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Employment

Fall 2025 -	Queens College — City University *of* New York Associate Professor, with tenure
2022 - 2025	Queens College — City University *of* New York Assistant Professor
2015 - 2022*	University *of* Massachusetts, Lowell Assistant Professor **tenure clock stopped AY 2016/17 & 2018/19*
2014 - 2015	Lehigh University Visiting Assistant Professor

Education

2007 - 2014	Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ Ph.D., Department of Political Science Major field: American Politics Minor fields: Women & Politics, Quantitative Methods
2000 - 2004	University *of* Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA B.A., *Magna cum laude* Major: Communication Minor: Political Science

Academic Appointments

2011 - 2012	Manager, Rutgers-Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling
2009 - 2011	Assistant, Rutgers-Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling

Additional Methods Training

Summer 2022	Summer Institute for Computational Social Science (SICSS), Rutgers
Spring 2012	New York University, Longitudinal Statistics
Summer 2011	Inter Consortium of Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Journal Articles

(12) Thawnghmung, Ardeth, Myat Su Tin, and **Mona S. Kleinberg**. "Fighting for Democracy on two Fronts: Social Media Use by the Myanmar Diaspora and in the Homeland." *Accepted* at *Global Media and Communication*

(11) **Kleinberg, Mona S.** and Katherine T. McCabe. 2026. "Group-Based Attitudes and Policy Evaluation: How Racism and Sexism Shape Health Care Attitudes after Obama and Clinton." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2026.2735173

(10) **Kleinberg, Mona S.** and Joshua J. Dyck. 2025. "White Democrats, Generational Change, and Racial Liberalism: Progressive Racial Attitudes and Persistent Contradictions." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics* https://doi.org/10.1017/rep.2025.10022

(9) **Kleinberg, Mona S.** 2024. "Black Issue Publics Online: Securing Political Knowledge Through Selective Exposure." *Journal of Communication.* https://doi.org/10.1093/joc/jqad027

(8) Halle M. Young,* Nicole B. Anderson,* **Mona S. Kleinberg**, and Jenifer Whitten-Woodring. 2023. "More a Red Herring Than a Harbinger of Democracy: Myanmar's Experiment With Media Freedom and Domestic Media Coverage of the Rohingya." *International Journal of Communication.* https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/19005/4038 *undergraduate student co-author

(7) **Kleinberg, Mona S.** 2022. "Measuring Political Knowledge in Online Surveys: How Question Design Can Improve Measures." *Public Opinion Quarterly.* https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfac024

(6) **Kleinberg, Mona S.** and Richard R. Lau. 2021."Googling Politics: How Offloading Affects Voting and Political Knowledge." *Political Psychology.* https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12689

(5) Whitten-Woodring, Jenifer, **Mona S. Kleinberg**, Ardeth Thawnghmung and Myat The Thitsar. 2020. "Poison if You Don't Know How to Use it: Facebook, Democracy and Human Rights in Myanmar." *The International Journal of Press/Politics.* https://doi.org/10.1177/1940161220919666

(4) **Kleinberg, Mona S.** and Richard R. Lau. 2019. "The Importance of Political Knowledge for Effective Citizenship: Differences between the Broadcast and Internet Generations." *Public Opinion Quarterly.* https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfz025

(3) Lau, Richard R., **Mona S. Kleinberg**, and Tessa Ditonto. 2018. "Measuring Voter Decision Strategies in Political Behavior and Public Opinion Research." *Public Opinion Quarterly.* https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfy004

(2) Lau, Richard R., David J. Andersen, Tessa Ditonto, **Mona S. Kleinberg**, and David P. Redlawsk. 2017. "Effect of Media Environment Diversity and Advertising Tone on Information Search, Selective Exposure, Learning, and Affective Polarization." *Political Behavior.* https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-016-9354-8

(1) Stalsburg, Brittany and **Mona S. Kleinberg**. 2015. "A Mom First and a Candidate Second: Gender Differences in Candidates' Self-Presentation of Family." *Journal of Political Marketing.* https://doi.org/10.1080/15377857.2014.959684

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

(1) **Kleinberg, Mona S.** and Richard R. Lau. 2016. "Candidate Extremity, Information Environments, and Political Polarization: Three Experiments." Book chapter in: Blais A., Laslier JF., Van der Straeten K. (eds) *Voting Experiments.* https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-319-40573-5_4

Manuscripts Under Review

(2) Lau, Richard R, Benjamin Miller, **Mona S. Kleinberg**, and Amy Funck. "Measuring Democratic Competence."

(1) **Kleinberg, Mona S.**, Ardeth Thawnghmung, and Myat Su Tin. "Tools of Resistance: Privacy Settings vs. Authoritarian Control Over the Public Sphere."

Manuscripts In Preparation

(5) **Kleinberg, Mona S.**, Richard R. Lau, and Amy Funck. "Curse or Blessing? Political Knowledge, Cognitive Styles, and Affective Polarization" *draft available.*

(4) **Kleinberg, Mona S.**, Richard R. Lau, and Amy Funck. "Cognition and Support for Democracy: The Association Between Cognitive Styles and Pro-Democratic Behaviors and Values." *draft available.*

(3) Liberman, Peter J. and **Mona Kleinberg**. "Does American Politics Coursework Increase Support for Democracy?" *draft available.*

(2) **Kleinberg, Mona S.**. "AI Use & Political Knowledge Among Young Americans: Are We Seeing Effects Yet?" *in progress.*

(1) **Kleinberg, Mona S.** and Craig Asberry. "What Political Knowledge and Decision-Making is the Public Offloading to AI?" *in progress.*

Invited Presentations

"Decoding the Election: An Examination and Analysis of U.S. Politics, Democracy, and Governance in 2024." Invited Panelist. Hosted by the Political Science Department at Vassar College in Arlington, NY. November 22, 2024.

"Digital Media, Democracy, and Human Rights in Myanmar." Invited talk prepared for the research workshop on "Information Disorder, Democracy, and Prevention" for the Social Science Research Council Academic Network on Peace, Security, and the United Nations in NY, NY. January 30th, 2020.

Conference Papers

Kleinberg, Mona S., Richard R. Lau, and Amy Funck. "Cognition and Support for Democracy: The Association Between Cognitive Styles and Pro-Democratic Behaviors and Values." Paper to be delivered at the APSA 2026 Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 3-6, 2026

Liberman, Peter J. and Mona Kleinberg. "Does American Politics Coursework Increase Support for Democracy?" Paper to be delivered at the APSA 2026 Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 3-6, 2026

Lau, Richard R, Mona S. Kleinberg, Amy Funck, and Benjamin Miller. "Measuring Democratic Competence." Paper delivered at the APSA 2025 Annual Meeting, Vancouver, CA, September 11-14, 2025

Kleinberg, Mona S., Richard R. Lau, and Amy Funck. "Curse or Blessing? Political Knowledge and Attitudes, Values, and Behaviors." Paper delivered at the APSA 2025 Annual Meeting, Vancouver, CA, September 11-14, 2025

Kleinberg, Mona S., Ardeth Thawnghmung, and Myat Su. "Staying Safe in War: When Survival Motivates Information-Seeking in a Hybrid-Media Environment." Paper delivered at the APSA 2024 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 5-8, 2024

Lau, Richard R.; Mona S. Kleinberg, and Amy Funck. "Examining the Knowledge and Skills Needed for Democratic Competence." Paper delivered at the APSA 2024 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 5-8, 2024

Kleinberg, Mona S. and Joshua J. Dyck "Racial Attitudes by Generation and Party. Evidence from a Framing Experiment and the ANES. " Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2024.

Lau, Richard R.; Mona S. Kleinberg, and Amy Funck. "Applied Political Knowledge: A New Scale Measuring Political Decision-Making Competence." Paper delivered at the APSA 2023 Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, August 31-September 3, 2023.

Kleinberg, Mona S. and Joshua J. Dyck "Racial Attitudes: How Partisan Identification and Question Wording may Affect Conclusions About Generational Change in Racial Resentment and Racial Policies." Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 13-16, 2023.

Kleinberg, Mona S., Amy Funck and Richard R. Lau. "Looking Up Political Knowledge Online: Is It Competence or Cheating?" Paper delivered at the APSA 2022 Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, September 15-18, 2022.

Kleinberg, Mona S. "The Effect of Offloading vs Memory: Internet Access and Political Knowledge." Paper delivered at the APSA 2021 Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 29-October 3, 2021.

Kleinberg, Mona S. "Do Whites Admit to Discrimination of Blacks but not White Privilege?" Paper scheduled to be delivered at the APSA 2020 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 10-13, 2020.

Kleinberg, Mona S., and Shirley Adubofour. "Seeing Race and Teaching 'Intro to American Politics'." Paper scheduled to be delivered at the APSA 2020 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 10-13, 2020.

Kleinberg, Mona S., Cheryl Llewellyn, and Kyrie Kowalik. "Threats or Humans: Do News Narratives of Refugees Shape Political Choices?" Paper delivered at the APSA 2018 Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 30 - September 2, 2018.

Kleinberg, Mona S. "Do Attitudes Toward Women Predict Attitudes Toward Health Care Policy?" Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2018.

Kleinberg, Mona and Richard R. Lau. "Political Cognition in the Internet Age: Are Citizens relying on the Internet to retrieve political information as needed, or do they process political knowledge as they encounter it?" Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016.

Kleinberg, Mona and Richard R. Lau. "Cognitive Misers 2.0 – Does Internet Access and the 24/7 Availability of Political Knowledge Create a Disincentive to Committing Information to Memory?" Paper delivered at the APSA 2014 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 28 - 31, 2014.

Kleinberg, Mona and Richard R. Lau. "Candidate Extremity, Information Environments, and Political Polarization: Three Experiments." Paper delivered at the Montreal Voting Experiment Workshop. Montreal, Canada, March 28-29, 2014.

Lau, Richard R., Mona Kleinberg, David J. Andersen, Tessa Ditonto, and David Redlawsk. "Exploring the Counterfactual: What if Obama Faced Romney During the Broadcast News Era?" Paper delivered at the APSA 2013 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 29 - September 1, 2013.

Kleinberg, Mona. "The Impact of the Internet on US Democracy: Do Latinos and African-Americans Benefit from a High-Choice News Environment?" Paper delivered at the APSA 2013 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 29 - September 1, 2013.

Kleinberg, Mona and Richard R. Lau. "Does Internet Access Substitute for Political Knowledge Among the Young?" Paper delivered at the ISPP 2013 Annual Meeting, Herzliya, Israel, July 8 - 11, 2013.

Kleinberg, Mona, Tessa Ditonto, David J. Andersen, and Richard R. Lau. "Speeders, Cheaters, and Satisficers, Mechanical Turk: Attention in Online vs. Laboratory Experiments." Paper delivered at the 2013 Annual meeting of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013.

Kleinberg, Mona. "Critical News: How Selective Exposure to Information Online Can Contribute to a More Just Representation of Minority Interests." Paper delivered at the 2013 Annual meeting of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013.

Kleinberg, Mona. "The Internet, Race and US Democracy." Paper delivered at Theorizing the Web Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, NY, NY, March 1-2, 2013.

Kleinberg, Mona. "The Role of Group Consciousness in the Selection of Political Information Online: Results from an Experiment." Paper scheduled for the (canceled) APSA 2012 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 30 - September 2, 2012.

Kleinberg, Mona. "Does a High-Choice Media Environment Increase Political Extremism? A Test of the Selective Exposure Theory and its Impact on the Political Attitudes of Whites, Blacks and Latinos." Paper delivered at the APSA 2011 Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 1-4, 2011.

Kleinberg, Mona. "A Diverse Electorate Online: Does Internet Use Increase Political Extremism or Promote Learning among Whites, Blacks and Latinos?." Paper delivered at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2011.

Kleinberg, Mona, and Richard R. Lau. "Does Internet Use Increase Political Extremism and Partisanship? A Test of Competing Hypotheses Connecting Web Use to Political Attitudes, Engagement, and Partisanship." Paper delivered at the APSA 2010 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2-5, 2010.

Kleinberg, Mona and Richard R. Lau. "Updated: How is Political Knowledge Relevant to Correct Voting? Stored Knowledge Versus the Skill to Access Relevant Information Online." Paper delivered at the APSA 2010 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2-5, 2010.

Leech, Beth L., Mark Major, and Mona Kleinberg. "Compared to What? Testing the Quality of American and British News." Paper delivered at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the MPSA , Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2010.

Lau, Richard R., and Mona Kleinberg. "How is Political Knowledge Relevant to Correct Voting? Stored Knowledge Versus the Skill to Access Relevant Information Online." Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the MPSA , Chicago, IL, April 2-5, 2009.

Knievel, Timothy, and Mona Kleinberg. "Responses to 9/11: The United States, Germany, and Issues of Immigration Control, Surveillance, Civil Liberties and Human Rights." Paper presented at the APSA 2008 Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, Aug 28-31, 2008.

Courses Taught

Political Behavior & Public Opinion (The Graduate Center, CUNY)
Seminar in American Politics: Digital Media and Politics (Queens College CUNY)
Seminar: Political Communication and Media Studies (UMass Lowell)
Current Controversies: The Politics of the Internet (Queens College CUNY)
Mass Media & U.S. Democracy (Rutgers)
Public Opinion (Rutgers)
Research Methods in Political Science (Queens College CUNY, Rutgers)
The Politics of Crime (Queens College CUNY)
Political Psychology (Queens College CUNY)
The Politics of Race and Ethnicity (UMass Lowell)
Introduction to American Government (Queens College CUNY, UMass Lowell, Lehigh)
Constitutional Law (Lehigh)
Political Science Practicum (Service-Learning) (UMass Lowell)

Awards & Grants

AY 2020/21	Teaching Excellence Award in the Department of Political Science, Univ. of Mass., Lowell
Jan. 2020 & 2016	FAHSS Student Assistantship Grant Program, Total awarded $1800
Sept. 2012	2012 APSA Political Psychology Distinguished Junior Scholar Award
Jan. 2012	Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (NSF#1150602) $10,950.00
Sept. 2011	Organized Section on Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior APSA Travel Grant
Summer 2011	Clogg Scholarship Award, ASA Sociology Methods Section and the Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research (ICPSR)
Summer 2011	Special Funding Award, Rutgers University Graduate School

Fellowships

Fall 2012 - May 2013	Louis Bevier Dissertation Fellowship, Rutgers University
Fall 2007 - May 2009	Excellence Fellowship, Dept of Political Science, Rutgers University

Research Experience

2013 - 2014	**Assoc. Director** Center for the Experimental Study of Politics and Psychology Designed, programmed, and administered laboratory and online experiments. Gave workshops on experimental methods for faculty and graduate students.
2011 - 2012	**Manager** Rutgers-Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling
2009 - 2011	**Graduate Assistant** Rutgers-Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling Assisted the director of the polling center. Designed instruments for state-wide surveys, embedded experiments in questionnaires, conducted statistical analysis of survey results, wrote press releases and reports, and helped with caller training. Mentored graduate and undergraduate students working on the poll, coordinated staff, and distributed work between students. Oversaw call center.

Service to the Profession

2026	Reviewer for Communication Research, Politics, Groups and Identities, Political Behavior, Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics, Polity; NSF Ad-hoc reviewer
2025	Reviewer for Politics, Groups and Identities; Politics & Gender; Policy Studies Journal; Polity; Human Communication Research; Journal of Information Technology & Politics; Mass Communication and Society
2024	Reviewer for Political Behavior; Mass Communication and Society
2023	Reviewer for Research & Politics; European Journal of Political Research
2022	Member, Independent Redistricting Commission, Dutchess County, N.Y.
2022	Reviewer for Party Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties
2021	Reviewer for Political Behavior, Political Communication
2020	Reviewer for Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Political Behavior
2019	Reviewer for Journal of Politics, Journal of Communication, Public Opinion Quarterly
2019	Walter Lippmann Best Published Paper Award Committee Member
2018	Program Organizer (with Jenifer Whitten-Woodring, John Cluverius, Morgan Marietta and Joshua Dyck), American Political Science Association Political Communication Pre-Conference 2018, Boston, 29 August 2018
2018	Reviewer for American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Journal of Political Marketing
2017-2018	University *of* Massachusetts, Lowell Faculty Senate
Spring 2017	University *of* Massachusetts, Lowell Seed Grant Panel Reviewer
2013 - 2015	Reviewer for APSR, The Journal of Experimental Political Science, American Politics Research, Political Psychology, Journal of Communication
2013 - 2015	Member, International Society of Political Psychology
2012 - 2015	Member, Center for the Experimental Study of Politics & Psychology, Rutgers
2011 - 2014	Member, American Association for Public Opinion Research
2010 - 2012	Member, NY Area Experimental Working Group
2011 - current	Member, Midwest Political Science Association
2007 - current	Member, American Political Science Association

Computer Programming and Natural Languages

Programming:	STATA, SPSS, LaTeX, R (beginner),
Languages:	Bilingual (German and English); French and Latin (beginner)

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