

# Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

George Mason University, Schar School of Policy and Government, Fairfax, VA, USA

**Ph.D. in Public Policy**, August 2018

*Presidential Scholarship*- prestigious, competitive university-wide scholarship, 3 years in a row  
*Areas*: Internet and Emerging Tech Governance, Private and Global Governance, Privacy  
*Relevant Coursework*: Global Governance of Technological Change; Private Governance; Tech Policy: Privacy, National Security & Innovation; Global Standards; Analytic Methods for Research on Science, Technology & Innovation; Definitions and Challenges for Open Gov Data

The Pennsylvania State University, College of Communications, University Park, PA, USA

**Doctoral classes in Mass Communications**, August 2011 - May 2012

*Robert W. Graham Endowed Fellowship 2011*- awarded to highly sought-after students  
*Research*: Public Policy, Telecom and Internet Regulations

The Pennsylvania State University, School of International Affairs, University Park, PA, USA

**Master of International Affairs (M.I.A.), Graduate Minor in STS**, May 2010

*Research*: S&T Policy and Ethics; Emerging Technology Governance, Global Governance

University of Bucharest, College of Political Science, Bucharest, RO

**B.A., Political Science** (taught in English; thesis received highest grade: 10), June 2008

Thesis: "*Romanian Political Parties and the European Union: Words vs. Actions*"

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Technology Policy: **Governance Structures** - Multistakeholderism; **Data Governance**: Privacy, Security, and Transparency; Content Moderation; Social Impact of Information Communication Technologies, Open Government Data; Misinformation and Disinformation; Big Data Policy, Social and Ethical Implications; Social Media Policy and Politics; Social, **Ethical** and **Governance** Implications of **Emerging Technologies**; Global Governance; Qualitative + Mixed-Methods Research.

## INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

**ICANN58; ICANN61; ICANN64 Fellow**

March 2017, March 2018, March 2019

Highly-regarded, competitive Fellowship program supporting the next generation of involved Internet community members – a "fast track" experience of engagement, contribution and networking opportunities. Intensive program extending beyond the meeting: focused cooperation between fellows, and with Staff & Community of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers. Rep of the Academic Community, as both an Eastern European native and a graduate student in the US.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Digital Trade and Data Governance Hub

June 2019 – present

Visiting Scholar

- Provide research guidance and promote the Hub through op-eds, panels and conferences
- Create a functional strategy for Hub outputs (trainings, events, papers)
- Consult on issues related to content, direction and future plans

- Data for Democracy October 2018 – June 2019  
Policy Manager  
 - Providing research and policy guidance on issues of disinformation campaigns, data science ethics and algorithmic accountability, among others.  
 - Assisting Renee DiResta in her work  
 - Maintain a D4D presence in Washington DC, through events, workshops, panel participation etc.  
 - Write op-eds, white papers, and other products.
- Diplo Digital Watch Observatory January 2018 – present  
Curator  
 - Successfully completed training course for curators.  
 - Wrote short updates on digital policy events and news  
 - Assisted with just-in-time reporting from Internet policy events (such as WSIS Forum, IGF etc.)  
 - Performed various other research and writing assignments.
- Global Network Initiative June 2017 – March 2018  
Google Policy Fellow  
 - Wrote memos and briefs for the Policy Committee and for GNI's membership.  
 - Planned and executed, with others, GNI events, (Board Meeting, Public Learning Forum, etc.)
- Internet Education Foundation June 2016 – March 2017  
Google Policy Fellow  
 - Assisted with ICAC briefings, moderated Congressional briefing on Government Hacking.  
 - Helped plan, manage and run State of The Net 2017.  
 - Created panel discussions on “Future of Work” & “Internet Governance” for State of the Net 2017  
 - Co-created cross-IEF Snowden Effect Series  
 - Provided research and editing support.
- Future of Privacy Forum June – November 2015  
Research Fellow  
 - Wrote a white paper and performed primary and secondary research on biometric technologies and their privacy implications, both broadly and narrowly defined within the educational space; helping FPF establish a position and structure a response to current and future trends.  
 - Provided research and editing support on other FPF work.  
 - Assisted with various aspects of FPF events; Helping with the planning and organizing stages of the FPF National Science Foundation workshop on Privacy Review Boards.
- George Mason University August 2012 – August 2018  
Research Assistant to Dr. Anne L. Washington  
 - Worked as primary assistant for PoliInformatics, National Science Foundation Grant [#1243917](#) dealing with open government data, providing research and administrative assistance, as webmaster, setting up a Wordpress website, maintaining the social media presence; organized two workshops, conference calls, and a Steering Committee face-to-face meeting.  
 - Helped write successful grant application for National Science Foundation Grant [#1635449](#), Open Data Suppliers, and worked as primary assistant in a research capacity.  
 - Assisted Dr. Washington's research in various stages of work such as journal runs, literature reviews, data collection, qualitative interpretation of data, data visualization and conclusions.  
 - Assisted with a transition from Sharepoint 2007 to Sharepoint 2010, in all stages, such as planning and preserving copies of various sites and subsites in the general architecture of the servers.  
 - Assisted with BlackBoard and other teaching tasks for Dr. Washington's “Culture Organizations and Technology”, “Collaborative Technologies for Knowledge Sharing” and other classes.

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Janine Davidson

August 2012 – December 2013

- Performed various administrative and teaching duties for “US National Security” and “US Foreign Policy” classes
- Assisted with guest lecturers (Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Stockton; Gen. David Petraeus).

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August 2008 – August 2014

Co-founder/Entrepreneur

- One of the four founders of a Romanian startup focused on online discussion and social networks, with several products in beta testing, temporarily closed for lack of funding
- Responsible for product innovation and editorial content.

OnwardState.com

August 2011 – August 2012

Social Media Manager

- Part of the editorial board of the unofficial Penn State student blog, onwardstate.com.
- Responsible for long-term social media strategy and daily management of accounts of the most read student news media outlets in the country (60k+ likes on Facebook, 70k+ followers on Twitter)
- Helped the website and social media accounts grow organically from a local media challenger, to a nationally-known and trusted brand delivering Penn State-centric news.
- Delegated responsibilities to a larger team, while co-managing accounts
- Occasionally wrote articles about comedy or related topics

The Pennsylvania State University

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Michael Elavsky, College of Communications August 2011 – May 2012

- Assisted in lecture, discussion and grading for “Media and Democracy” and “Comparative Media Systems” courses.
- Researched, created and delivered lecture on “Social Media and Democracy”
- Held weekly office hours for one-on-one conversations with students

Research Assistant to Dr. John Kelmelis, School of International Affairs

Jan. 2009 – May 2010

- Responsible for “Science Policy and International Affairs” class resources
- Various research tasks on science and technology topics

The United Nations

March 2009 – May 2010

Assistant to Dr. Iulia Motoc, Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Bioethics - Human Genome and member of The United Nations Human Rights Committee

- Supported Dr. Motoc on research topics related to bioethics and human rights

*Academia Catavencu*

Jan. 2004 – August 2010

Foreign News Collaborator/Freelance Journalist

- Responsible for writing quirky news feature, “Foreigner’s Week”
- Co-wrote recurring short international world stage articles; American elections coverage piece

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

June – August 2009

Intern for Project on Emerging Nanotechnology (Foresight and Governance Project)

- Attended numerous congressional meetings including on National Nanotechnology Initiative
- Conducted research at various stages of key projects related to nanotech and synbio
- Successfully created preliminary working focus group script insuring all research points covered
- Reviewed and updated nanotech consumer products inventory database and website

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Jan. 2005 – August 2009

Foreign Media Collaborator/Freelance Journalist

- Created and wrote international television news column for the second half of 2005
- Composed full-length articles on major networks, general social trends in American television

- Inpolitics.ro* (politics portal) Jan. 2007 – June 2008  
 Editor  
 - Manage portal-wide news content and screened blog content insuring accuracy and timeliness  
 - Served as advisor on brand image consolidation and general future content in pre-launch phase
- Office of the President of Romania March – May 2008  
 Communications Department Intern  
 - Responsible for preparing daily press briefings  
 - Streamlined mass media monitoring and analyzed presidential press coverage
- Romanian Cultural Institute January – April 2008  
 Administrative Assistant and Adjunct Instructor for “Romanian Classes for Foreigners”  
 - Assisted with admin, operational duties, and substitute for regular instructors on occasion
- Ritz Carlton Key Biscayne (Miami, FL) June – Sept. 2007  
 Front Office Agent  
 - Operated the call center, assisted department managers with their duties  
 - Took first action, made first-hand decisions with guests’ requests and issues  
 - Served as front line contact ensuring guests’ satisfaction and return business

## PUBLICATIONS

- Corcoran, C., DiResta R., Morar, D., Dhamani, N., Honke, G., Sullivan, D., Gleason, J., Azunre, P., Kramer, S., & Ruppel, R. (2019). Disinformation: Detect to Disrupt. *Proceedings of the Conference of Truth and Trust Online 2019*. (In Publication) London, United Kingdom.
- Washington, A. L., & Morar, D. (2017). Open Government Data and File Formats: Constraints on Collaboration. *Proceedings of the 18th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research*, 155–159. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3085228.3085232>
- Morar, D. (2017). The Internet Association. In A. L. Schintler, & C.L. McNeely (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Big Data*. New York: Springer.
- Washington, A. L., Morar D. (2016). *Open for Whom? An Overview of Data.Gov File Formats*. Working Paper. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2770925> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2770925>
- Morar, I.T., Morar D. (2012). The Second Hat: Romanian Mass Media from Party Loudspeaker to the Voice of the Oligarchs. In V. Tismaneanu. & B. Iacob (Eds.), *The End and The Beginning: The Revolutions of 1989 and the Resurgence of History* (pp. 419-436). New York: CEU Press.

## POPULAR PRESS

- Morar, D. (2019). Facebook's Empty Action on Content Moderation. *San Francisco Chronicle*, <https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Open-Forum-Facebook-s-empty-action-on-content-14471550.php>
- Aaronson, S. Morar, D. (2019). A leader in profiting from data, America lags in protecting our information. *San Francisco Chronicle*, <https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Open-Forum-A-leader-in-profiting-from-data-14086845.php?psid=c21e4>
- Tomson, D., Morar, D. (2018). A Better Way to Regulate Social Media. *Wall Street Journal*, <https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-better-way-to-regulate-social-media-1534707906>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Disinformation: Detect to Disrupt.** Craig Corcoran, Renee DiResta, David Morar, Numa Dhamani, Garrett Honke, David Sullivan, Jeffrey Gleason, Paul Azunre, Steven Kramer, & Rebecca Ruppel. Comparative Approaches to Disinformation Workshop 2019 at the Berkman Klein Center, Harvard University. October 2019, Cambridge, MA.
- Multi-stakeholder Governance for Platform Tech and Content Moderation? A Discussion of Principles, Opportunities and Learnings** David Morar, Danielle Tomson. Creator Governance: Platforms, Policies, Rights, And Regulation; International Communication Association 2019 Post-Conference. May 2019, Washington, DC.
- Open Data: Audit Audiences or Engaged Publics?** Anne L. Washington, David Morar. Data for Policy 2017. September 2017, London, United Kingdom.
- Open Government Data & File Formats: Constraints on Collaboration.** Anne L. Washington, David Morar. dg.o 2017: 18th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research. June 2017, City University of New York, College of Staten Island Staten Island, New York.
- Open Data Repositories: Intimating Data Publics Through File Formats.** Anne L. Washington, David Morar. Data Publics Conference. April 2017, Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK.
- NGOs in Global Multi-Stakeholder CSR: An Empirical Analysis of UN Global Compact.** Poster. Kyung-Min Lee, Lokesh Dani, David Morar and Kyoung Cheon Cha. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall 2016 Conference. November 2016, Washington DC.
- Safeguarding Privacy While Sharing: The Prospects of an Autonomous Fleet.** Poster. Lauren N. McCarthy, David Morar. Automated Vehicles Symposium 2016. July 2016. San Francisco, CA.
- Enhancing Governance Risk Profiles Through Leveraging National Political Institutions for Transnational Nanotechnology Governance.** (Accepted as Part of a Panel) David Morar, Alexander Smith. Jonah Bea-Taylor. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall 2015 Conference. Science and Technology Policy Area. November 2015, Miami, FL.
- Stakeholder- Vs Evidence-Based Modes of Internet Governance.** Roxana Radu, David Morar. (Accepted as a Poster) Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall 2015 Conference. November 2015. Miami, FL.
- Global Governance for Nanotech? An Analysis of Institutional Risk Factors** David Morar, Alexander Smith. Jonah Bea-Taylor. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2015. Technology and Environmental Policy Division. August 2015, San Francisco, CA.
- Different Channel, Same Strategy? Filling Empirical Gaps in Congress Literature** Andreu Casas, David Morar. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2015. Information Technology and Politics Division. August 2015, San Francisco, CA.
- Using Institutional Risk Factors to Focus Transnational Efforts on Improving Nanotechnology Governance.** David Morar, Alexander Smith. Jonah Bea-Taylor. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall 2014 Conference. Science and Technology Policy Area. November 2014, Albuquerque, NM. (nominated for Best Comparative Paper Award)
- Analyzing 2012 Presidential Election: What is the correlation between Twitter, Polls and Popular Vote?** Anne L. Washington, Jason B. Thatcher, David Morar, Kyle LePrevost. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Presidents and Executive Politics Division. August 2013, Chicago Il. [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2566441](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2566441)

**Issues with US Nanotechnology Policy.** David Morar. Transatlantic Policy Consortium's Transatlantic Perspectives in Public Affairs: Technology, Safety, Security Conference. May 2013, The Hague, NL.

## LEADERSHIP/SCHOLARLY SERVICE

- Big Data Science Lab; West University of Timisoara June 2019 – present  
*Non-resident Associate Researcher*
- Center for Advanced Studies in Public Policy, Governance; Paraiba State University July 2019 – present  
*Non-resident Associate Researcher*
- Cyber South School on Internet Governance (CYBERSSIG) May 2018  
*Fellow* - inaugural edition of the CYBERSSIG in Washington, DC.
- At-Large North American Graduate Students (NAGS) March 2018- present  
*President*  
- Co-founder of an At-Large Structure within ICANN, representing North American students.
- North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG) March 2018  
*Fellow* - inaugural edition of NASIG, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Community-driven Principles for Ethical Data Science November 2017 – March 2018  
*Moderator Data Ownership and Provenance Working Group*  
- Set agenda, facilitate conversation and help prod the conversation along with guiding questions.  
- Assist in drafting principles related to Data Ownership and Provenance.  
- Moderate groups at the 2018 Data 4 Good Exchange.
- American Political Science Association (APSA) August 2017 – present  
*Executive Committee Member – Information Technology and Politics Section*  
- Elected for a two-year term at the 2017 Annual Meeting, Section Business meeting.
- International Association of Privacy Professionals March 2016  
*Global Privacy Summit 2016 Scholarship*
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) February 2013 – present  
*International Conference Program Committee Co-Chair* 2019  
- Co-Chaired National Security and Emerging Technologies Area for the International Conference  
- Led the review of paper and poster submissions.
- Student Representative on Policy Council* January 2016- January 2018  
- Appointed for a two-year term representing students at APPAM's highest level.  
- Member of the Membership Committee.
- Chair of Student Advisory Committee* January 2015 – January 2016  
- Lead a group of 6 students in helping APPAM determine how best to serve the needs of its student members through activities and programs.
- Student Advisor to the Strategic Planning Committee* January 2015 – January 2016  
- Acted as an advisor to the process of crafting a 2016-2019 strategic plan, voicing the opinion of students, to ensure the needs of students are represented in the final strategic plan for APPAM.
- PhD Student Professional Development Workshop Organizing Committee* November 2013  
- Organized the first ever PhD workshop for APPAM, alongside other DC-area graduate students, securing topics and speakers for the daylong event as part of a yearlong (February – November 2013) team effort.

- STGlobal Conference October 2012 – May 2015  
*Vice Chair for Communications* (May 2014 – May 2015)  
*Vice Chair for Social Media* (May 2013 – May 2014)  
*Organizing Committee Member* (October 2012 – May 2013)  
 - Helped run, a record three years in a row, a graduate student conference on Science & Technology topics, rising from a committee member, to being Vice Chair.
- GMU Center for Science and Technology Policy August 2012 – August 2018  
*Affiliated Scholar*
- Romanian Youth Parliament Feb. 2007 – July 2008  
*Parliament-wide Culture Committee*  
*Parliament Media Director* (March 2008 – July 2008)
- “Add Litteram” Student Organization Oct. 2005 – Feb. 2007  
*Co-Founder/Co-President*  
 - Founded, ran alternative student organization at the University of Bucharest: events, workshops, social gatherings, enriching student body experience.  
 - Created conference series “Politics&”

## SPECIAL SKILLS

- Language:** **Romanian** Native Proficiency  
**English** Fluent (writing, speaking, reading and listening)  
**French** Proficient (speaking, reading and listening)  
**Spanish** and **Italian** Working Knowledge
- Technical:** HTML, Final Cut, Photoshop, video and photo production, Microsoft Office suite, Wordpress, social media strategy (Twitter and Facebook for business/professional use), working knowledge of *STATA*, *BlackBoard* and *Angel* Educational CMS; & Sharepoint
- Editorial:** Write and amend articles and reports, qualitative and mixed methods research, creative writing abilities, copyediting,
- Hobbies:** Comedy (stand-up and improv), Photography.

## MEMBERSHIP

- International Association of Privacy Professionals April 2016 – present  
 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Sept. 2013 – present  
 American Political Science Association July 2013 – present  
 Penn State Blue & White Society Aug. 2008 – May 2010