

## GREGORY M KYLE

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### EDUCATION

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In Progress Ph.D. in Sociology (2024 - Present)

University of California, Los Angeles

2022 M.A. in Global Studies (concentration: Global Politics, Institutions, and Societies)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Thesis: *Singaporean Authoritarianism: The Civic Mask, Fused Nationalism, and Authority Legitimation*

2014 B.A. in Neuroscience and English

Vanderbilt University

College Scholars Honors Program

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Environmental sociology; political sociology; ethnography; nationalism studies; economic sociology; socialization; identity formation; nativism; populism; global studies

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Engaged Scholarship Publications:

**Kyle, Gregory M.**, Valeriya Mechkova, and Brigitte Seim. 2023. "Customized Country Portrait: Mali." *United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance - Learning, Evaluation, and Research (DRG-LER) Activity Tasking N009*. ([https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf\\_docs/PA0215JP.pdf](https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA0215JP.pdf))

#### Professional Publications:

**Kyle, Gregory M.** 2022. "How to improve your scores: What Lumosity teaches us about learning." *Lumosity Inc.* (<https://www.lumosity.com/en/blog/how-to-improve-your-scores-what-lumosity-teaches-us-about-learning>)

#### Conference Presentations:

McCluey, J. D., Collins, M. A., **Kyle, G. M.**, and Polyn, S. M. 2016. "Increased semantic similarity reduces the forward asymmetry in free recall." Poster presented at *Context and Episodic Memory Symposium*, Philadelphia, PA, April 14. (<https://memory.psy.vanderbilt.edu/files/pubs/McClEtal16.poster.pdf>)

## **AWARDS & FUNDING**

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### **Fellowships and Scholarships:**

2024-2025	First Year Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles (full tuition paid, \$34,000 stipend, student fees paid, student health insurance)
2021-2022	Phillips Ambassadors Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (\$2,500 stipend)
2021-2022	Lead Teaching Assistantship Service Award, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (full tuition paid, \$14,400 stipend, student fees paid, student health insurance)
2020-2021	Teaching Assistantship Service Award, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (full tuition paid, \$11,400 stipend, student fees paid, student health insurance)
2020	Dean's Scholarship, Johns Hopkins University (\$8,000/year stipend, renewable for second year) ( <i>Declined</i> )
2020	Tobias Graduate Fellowship, Indiana University-Bloomington (\$18,000/year stipend for two years, tuition remission of \$39,915.30/year, student health insurance) ( <i>Declined</i> )
2020	Dean's Research Assistant Award, American University (\$20,496/year of tuition remission + stipend for two years) ( <i>Declined</i> )
2010	Maxxis International USA Scholarship
2010	Gwinnett Clinic Award for Excellence in Academics

### **Grants:**

2022	Student Arts Innovation Grant (\$3,000 to expand <i>The Global Gazette</i> )
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### **Honors:**

2023	North Carolina's Funniest Comedian Semi Finalist
2011-2014	Vanderbilt College Scholars Honors Program
2012	Winner of Short Fiction Category at Vanderbilt Writing Symposium
2010-2011; 2012-2013	Vanderbilt Dean's List

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Nov 2023-	Postgraduate Research Assistant
Feb 2024	Transparency International with Dr. Brigitte Seim (Project Manager) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing a policy brief on whistleblowing in climate governance</li> </ul>

- Jun 2023-  
Present Postgraduate Research Assistant  
Dr. Marika Landau-Wells (Principal Investigator), University of California, Berkeley
- Coding 400+ studies in meta-analysis of neuroimaging literature on threat perception
  - Establishing neurological basis for study of threat perception in social sciences
- Sep 2022-  
Present Postgraduate Research Assistant  
Varieties of Democracy Institute (V-Dem) with Dr. Brigitte Seim (Project Manager)
- Wrote literature review and best practices sections for chapter on survey anchoring vignettes in textbook under contract with Cambridge (acknowledged as contributor):
- Marquardt, Kyle, Daniel Pemstein and Brigitte Seim. Under Contract, due December 2023.  
*Apples to Oranges: Using Surveys to Measure Concepts Across Cases*. Strategies for Social Inquiry series, Cambridge University Press.
- Sep 2022-  
Present Postgraduate Research Assistant  
Digital Society Project with Dr. Brigitte Seim (Founding Principal Investigator)
- Wrote 100+ anchoring vignettes to reduce differential item functioning in survey responses
  - Compiled, coded 200+ item dataset to analyze vignette performance for V-Dem textbook
- Jun 2023-  
Aug 2023 Postgraduate Research Assistant  
Dr. Brigitte Seim (Principal Investigator), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- Copy edited and performed full replication check of R code for forthcoming *APSR* article:
- Jablonski, Ryan, and Brigitte Seim. Forthcoming. “What Politicians Don't Know Can Hurt You: The Effects of Information on Politicians' Spending Decisions.” *American Political Science Review*.
- Apr 2023-  
Jun 2023 Postgraduate Research Assistant  
United States Agency for International Development (USAID) with Dr. Brigitte Seim
- First author on customized country portrait for Mali distributed to USAID partners worldwide
  - Performed desk review connecting sociopolitical context to data trends in governance
- Sep 2022-  
Feb 2023 Postgraduate Research Assistant  
Dr. Timothy Ryan (Principal Investigator), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- Coded 2000+ responses in ongoing political psychology study measuring ideology
- Sep 2022-  
Feb 2023 Postgraduate Research Assistant  
Dr. Anna Bassi (Principal Investigator), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- Administered behavioral experiment evaluating impact of polarization on attention
- Jan 2021-  
Apr 2022 Master's Thesis Research
- Performed discourse analysis of Singaporean political elites' speeches, legal cases, and policy documents from 1960's onward with sociohistorical contextualization
  - Developed conceptual models of “the civic mask” and “fused nationalism”—Singaporean state elites promote an inclusive civic national identity; this civic identity is fused with appeals to ethnic identity at moments of perceived threat to legitimate and insulate one-party rule

- Jan 2015- Primary Research Analyst for Object Perception Lab  
Jun 2016 Dr. Isabel Gauthier (Principal Investigator), Vanderbilt University  
• Conducted behavioral experiments studying facial and object recognition
- Aug 2014- Primary Research Analyst for Computational Memory Lab  
Mar 2016 Dr. Sean Polyn (Principal Investigator), Vanderbilt University  
• Integrated neural and behavioral data to create predictive models of memory recall
- Aug 2013- Undergraduate Research Assistant for Educational Cognitive Neuroscience Lab  
May 2014 Dr. Bruce McCandliss (Principal Investigator), Vanderbilt University  
• Analyzed neural correlates in language and number processing using neuroimaging

## **TEACHING**

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### **University of California, Los Angeles (2024-Present):**

Graduate Mentor for Undergraduate Research Scholars Program

Graduate Mentor for Undergraduate Research Center - Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences

### **University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (2020-2022):**

TA and Lead TA for Globalization and Global Issues (GLBL 210, undergraduate); Trained TAs; Taught two recitations each semester: Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2022

Phillips Ambassador Graduate Teaching Fellow; Taught three seminars for Research Seminar (GLBL 281, undergraduate): Fall 2021, Spring 2021

### **NeuroVantage Cognitive Development LLC (2015-2020):**

Founder, CEO, Executive Functioning Coach; Academic support for neurodivergent students

### **Homeschool Teaching (2014-2020):**

Advanced Placement (AP) Psychology; AP World History; AP US History; AP Human Geography; AP United States Government and Politics; AP Comparative Government and Politics; AP English Language and Composition; AP English Literature and Composition; AP Biology; AP Chemistry; AP Physics 1 & 2; AP Precalculus; Geometry; Trigonometry; Algebra; Prealgebra

### **Vanderbilt University (2012-2014):**

Writing Consultant at the Vanderbilt Writing Studio: Spring, 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY**

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- Aug 2021- Co-Founder, Co-President, Co-Editor-in-Chief  
May 2022 *The Global Gazette*; [theglobalgazette.org/about/the-journal](http://theglobalgazette.org/about/the-journal)  
• UNC-CH digital journal with interdisciplinary, anticolonial ethos
- Aug 2021- Senator for Global Studies in Graduate Student Government, UNC-CH  
May 2022 • Elected by classmates to advocate for domestic and international student needs

## **RELEVANT COURSEWORK**

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\* In these courses, “P” was the highest grade achievable due to professors’ policies

### **University of California, Los Angeles Courses:**

SOCIOLOG 217A: Analyzing Ethnographies (Fall ’24)  
SOCIOL 217B: Ethnographic Fieldwork (Winter ’25)  
SOCIOL 202A: Theory and Research (Fall ’24)  
SOCIOL 202B: Theory and Research (Winter ’25)  
SOCIOL 210A: Intermediate Statistical Methods (Fall ’24)  
SOCIOL 210B: Intermediate Statistical Methods (Winter ’25)

### **University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Courses:**

\*SOC 950: Politics & Culture Sociology Workshop (Fall ’20, Spring ’21, Fall ’21, Spring ’22)  
\*SOC 950: Migration Sociology Workshop (Spring 2021)  
\*SOC 814: Comparative-Historical Methods (Spring 2021)  
GLBL 700: Introduction to Global Studies (Spring 2021)  
GLBL 701: Global Political Economy (Spring 2021)  
GLBL 702: Global Politics and Societies (Fall 2020)  
GLBL 703: Global Migration (Fall 2020)  
GEOG 453: Political Geography (Fall 2020)  
RELI 481: Religion and Nationalism (Spring 2022)

### **Duke University Courses:**

ANTH 720: Anthropology of the State (Fall 2021)

### **Vanderbilt University Courses:**

SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2010)  
SOC 233: Deviant Behavior and Social Control (Spring 2011)  
PSY 231: Social Psychology (Spring 2011)  
ENGL 289B: Independent Study in Postcolonial and Critical Theory (Spring 2014)  
ANTH 206: Theories of Culture and Human Nature (Fall 2010)  
ANTH 226: Anthropology of Religion (Fall 2011)  
HONS 186: Honors Seminar in Politics of Global Poverty (Spring 2014)  
ASIA 251: Third World and Literature (Spring 2013)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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R; certified by “Training Initiatives in Biological and Biomedical Sciences” (training course completed Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023; University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)

MATLAB

REDCAP

LaTeX

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Spanish speaking (intermediate)

Spanish reading (intermediate)

Spanish writing (intermediate)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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July 2022- Present     Remote Content Creator and Copywriter for Lumos Labs/Lumosity, Inc.  
                              • Adapting peer-reviewed psychology articles into generally accessible blog for public

Aug 2016- Feb 2018     Copywriter for Optimized Scribes Copywriting  
                              • Wrote copy for 30+ businesses in 10 industries, quickly learning industry knowledge

## TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

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Jun 2022-Aug 2022	Chile, Argentina, & Brazil
Nov 2018-Jan 2019	Ecuador & Colombia
Jun 2018-Aug 2018	Republic of Korea & Vietnam
Nov 2017-Jan 2018	Costa Rica
Jun 2016-Aug 2016	Peru

## REFERENCES

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Project Manager of Experiments, Varieties of Democracy	
Jonathan Weiler, UNC - Chapel Hill	jweiler@email.unc.edu
Teaching Professor of Global Studies	+1 (919) 962-0491
Director of Undergraduate Studies	