

Tamar Mitts

CONTACT INFORMATION	Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy University of Michigan 735 South State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109	tmitts@umich.edu tamarmitts.com
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Political violence; conflict; civil war; terrorism; radicalization and extremism; political communication; social media; social networks; machine learning; automated text analysis	
ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI Assistant Professor, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, July 2017 – Present.	
EDUCATION	Columbia University , New York, NY Ph.D., Political Science, 2017 M.Phil., Political Science, 2015 M.A., Political Science, 2013 New York University , New York, NY B.A., Politics, 2012 (Highest Honors in Politics, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>)	
PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS	Bauer, Michal, Christopher Blattman, Julie Chytilová, Joseph Henrich, Edward Miguel, and Tamar Mitts. 2016. “Can War Foster Cooperation?” <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> , 30(3): 249–274. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Media coverage: Washington Post (June 28, 2016); VoxEU (July 2, 2016)</i> Mitts, Tamar. 2017. “Terrorism and the Rise of Right-Wing Content in Israeli Books.” <i>Revise & Resubmit at International Organization</i> . Mitts, Tamar. 2017. “From Isolation to Radicalization: Anti-Muslim Hostility and Support for ISIS in the West.” <i>Under review</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Media coverage: Boston Globe (July 17, 2016)</i> Manekin, Devorah, Guy Grossman, and Tamar Mitts. 2017. “Contested Ground: Disentangling Material and Symbolic Attachment to Territory.” <i>Revise & Resubmit at Political Science Research and Methods</i> . Mitts, Tamar. 2017. “Countering Violent Extremism: Do Community Engagement Efforts Reduce Extremist Rhetoric on Social Media?”	
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Terrorism as a Provocation Strategy: Transnational Terrorism and Anti-Muslim Hostility in the West.” “Cyber Vulnerabilities and Political Events: A Study of Cyber Attack Data Across Time and Space” “The Effects of Internet Propaganda on the Radicalization of Foreign Citizens.” With Barbara Walter.	

“How Increasing Media Freedom Affects Political Discourse, Knowledge, and Polarization: Tracing the Mechanisms.” With Jack Snyder.

DATASETS
(IN PROGRESS)

“The Behavior of Islamic State Activists on Twitter Before, During, and After Suspension.”

Live monitoring of about 16,000 Twitter accounts of Islamic State activists; Data recovered prior to suspension.

“The Radicalization and Extremist Rhetoric of Islamic State Followers on Social Media.”

Prospective and retrospective data collection of the content generated by approximately 1.6 million Twitter accounts of followers of Islamic State activists. Tracks the process of radicalization and extremism over time.

“Citizen Responses to Transnational Terrorist Attacks on Social Media (2010-2016).”

Random samples of Twitter accounts of individuals located in countries targeted by terrorism. Retrospective micro-level panel data in multiple languages.

SOFTWARE

“An XML Assembler for MILA Hebrew Dictionary Entries,” with Joshua Mitts.

CONFERENCES/
INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

2017

Workshop on Violent Extremism, Paris, France
Empirical Studies of Conflict Project Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
Columbia University Computational Social Science, New York, NY
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
Midwest Political Science Association, Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
Intentional Studies Association, Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD

2016

Northwestern University, invited talk, Chicago, IL
Stanford University, invited talk, Palo Alto, CA
University of Michigan, invited talk, Ann Arbor, MI
Brown University, invited talk, Providence, RI
Vanderbilt University, invited talk, Nashville, TN
Emory University, invited talk, Atlanta, GA
Dartmouth College, invited talk, Hanover, NH
New York University, invited talk, New York, NY
International Studies Association, Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA
Association for the Study of Nationalities, World Convention, New York, NY

HONORS AND
AWARDS

Conference Travel Grants, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and Department of Political Science, Columbia University. 2015-2016.

Summer Research Grant, Center for the Study of Development Strategies, Columbia University. 2014.

Dissertation Fellow, Teaching Fellow, Dean’s Fellow, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University. 2012-2017.

Best Honors Thesis Prize in Politics, New York University. 2012.

Founders Day Award for Outstanding Scholarship, New York University. 2012.

Dean’s List, New York University. 2010 - 2012.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE Jack Snyder, Columbia University. 2016-2017.
Christopher Blattman, Columbia University. 2013-2014.
Kanchan Chandra, New York University. 2010-2012.
Steven J. Brams, New York University. 2011-2012.

TEACHING *Graduate:*
Advanced Topics in Quantitative Research: Models for Panel and Time-Series Cross-Section Data, Spring 2015. TA for Gregory Wawro.
Principles of Quantitative Political Research, Fall 2014. TA for Robert Shapiro.

Undergraduate:
Nationalism, Fall 2015. TA for Jack Snyder.
Data Analysis and Statistics for Political Science Research, Spring 2014. TA for Robert Shapiro.
Scope and Methods, Fall 2013. TA for Daniel Corstange.

OTHER EXPERIENCE **Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
Representative, Emergency and Crisis Management Center. 2008-2009.

Directorate of Military Intelligence, Israeli Defense Forces
Counterterrorism Research Officer (Lieutenant). 2002-2006.

PEER REVIEWER *American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Political Behavior, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Studies Review*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association

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