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### Education

Ph.D. Communication. Cornell University 2026 (expected)  
MSc Social Science of the Internet. University of Oxford 2018  
B.A. Political Science. American University 2016

### Professional Experience

2023 COMPASS Fellow, National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
2020 - Graduate Research Assistant, Citizens and Technology Lab, Cornell University  
2019 - 2020 Senior Researcher, Global Disinformation Index  
2019 Research Consultant, Civic Signals Project, New America Foundation  
2018 - 2019 Graduate Research Assistant, Offensive Internet Project, Oxford Internet  
Institute  
2016 - 2017 Researcher, Dangerous Speech Project  
2016 Research Intern, Center for Technology Innovation, Brookings Institution  
2015 Elections Research Assistant, Change.org  
2014 National Security and Human Rights Intern, Government Accountability Project

### Publications

#### Refereed Articles and Conference Proceedings

[1] **Wright, L.**, Muenster, R. M., Vecchione, B., Qu, T., Cai, P., Smith, A., ... & Matias, J. N. (2024). Null Compliance: NYC Local Law 144 and the challenges of algorithm accountability. In *Proceedings of the 2024 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency* (pp. 1701-1713).

[2] **Wright, L.** (2022). Automated Platform Governance Through Visibility and Scale: On the Transformational Power of AutoModerator. *Social Media+ Society*, 8(1), 20563051221077020.

[3] **Wright, L.**, Ruths, D., Dillon, K., Saleem, H.M., Benesch, S. (2017) Vectors for Counterspeech on Twitter. In Proceedings of the First Workshop on Abusive Language Online (pp. 57-62).

### Scholarly Reports

[1] Matias, J. N., **Wright, L.** (2022). Impact Assessment of Human-Algorithm Feedback Loops. Social Science Research Council. <https://just-tech.ssrc.org/field-reviews/impact-assessment-of-human-algorithm-feedback-loops/>

[2] Buerger, C. & **Wright, L.** (2019). Counterspeech: A Literature Review. Dangerous Speech Project. <https://dangerousspeech.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Counterspeech-lit-review-complete-11.20.19-2.pdf>

[3] Benesch, S., Ruths, D., Dillon, K. P., Saleem, H. M., **Wright, L.** (2016). Counterspeech on Twitter: A Field Study. Dangerous Speech Project. <https://dangerousspeech.org/counterspeech-on-twitter-a-field-study/>

### Pre-Prints

[1] Matias, J. N., Mou, M. E., Penney, J., & Klein, M., **Wright, L.** (2021) Do Automated Legal Threats Reduce Freedom of Expression Online? Preliminary Results from a Natural Experiment. <https://osf.io/nc7e2/>

### Policy Reports

[1] M. Vidal Bustamante, C., Quiñonero Candela, J., **Wright, L.**, Bogan, L., Faddoul, M. (2022). Technology Primer: Social Media Recommendation Algorithms. Edited by Ariel Higuchi and Amritha Jayanti. Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School. <https://www.belfercenter.org/publication/technology-primer-social-media-recommendation-algorithms>

[2] Matias, J. N., & **Wright, L.** (2022). Innovation & Governance of Adaptive AI with Community

Science. Submission to the U.S. Office of Science and Technology Policy Research and Development Strategic Plan

[3] Matias, J. N., Penney, J., & **Wright, L.** (2022) Comments responding to US Copyright Office Notice of Inquiry Docket No. 2021-10. <https://osf.io/498ja/>

### **Non-Archival Conference Presentations**

[1] **Wright, L.** (2024) The Political Economy of Trust and Safety Vendors. Paper presented at the Association of Internet Researchers Conference. Sheffield, England.

[2] **Wright, L.** (2022) Content Moderation as Spectacle. Work in progress presented at the International Communication Association, Paris, France.

[3] Matias, J. N., & **Wright, L.** (2022) Impact Assessment of Human-Algorithm Feedback Loops. Conference on Digital Experimentation @ MIT, Virtual.

[4] **Wright, L.**, Matias, J. N., Mou, M. E., Penney, J., & Klein, M. (2021) Do Automated Legal Threats Reduce Freedom of Expression Online? Preliminary Results from a Natural Experiment. Paper presented at the International Communication Association, Virtual.

[5] **Wright, L.** (2019) Governing with the AutoModerator Bot: A Mixed Methods Study of Algorithmic Moderation on Reddit. Paper presented at the ICA Rise of Platforms Post Conference, Washington, DC.