 2024
- Visions in Methodology (VIM) 2024
- Oxford LLM Workshop 2024 (invited) 2024
- Text-as-Data Speaker Series (invited) 2024
- Artificially Intelligent Social Science Workshop (Nuffield) (invited) 2025
- AI Governance (Yale) (invited) 2025
- COMPTTEXT Conference 2025
- The Impact of AI on (Mis)Information (CIND) (invited) 2025
- New England Political Psychology Meeting (NEAPP) 2025

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- MacCracken Fellowship 2019-2024
- George Downs Grant 2023
- GSAS Pre-doctoral Fellowship 2023
- Bradley Fellowship 2023
- Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship 2024

SERVICE

Reviewer

International Peacekeeping (2022)
 American Political Science Review (2024)
 Urban Affairs Review (2024 / 2025)
 Political Analysis (2024)
 Research and Politics (2025)
 PNAS Nexus (2025)
 International Journal of Public Opinion Research (2025)

Convener

Graduate Political Economy Workshop (2022)

(Co-)Organizer

CAPERS: Contemporary Africa Political Economy Research Seminar (2023)
 NYU Politics Department Women's Informal Network (2023-2024)
 Conflict Reading Group (2022)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Software:** R, Python, ArcGIS, LaTeX