

IQMR 2025 Faculty

The following faculty (in alphabetical order of last name) taught at IQMR 2025. Many faculty return to teach in following years, but participants should expect some changes for 2026.

Amel Ahmed is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Her main area of specialization is democratic studies, with a special interest in elections, voting systems, legislative politics, party development, and voting rights. She examines these issues in historical and comparative perspective and her work combines a regional focus on Europe and the United States. She is author of *Democracy and the Politics of Electoral System Choice: Engineering Electoral Dominance* (Cambridge University Press) and *The Regime Question: Foundations of Democratic Governance in European and the United States* (Princeton University Press). She also has a special interest in research methods and has written about mixed-method research designs, the position of historical analysis within the social sciences, and comparative areas studies.

Andrew Bennett is Professor in the Department of Government at Georgetown University. He teaches courses on the American foreign policy process, international relations theory, and qualitative research methods. He is, with Alexander George, the co-author of *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences* (MIT Press, 2005), and, with Jeffrey Checkel, co-editor of *Process Tracing: From Metaphor to Analytic Tool* (Cambridge, 2015).

Kanisha D. Bond is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Binghamton University (SUNY). She uses quantitative and qualitative methods to study culture, violence, and contentious political mobilization, with a special focus on how ideology, race, and gender influence institution-building among radical groups in polarized societies. Her scholarship can be found in the *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *International Negotiation*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research*, *International Studies Review*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, and *Contemporary Political Theory*. Her public interest writings on the politics of (studying) radical mobilization have been published by *Foreign Policy*, the *Washington Post's* Monkey Cage blog, the Social Science Research Council; her thoughts on the same have featured in various print and web-based interviews. Bond also co-convenes the Advancing Research on Conflict Consortium, which supports and facilitates methodological training and intellectual community for researchers conducting fieldwork in fragile and violence-affected environments.

Christopher Carter is Assistant Professor in the Department of Politics and John L. Nau III Assistant Professor of the History and Principles of Democracy at the University of Virginia. He is also a Research Associate at the Center on the Politics of Development at the University of California, Berkeley. In his book project, he examines the emergence as well as the political and

social effects of Indigenous autonomy in Latin America. All of his work employs a multi-method approach, using experimental and natural experimental data as well as extensive interviewing and archival research.

Charles Crabtree is an assistant professor in the Department of Government at Dartmouth College and director of the Fundamental Needs Lab. He is a scholar of discrimination, researching it in new populations, sometimes for understudied identity groups, across new contexts, and with the goal of testing new theoretical mechanisms and ways of reducing it. He also develops better methodological approaches for measuring discrimination. Most of his work uses field or survey experiments and has focused primarily on the United States. To put his work there in a broader perspective and better understand the global variation he also does research in many other places, particularly Eastern Europe and Japan; He has spent years living in those contexts and has done extensive fieldwork there. His research has been published or is forthcoming in over 40 journals or volumes across several fields, including the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *American Political Science Review*, the *British Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Politics*, *Nature Human Behavior*, *Political Analysis*, *Public Administration Review*, and the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Tasha Fairfield is an Associate Professor at the London School of Economics, with a Ph.D. in political science from UC Berkeley. Her first book, *Private Wealth and Public Revenue in Latin America: Business Power and Tax Politics* (CUP 2015), won the Latin American Studies Association's Donna Lee Van Cott Award. She received APSA's 2024 David Collier Mid-Career Achievement Award for her work on Bayesian analysis for qualitative research (with A.E. Charman), including "Explicit Bayesian Analysis for Process Tracing" (*Political Analysis* 2017), which won APSA's QMMR Sage Best Paper Award, and *Social Inquiry and Bayesian Inference* (CUP 2022), which was initiated during a 2017-18 Mellon Foundation Fellowship at Stanford University's Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. She convenes the Qualitative Bayesian Reasoning Network for scholars interested in employing the method. Her current research examines the debate on SARS-CoV-2 origins from a Bayesian perspective. She is also interested in climate-change politics. In September 2025, Fairfield will be joining the European University Institute as Chair in Political and Social Sciences.

Laura García-Montoya is an Assistant Professor at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy at the University of Toronto. Her research interests lie in comparative politics, public policy, and research methodologies, with a focus on the political economy of inequalities in Latin America and its relationship with development and violence. Her work has been published or is forthcoming in *American Political Science Review*, *PNAS*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *The Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Revista de Ciencia Política*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, and *Journal of Comparative Politics*. She is currently writing a book titled *Escaping Inequality Traps: State Formation, Elites, and the Myth of Progress*, which examines the causes of economic inequality traps—persistent and high levels of economic

inequality—in Latin America and explores why and how some countries manage to break free and pursue paths of diminishing inequality.

Gary Goertz is an independent scholar working from Ann Arbor, MI. He is the author of numerous methodological articles and books, including "A Tale of Two Cultures: Qualitative and Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences," "Multimethod Research, Causal Mechanisms, and Case Studies: An Integrated Approach," "Social Science Concepts and Measurement": new and completely revised edition, 2020" (all with Princeton University Press).

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Alan M. Jacobs is a Professor of Political Science and Head of Department at the University of British Columbia, specializing in comparative political economy and public policy, political behavior, and methodology. He is the author of *Governing for the Long Term: Democracy and the Politics of Investment* (2011), recipient of the APSA's Gregory Luebbert Award for the Best Book in Comparative Politics and the APSA's Giovanni Sartori Award for the Best Book Developing or Applying Qualitative Methods. His research has also appeared in the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and other venues. His 2023 book with Macartan Humphreys, *Integrated Inferences: Causal Models for Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research*, examines how process tracing, large-N analysis, and multi-method causal inference can be grounded in causal models. Jacobs was President of the APSA's Qualitative and Multi-Method Research section, co-edited the section's publication, and co-chair of the Qualitative Transparency Deliberations and is currently co-editor of Cambridge University Press's *Methods of Social Inquiry* book series. In 2017, Jacobs was co-recipient of the QMMR section's David Collier Mid-Career Achievement Award.

Diana Kapiszewski is Associate Professor of Government and Director of the Center for Latin American Studies at Georgetown University. Her research interests include public law,

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Marcus Kreuzer is Professor Political Science at Villanova University. He has been working on the origins of European and post-communist party systems as well as qualitative methodology. He is the author of *Institutions and Innovation: Voters, Parties, and Interest Groups in the Consolidation of Democracy – France and Germany 1870-1939* (Michigan 2001) and *The Grammar of Time. A Toolkit for Comparative Historical Analysis* (Cambridge, 2023). {Listen to [book talk](#)} He is interested in the conundrum of how to study a disorderly and continuously changing world in the most orderly fashion possible and with methodologies mindful of temporal dynamics. To disentangle this conundrum, he looked to how comparative historical analysis employs a nuanced temporal vocabulary, uses distinct notions of causality, and draws on a more heterodox understanding of methodology than standard variance-based analysis. His articles have dealt with path dependency, conceptions of time, historical exceptionalism, conceptualizations of historical change, and proper use of historical evidence, and the nature of historical description. They have appeared in the *American Political Science Review*, *World Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Central European History*, and *Perspectives on Politics*.

Lauren MacLean is the Dean’s Professor of Political Economy and Civic Engagement and the Department Chair of Political Science at Northeastern University. Her research focuses on the political economy of state formation, public service provision, and democratic citizenship in Africa. MacLean has published award-winning books including: *Informal Institutions and Citizenship in Rural Africa: Risk and Reciprocity in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), *The Politics of Non-State Social Welfare in the Global South* (Cornell University Press, 2014), co-edited with Melani Cammett, and *Field Research in Political Science* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), coauthored with Diana Kapiszewski and Ben Read. Her research has been published in a wide range of journals and supported by grants, including from Carnegie, NSF, SSRC, RWJ, and Fulbright-Hays. She has a forthcoming book focused on the politics of the electricity crisis and the exercise of democratic citizenship in Ghana. She was the recipient of the APSA QMMR 2016 David Collier Mid-Career Achievement Award.

William Mazzarella writes and teaches on the political anthropology of mass publicity, critical theory, affect and aesthetics, psychoanalysis, ritual and performance, and the occult shadow of the modern. His books include *Shoveling Smoke: Advertising and Globalization in Contemporary India* (Duke, 2003), *Censorium: Cinema and the Open Edge of Mass Publicity* (Duke, 2013), *The Mana of Mass Society* (Chicago, 2017), and, with Eric Santner and Aaron Schuster, *Sovereignty*,

Inc: Three Inquiries in Politics and Enjoyment (Chicago, 2020). He is also the co-editor, with Raminder Kaur, of *Censorship in South Asia: Cultural Regulation from Sedition to Seduction* (Indiana, 2009), and the editor of *K D Katrak: Collected Poems* (Poetrywala, 2016). His article 'The Anthropology of Populism: Beyond the Liberal Settlement' appears in the 2019 issue of *Annual Review of Anthropology*. For a sampling of Dr Mazzarella's publications, please visit his [academia.edu profile](#).

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Rob Mickey is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Michigan. His research focuses on U.S. politics in comparative and historical perspective. He is interested in the country's belated democratization by the 1970s, its current democratic backsliding, and the place of racial conflict in each. He is the author of *Paths out of Dixie: The Democratization of Authoritarian Enclaves in America's Deep South, 1944-1972* (Princeton University Press). With David Waldner (UVA), he is currently writing a book on America's post-conflict efforts to construct democratic polities and diverse economies in societies featuring labor-repressive agriculture. The cases range from Reconstruction to Iraq & Afghanistan. With Ashley Jardina (UVA) and Vince Hutchings (Michigan), he is writing a book on the relationship of racial attitudes to support for democracy in the U.S. With Jake Grumbach (Berkeley) and Dan Ziblatt (Harvard), he is writing a set of papers on the historical legacies of mid-20th century urban racial conflict for America's contemporary policing. In 2024, Matt Lassiter (Michigan) and Mickey drafted the policing section of the Harms Report for the Detroit's Reparations Task Force. He is currently working with Washtenaw County on their similar efforts as part of the Rackham Graduate School's Institute for Interdisciplinary Study.

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