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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration <i>University of North Carolina at Charlotte</i>	2021-present
	Visiting Scholar, Institute of Social Science <i>University of Tokyo</i>	Fall 2024
	Visiting Scholar, Migration Policy Centre <i>European University Institute</i>	Fall 2023
	Postdoctoral Associate, Jackson School of Global Affairs <i>Yale University</i>	2019-2021
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Politics and Social Policy <i>Princeton University</i>	2019
	M.A. (with Honors) in Political Science <i>University of Mannheim</i>	2013
	Erasmus Postgraduate Exchange in Government <i>University of Essex</i>	2013
RESEARCH AREAS	International Migration, Ethnic Conflict, Democratic Governance, Public Opinion, Methodology	
BOOK	<i>In Our Interest: How Democracies Can Make Immigration Popular</i> (in press, Columbia UP)	
	Best Dissertation Award, APSA Migration and Citizenship Section (Honorable Mention)	
EXTERNAL GRANTS	Department of Defense, Army Research Office (co-PI), \$796,799	2023-2027
	“Collective Shocks and Social Preferences” (with Walsh J.)	
	Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Research Grant (PI), \$74,932	2022-2023
	“Beyond Changing Minds: Raising the Issue Importance of Expanding Legal Immigration”	
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	16. Kustov, Alexander. 2024 (forthcoming). <i>Beyond Changing Minds: Raising the Issue Importance of Expanding Legal Immigration. Perspectives on Politics.</i>	
	15. Kustov, Alexander and Giuliana Pardelli. 2024. <i>Beyond Diversity: The Role of State Capacity in Fostering Social Cohesion in Brazil. World Development.</i> 180: 106625.	
	14. Dennison, James and Alexander Kustov. 2023. <i>The Reverse Backlash: How the Success of Populist Radical Right Parties Relates to More Positive Immigration Attitudes. Public Opinion Quarterly.</i> 87 (4): 1013–1024.	
	Mentions: Financial Times, Die Presse, Népszava, Politico, Economist, Niskanen Center	
	13. Dai, Yaoyao and Alexander Kustov. 2023. (In)effectiveness of Populism: A Conjoint Experiment of Campaign Messages. <i>Political Science Research and Methods.</i>	
	Mentions: The Loop	
	12. Kustov, Alexander. 2023. Testing the Backlash Argument: Voter Responses to (Pro-)Immigration Reforms. <i>Journal of European Public Policy.</i> 30 (6): 1183-1203.	
	Mentions: De Correspondent, Niskanen Center, Bipartisan Policy Center, Good Authority	

11. Kustov, Alexander. 2023. Do Anti-immigration Voters Care More? Documenting the Issue Importance Asymmetry of Immigration Attitudes. *British Journal of Political Science*. 53 (2): 796-805.  
Mentions: Washington Post, Inkstick Media, 3Streams, IPPR, Economist
10. Santiago, Abdiel, Alexander Kustov, and Ali A. Valenzuela. 2023. In the Shadow of the Stars and Stripes: Testing the Malleability of U.S. Support for Puerto Rican Statehood. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*. 33 (3): 343-353.  
Mentions: Washington Post
9. Dennison, James, Alexander Kustov, and Andrew Geddes. 2023. Public Attitudes to Immigration in the Aftermath of COVID-19: Little Change in Policy Preferences, Big Drops in Issue Salience. *International Migration Review*. 57 (2): 557-577.  
Mentions: Mixed Migration Centre, European Parliament
8. Pardelli, Giuliana and Alexander Kustov. 2022. When Co-ethnicity Fails. *World Politics*. 74 (2): 249-284.
7. Dai, Yaoyao and Alexander Kustov. 2022. When Do Politicians Use Populist Rhetoric? Populism as a Campaign Gamble. *Political Communication*. 39 (3): 383-404.  
Mentions: 3Streams
6. Kustov, Alexander. 2022. 'Bloom Where You're Planted:' Explaining Public Opposition to (E)migration. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 48 (5): 1113-1132.  
Best Paper Award in Migration/Nationalism, Association for the Study of Nationalities
5. Kustov, Alexander, Dillon Laaker, and Cassidy Reller. 2021. The Stability of Immigration Attitudes: Evidence and Implications. *Journal of Politics*. 83 (4): 1478-1494.  
Mentions: Washington Post, Politico, USA Today, Social Market Foundation, International Organization for Migration, The Migration Observatory, International Republican Institute, Resolution Foundation, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, De Correspondent, European Parliament, 3Streams, Bipartisan Policy Center
4. Kustov, Alexander. 2021. Borders of Compassion: Immigration Preferences and Parochial Altruism. *Comparative Political Studies*. 54 (3-4): 445-481.  
Best Paper Award, APSA Migration and Citizenship Section (Honorable Mention)  
Mentions: Overseas Development Institute, Institute for Progress, Bipartisan Policy Center
3. Kustov, Alexander. 2019. Is There a Backlash against Immigration from Richer Countries? International Hierarchy and the Limits of Group Threat. *Political Psychology*. 40: 973-1000.  
Naomi C. Turner Prize for Best Paper, World Association for Public Opinion Research
2. Kustov, Alexander and Giuliana Pardelli. 2018. Ethnoracial Homogeneity and Public Outcomes: The (Non)effects of Diversity. *American Political Science Review*. 112 (4): 1096-1103.
1. Kustov, Alexander. 2017. How Ethnic Structure Affects Civil Conflict: A Model of Endogenous Ethnic Grievance. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 34 (6): 660-679.  
RAM Prize for Best Thesis in Social Sciences, University of Mannheim

WORKING PAPERS & UNDER REVIEW	“More Turnover, Less Turnout? Why Most Forms of Migration Relate to Less Political Participation in Communities” (with Pardelli G.)	
	Invited to revise and resubmit to <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>	
	“Immigration is Difficult?! Informing Voters About Immigration Policy Fosters Pro-immigration Views” (with Landgrave M.)	
	Invited to revise and resubmit to <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i>	
	“No Backlash: Reassessing Public Responses to Pro-immigration Reforms” (with Roman M.)	
	“Public Belief in the ‘Great Replacement’” (with Dennison J.)	
	“Mass Reproducibility and Replicability: A New Hope” (with Brodel A. et al.)	
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	“Persuading by Changing Issue Priorities”	
	“The Shifting Spotlight: How Issue Salience Dominates Politics” (with Dennison J.)	
	“Issue Importance Measurement” (with Graham M.)	
	“Collective Shocks and Social Preferences” (with Walsh J.)	
	“Climate Shocks and Migration Intentions” (with Whitaker B. et al.)	
	“The Evolution of Intellectual Elite’s Immigration Attitudes: A Big-Data Analysis of Historical Documents” (with Dai Y. and Radford B.)	
	“What is Populism Good for? An Experimental Test of Mobilization Effects” (with Dai Y.)	
	“Reciprocity and Competition in Public Opinion on Immigration” (with Landgrave M.)	
	“Residential Instability and the Rise of Populist Right” (with Pardelli G.)	
DORMANT PAPERS	“Seat Safety and Female (Under)representation in the U.S. Congress” (with Rajan A., Cerda M., Rosenbluth F., Shapiro I.)	
	“The Rise of Safe Seats and Party Indiscipline in the U.S. Congress” (with Cerda M., Rajan A., Rosenbluth F., Shapiro I.)	
INTERNAL GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS	UNC Charlotte Division of Research Grant (to hire a postdoc), \$95,856	2024-2026
	UNC Charlotte Nexus Seed Grants Program, \$4,500	2022
	The American National Election Studies (ANES) (to field a part of a large survey)	2024
	Junior Faculty Development Award (Sabbatical)	2024
	America’s Pulse Survey, Polarization Research Lab (to field a part of large survey)	2023
	UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant, \$8,000	2022-2023
	UNC Charlotte Seed Grant for Data Science, \$12,500	2022
	UNC Charlotte CLAS Research Grant, \$3,000	2022
	Institute for Humane Studies Faculty Support Grants, \$30,000+ (total)	2021-2024
	Yale University and External Travel Grants, \$10,000+ (total)	2019-2021
	Humane Studies Fellowship, \$21,000 (total)	2017-2019
	National Science Foundation (NSF) Travel Grants, \$5,000+ (total)	2018-2019
	Dean’s Completion Fellowship/PGRA Program, \$49,650	2018-2019
	Parker D. Handy Fellowship in Public Affairs, \$77,900	2017-2018
	Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Dissertation Research Grants, \$10,000 (total)	2017-2018
Politics Research in Experimental Social Science Research Grants, \$4,250 (total)	2016-2018	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Instructor	
	<i>European Politics</i>	Spring 2024
	<i>Immigration Policy and Politics</i>	Spring 2023
	<i>Political Science Research Methods</i>	2021-2024
	<i>Civil Wars and Political Violence</i>	Fall 2021
	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	
	Fellow	
	<i>W/O Teaching Academy, UNC Charlotte's Center for Teaching &amp; Learning</i>	2021
	<i>Teaching Transcript Program, Princeton's Center for Teaching &amp; Learning</i>	2017-2018
	Teaching Assistant	
<i>Introduction to Quantitative Social Science, Profs. Kosuke Imai &amp; Margaret Frye</i>	Fall 2016	
<i>Immigration Politics and Policymaking, Prof. Ali Valenzuela</i>	Spring 2016	
<i>Violent Politics, Prof. Jacob Shapiro</i>	Fall 2015	
Princeton University		
INVITED TALKS	“In Our Interest: How Democracies Can Make Immigration Popular”	
	British Academy Conference on Migration, University of Oxford	2024
	Center for Global Development	2024
	Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University	2024
	Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute	2023
	Canada's Migration Excellence Research Chair, Toronto Metropolitan University	2023
	“Beyond Changing Minds: Raising the Issue Importance of Expanding Immigration”	
	Behaviors and Identities Workshop, Duke University	2023
	Political Behaviour Workshop, European University Institute	2023
	AEI Immigration Research Colloquium	2023
	Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University	2022
	Comparative Politics Speaker Series, New York University	2022
	Mercator Forum for Migration and Democracy (MIDEM), TU Dresden	2022
	“Testing the Backlash Argument: Voter Responses to Pro-immigration Reforms”	
	Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford	2021
	Political Behaviour Colloquium, Department of Political and Social Sciences, EUI	2020
	Canada's Migration Excellence Research Chair, Toronto Metropolitan University	2020
	“The Stability of Immigration Attitudes: Evidence and Implications”	
	Political Science Seminar, Social Science Division, NYU Abu Dhabi	2020
	BIGSSS Summer School in Computational Social Science and Migration	2019
“Borders of Compassion: How Nationalists Can Embrace Immigration”		
Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania	2019	
Public Choice Seminar, Department of Economics, George Mason University	2019	
RadicalxChange Foundation, Inaugural Conference	2019	

POPULAR  
WRITING &  
INTERVIEWS

- “Good to Know: Issue importance in politics” *Good Authority*. August 26, 2024.
- “Good to Know: What is sociotropic voting?” *Good Authority*. August 13, 2024.
- “Why Americans have reversed their thinking on immigration” *Good Authority*. July 25, 2024.
- “Politicians on all sides campaign on restricting immigration” *Good Authority*. June 20, 2024.
- “Why some countries are less welcoming to international students” *Good Authority*. May 20, 2024.
- “Do Programmatic Pro-Immigration Reforms Ever Hurt Democracy?” *Migration Policy Centre Blog*. May 16, 2024.
- “How to Make Immigration Popular Through Demonstrably Beneficial Policies” *This Week in Immigration Podcast, Bipartisan Policy Center*. May 7, 2024.
- “Good to Know: Public backlash” *Good Authority*. May 6, 2024.
- “How immigration could shape the elections of 2024.” *London School of Economics Blog*. February 19, 2024.
- “The two sides of immigration backlash.” *The Science of Politics Podcast, Niskanen Center*. January 3, 2024.
- “60 years of campaign speeches reveal why we’ll hear more divisive rhetoric in 2024.” *3Streams*. July 9, 2023.
- “Persuading People on Immigration is Hard but Here’s What Can be Done.” *Migration Policy Centre Blog*. June 13, 2023.
- “Why pro-immigration advocates face a systematic disadvantage.” *3Streams*. October 25, 2022.
- “Immigration opponents are far more passionate than supporters.” *Washington Post*. July 14, 2022.
- “Ethnic diversity as an outcome: the coevolution of state capacity and racial demography in Brazil.” *Broadstreet Blog*. March 25, 2022.
- “Why immigration policy needs more enlightened nationalism.” *The Center for Growth and Opportunity*. January 10, 2022.
- “Puerto Ricans voted to become the 51st U.S. state – again.” *Washington Post*. November 13, 2020.
- “‘Bloom where you’re planted’ or why people dislike (e)migration.” *International Society of Political Psychology Blog*. June 22, 2020.
- “The Parochial Altruist: Why Voters Are Sceptical About Immigration.” *London School of Economics Blog*. December 18, 2018.
- “Does it Matter that People Overestimate the Number of Muslims in America?” *Political Violence at a Glance*. December 22, 2016.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2014-2024
	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting	2014-2024
	Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting	2016-2025
	European Political Science Association Annual Conference	2020, 2024
	WAPOR/AAPOR Annual Conference	2016, 2024
	International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention	2019-2021
	Carolinas Conflict Consortium	2022-2023
	Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop	2015-2019, 2023
	Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration Conference	2022
	Society of Political Methodology (PolMeth) Annual Meeting	2019, 2022
	Future of Migration Conference	2022
	Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting	2021
	UPenn Conference on International Borders in a Globalizing World	2021
	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting	2020
	World Bank Migration and Development Conference	2020
	American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting	2019
	Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention	2019
	Public Choice Society Annual Meeting	2018
	NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference	2017
	ECPR General Conference	2015
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Nexus: Networking Across the Disciplines, UNC Charlotte's Interdisciplinary Studies	2022
	BIGSSS Summer School in Computational Social Science and Migration	2019
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute	2018
	Reppy Institute Workshop on Peace and Conflict, Cornell University	2018
	"Inequality by the Numbers" Workshop, CUNY's Stone Center	2017
	Behavioral Models of Politics Workshop, Duke University	2017
	Harvard Experimental Political Science Workshop	2017
	Empirical Methods in Economic History (EPEN) Summer School	2014
	Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences – Linking Theory and Empirical Research	2013
	Olympia Summer Academy on Conflict and Violence	2013
	ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research	2012
SERVICE	Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies	2024-
	Contributing Fellow, Good Authority	2024-
	Member, Search Committee for UNC Charlotte Postdoctoral Researchers	2023-
	Member, Let Them Work Initiative, Center for Global Development (CGD)	2023-
	Member, UNC Charlotte Migration Research Network	2021-

Co-organizer, SPSA Migration & Borders Conference Within a Conference (CWC) 2022-  
Co-leader, APSA Migration and Citizenship Dissertation Workshop 2022  
Program Committee, Migration and Mobility Research in the Digital Era Workshop 2021  
Member, APSA Migration and Citizenship Best Article Award Selection Committee 2020

Journal referee: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*,  
*American Sociological Review*, *Applied Economic Letters*, *British Journal of Political Science*,  
*Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *European Journal of  
Political Economy*, *European Political Science Review*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*,  
*Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of Experimental  
Political Science*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*,  
*Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*,  
*Journal of Refugee Studies*, *Institute for Replication*, *International Journal of Public Opinion  
Research*, *International Migration Review*, *International Organization*, *International Sociology*,  
*International Studies Quarterly*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Moral Philosophy and Politics*,  
*Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Studies*,  
*Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Research & Politics*, *Social Forces*, *West European Politics*

Grant proposal referee: *National Science Foundation (NSF)*, *Israel Science Foundation (ISF)*,  
*Dutch Research Council (NWO)*, *APSA Centennial Research Grants*, *Time-sharing Experiments  
for the Social Sciences (TESS)*

Chair/discussant: *APSA Annual Meetings (2017-2024)*, *MPSA Annual Meetings (2019-2024)*,  
*SPSA Annual Meetings (2020-2025)*, *APPAM Annual Meeting 2020*, *AOPSSS 2020*, *ISA Annual  
Meeting 2019*, *ASN Conference 2018*, *Yale's Comparative Approaches to Immigration 2016*

Mentorship: Resident Graduate Student, Whitman College, Princeton University 2014-2016

SKILLS

Computing: R, Stata, Python, Mplus, Netlogo, ArcGIS, Qualtrics

Languages: German (working proficiency), Russian (working proficiency), Spanish (basic)

REFERENCES

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