

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).

Fawnders Co. 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

Cotidianul 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

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

- Third AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society February 2020
Program Committee Member
- Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review October 2019 – present
Peer Reviewer
- Big Data Science Lab; West University of Timisoara June 2019 – present
Associate Researcher
- Center for Advanced Studies in Public Policy, Governance; Paraiba State University July 2019 – present
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