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Education

- American University**, School of Public Affairs Expected 2028
Ph.D. in Justice, Law, and Criminology
- **Comprehensive Exams:** Terrorism and Political Violence; Political Methodology
 - **Dissertation Committee:** Cynthia Miller-Idriss, Ph.D. (Chair); Thomas Zeitzoff, Ph.D.; Tricia Bacon, Ph.D.
- University of Birmingham**, Department of Political Sciences and International Relations 2022
M.A. International Security and Terrorism, with Distinction
- **Dissertation Advisor:** Tereza Capelos, Ph.D.
- University of California, Irvine**, School of Social Ecology 2020
B.A. Criminology, Law, and Society
- **Minor:** Psychological Sciences

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Arnold, W., **DaVisio, K.**, & Miller-Idriss, C.(2026) Playing with fire: the symbolic role of fire in political violence. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, online. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2026.2683516>.
- DaVisio, K.**, Malet, D., Miller-Idriss, C., Dashtgard, P., & Daymon, C. (2026). Fiction and misinformation: evaluating anti-government sentiment and trust in news outlets through fictional storytelling. *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression* , online. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19434472.2026.2633398>.
- Capelos, T., **DaVisio, K.**, & Salmela, M. (2025). ‘Today I Die like Jesus Christ:’ An analysis of perceptions, motivations, and justifications through resentment in violent extremist manifestos. *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 37(8):1031-1047 <https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2024.2379043>.

Book Chapters

- Capelos, T., **DaVisio, K.**, & Salmela, M. (2024). Digital campaigns of extremist violence through resentment: mapping the emotional mechanism of violent extremist manifestos. In D. Lilleker, et al (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Political Campaigning* (pp. 115 - 127).

Other Works

- Arnold, W., **DaVisio, K.**, and Miller-Idriss, C. (2026, June 19.) Why we learned more when we planned less. [Active Learning in Political Science](#). [🔗](#)

Research Briefs

- Codebook Report of the Femosphere: In Online Spaces, Winter 2026. (2026). [Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Laboratory, American University](#). [🔗](#)
- Antisemitism in Online Spaces: Codebook Findings of a Snapshot of Online Antisemitism. (2026). [Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Laboratory, American University](#). [🔗](#)
- Codebook Report of Anti-LGBTQI+ Rhetoric. (2025). [Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Laboratory, American University](#). [🔗](#)
- Digital Male Supremacy: Online Narratives Before, During, and After the 2024 Election. (2025). [Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Laboratory, American University](#). [🔗](#)
- Building Networks and Addressing Harm: A Community Guide to Online Youth Radicalization, An Impact

Study. (2023). [Southern Poverty Law Center](#) 

Military Coups in West and Central Africa. (2024). United States Agency for International Development.

Insider Threat: Foreign Terrorism and Extremism. (2023). U.S. Department of Defense OUSD (I&S) Counter-Insider Threat Program.

Evaluation of Changes in Insider Threat Motivators from 1950-Present. (2022). U.S. Department of Defense OUSD (I&S) Counter-Insider Threat Program.

Revise & Resubmit

DaVisio, K., West, J., & Dashtgard, P. To have a gun is to be a man: Gun culture as a pathway to male supremacy. Revise and Resubmit at *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.

Under Review

Yang, X., Xu, Q., **DaVisio, K.**, Amini, A., & Gill, J. A new response method for list experiments. Under review at *Political Behavior*.

Working Papers

DaVisio, K., Gay, E., Schroeder, A., Sharpe, M., and Gill, J. Research Note: Addressing report missingness in NIBRS

Sharpe, M., **DaVisio, K.**, Schroeder, A., and Gill, J. Using Bayesian kriging to predict crime.

DaVisio, K., West, J., Montgomery, F., Becker, M. H., & Relihan, D. A rising tide lifts all ships: male supremacy and antisemitism.

West, J., **DaVisio, K.**, Becker, M. H., & Dashtgard, P. No step on snek: how digital gun culture fuels the intersection of online male supremacy and anti-government extremism.

Teaching

The George Washington University, Department of Sociology

Visiting Assistant Professor

Fall 2025 - Spring 2027

SOC 2189: Terrorism and Extremism
Undergraduate Course, 50 students

SOC 2102: Techniques of Data Analysis
Undergraduate Course, 50 students

SOC 4195W: Senior Research Seminar
Undergraduate Course, 30 students

Adjunct Professor

SOC 4195W: Senior Research Seminar
Undergraduate Course, 25 students

Spring 2025

SOC 2189: Terrorism and Extremism
Undergraduate Course, 25 students

Fall 2024

American University, School of Public Affairs

Teaching Assistant

JLC 681: Introduction to Justice Research II (with Dr. Bryan Daves)
Graduate Course, 28 students

Spring 2025

American University, School of Education

Teaching Assistant

EDU 386: Terrorism, Extremism, and Education (with Dr. Cynthia Miller-Idriss)
Undergraduate Course, 28 students

Spring 2024

Research Positions

Graduate Research Associate , <i>Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL)</i>	August 2023 - Present
Consultant , <i>Moonshot</i>	May - September 2024
Research Assistant , <i>Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security</i>	June - August 2024
Subject Matter Expert , <i>CNA Institute for Public Research</i>	January - September 2023
Research Intern , <i>National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)</i>	May - August 2022
Research Assistant , <i>Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security</i>	June 2022 - August 2023
Undergraduate Research Assistant , <i>UC Irvine, School of Social Ecology, Development, Disorder, and Delinquency Laboratory</i>	March - October 2018

Funding

Research Grants

UCI Undergraduate Research Opportunities Fellow (\$600)	2018
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Travel Grants

AU School of Public Affairs Travel Grant (\$1,000)	2026
AU School of Public Affairs Travel Grant (\$1,000)	2025
AU School of Public Affairs Dean's Professional Development Grant (\$700)	2024
AU School of Public Affairs Travel Grant (\$1,000)	2024

Scholarships

AU School of Public Affairs Dean's Merit Scholarship (\$20,000)	2023
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Presentations and Speaking Engagements

Conference Presentations

- DaVisio, K.**, & Pratt, D. (2026). *Investigations on the Femosphere: A Codebooking Report of a Growing Online Community*. American Society for Criminology, Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- DaVisio, K.** (2026). *Geography of Contention: Spatial Embeddedness and Protest Violence Onset*. American Society for Criminology, Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- West, J., Dashtgard, P., & **DaVisio, K.** (2026, Mar. 7). *"No Step on Snek": How Digital Gun Culture Fuels the Intersection of Online Male Supremacy and Anti-Government Extremism*. Eastern Sociological Society, Washington, D.C., USA.
- DaVisio, K.**, & Arnold, W. (2025, Oct. 18). *Old media and new(s) influencers: Content creators and narratives of political violence on TikTok*. International Security Studies Section, The International Studies Association, Washington, D.C., USA.
- DaVisio, K.** (2024, Sep. 5). *Minding the Gap: Investigating and closing the gap between Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism*. Society for Terrorism Research, Annual International Conference, University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.
- DaVisio, K.**, Hoyerck, M., & O'Horo, E. (2024, Aug. 8). *Military Coups in West and Central Africa*. United States Agency of International Development, Washington, D.C., USA.
- West, J., & **DaVisio, K.** (2024, Jun. 18). *The Chad in the Mirror: A mixed-methods analysis of self-perceptions and grievances in video and textual incel content*. Terrorism and Social Media Annual Conference, Swansea University, Swansea, U.K.
- DaVisio, K.** (2024, Mar. 22). *Guys and Guns: Male Supremacy and Gun Culture*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Hilton Chicago, Illinois, USA.

DaVisio, K., Horowitz, J., & Clemmer, M. (2023, May 19). *Foreign Terrorism and Domestic Extremism in Insider Threats*. Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security, Research for Intelligence and Security Challenges, Virtual.

DaVisio, K. (2019, May 18). *Personal Values and Well-being*. Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of California, Irvine, California, USA.

Workshops & Roundtables

Arnold, W., **DaVisio, K.**, & Miller-Idriss, C. (2025, Aug. 11). *Playing with Fire: The Symbolic Role of Fire in Political Violence*. American Sociology Association, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Illinois, USA.

DaVisio, K., & Salmela, M. (2024, Mar. 8). “*My whole life has been one lonely enterprise*”: *The far-right’s weaponization of loneliness through Ressentiment*. Politicized Loneliness Workshop, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland.

Invited Talks

Miller-Idriss, C., **DaVisio, K.**, and Elving, R. *The Thurber Dialogues on Democracy*. (2024, Oct. 28). Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University, Washington, D.C., USA.

Invited Guest Lectures

“Terrorism and Criminology”	Fall 2024
Undergraduate Course at George Washington University	
“History of Far Right Extremism”	Spring 2024
Undergraduate Course at American University	
“Lone Actors and the Far-Right”	Fall 2023
Undergraduate Course at American University	

Other Employment

World Affairs Council of Orange County	January - August 2021
Interim Executive Director	

Service and Professional Development

Service to the University

American University, School of Public Affairs

Assistant Professor Search Committee	Fall 2025
Student Advisory Committee	Spring 2024 – Spring 2026
Graduate Student Mentor	Fall 2024 – Spring 2025
Undergraduate Research Advisor	Spring 2024

Service to the Profession

American Society of Criminology

Division of Terrorism and Bias Crime, Early Career Impact Award Committee	Fall 2026
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Professional Association Memberships

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Division of Terrorism and Bias Crimes

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Section on Methodology

Section on Political Sociology

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

Advanced Methodological Training

Community of Practice on Teaching Statistics to Non-STEM Students, American University	Ongoing
Principles of Geographic Information Science, AU School of Public Affairs Analytics and Management Institute	Fall 2026
Conducting Qualitative Interviews Intensive Workshop, American University	Summer 2026
Social Statistics Methods Reading Group with Dr. Jeff Gill, American University	Spring 2026
Social Statistics Methods Reading Group with Dr. Jeff Gill, American University	Spring 2024
A Gentle Introduction to R, AU School of Public Affairs Analytics and Management Institute	Summer 2023
A Quick Introduction to Stata and R Statistical Software Packages, AU School of Public Affairs Analytics and Management Institute	Summer 2023

Professional Development

Sixth Annual Global Network on Extremism and Technology (GNET) Conference, Virtual	Spring 2026
Ann Ferren Conference on Teaching and Learning, American University	Summer 2025
Uncovering the Hidden Curriculum: Professional Development for Graduate Students, American University	Fall 2025
Equitable Teaching Workshop, American University	Fall 2024
Emerging Voices in WMD Nonproliferation and Counter Terrorism, CNS Young Women in Nonproliferation Initiative & Middlebury Institute	Fall 2023
Effective Counter-Terrorism in a Democratic Society Roundtable, University of Birmingham	Spring 2022

Certifications

American University, Greenberg Building Future Faculty Scholar	May 2026
George Washington University, Student Wellbeing Champion	May 2025
CITI Ethics Training for Human Subjects Research	August 2023
CITI Ethics Training for Community-Engaged Research	August 2023
CITI Ethics Training for Community-Based Participatory Research	August 2023

Skills and Competencies

Methodologies

Quantitative: Statistical modeling (Frequentist and Bayesian); Computational social science; Machine learning; Web-data scraping; Large language models (LLMs); Geographic information sciences (GIS)

Qualitative: Digital ethnography; Text-based analyses; Qualitative comparative analysis (QCA); Structured and semi-structured interviews

Software

R (Advanced)
 NVivo (Advanced)
 Atlas (Advanced)
 Python (Proficient)
 Tableau (Proficient)
 Qualtrics (Proficient)
 L^AT_EX (Proficient)
 Stata (Beginner)