

# 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  
Phillips Ambassadors Teaching Fellow
- 2014 B.A. in Neuroscience and English  
Vanderbilt University  
College Scholars Honors Program

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Environmental sociology; political sociology; rural sociology; resource extractive industry; attitudinal frameworks of environment/climate change; interview methods; ethnography

## 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:

**Kyle, Gregory M.** 2026. "Lithium Wars: Rural Opposition to Resource Extractive Industry." Slide deck presented at *UCSB x UCLA Environmental Politics Graduate Student Conference*, Santa Barbara, CA, April 17-18. ([hyperlink to slide deck](#))

McCluey, J. D., Collins, M. A., **Kyle, Gregory 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. ([hyperlink to poster](#))

### **Lecture Presentations:**

**Kyle, Gregory M.** 2026. “Discursive and Historical Constructions of ‘Nature,’ ‘Wilderness,’ and the Human-Nature Dichotomy.” Presented through course *Political Ecology*, Institute of Environment and Sustainability, University of California, Los Angeles, April 7.

**Kyle, Gregory M.** 2026. “Material Foundations and Ecological Impacts of AI Infrastructure Expansion; AI Nationalism; and Resource Sovereignty.” Presented through course *Major Problems in Environment and Sustainability*, School of Law & Institute of Environment and Sustainability, University of California, Los Angeles, April 1.

**Kyle, Gregory M.** 2025. “Lithium Wars: Rural Opposition to Resource Extractive Industry.” Presented through *Climate and Politics Working Group*, University of California, Los Angeles, November 6.

**Kyle, Gregory M.** 2025. “The Affective Politics of Mining in North Carolina.” Presented through *Political Sociology and the Global South Working Group*, University of California, Los Angeles, October 17.

**Kyle, Gregory M.** 2025. “Conservative Opposition to Resource Extractive Industry.” Presented through *Political Sociology and the Global South Working Group*, University of California, Los Angeles, June 5.

### **AWARDS & FUNDING**

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#### **Fellowships and Scholarships:**

2026-2027 Graduate Research Mentorship Award, University of California, Los Angeles (\$30,000 for year-long fieldwork)

2026 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, UCLA (\$6,000 for summer fieldwork)

2025 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, UCLA (\$6,000 for summer fieldwork)

2024-2025 First Year Fellowship, UCLA (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, UNC-Chapel Hill (full tuition paid,

- \$14,400 stipend, student fees paid, student health insurance)
- 2020-2021 Teaching Assistantship Service Award, UNC-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) (*Declined*)
- 2020 Tobias Graduate Fellowship, Indiana University-Bloomington (\$18,000/year stipend for two years, tuition remission of \$39,915/year, student health insurance) (*Declined*)
- 2020 Dean's Research Assistant Award, American University (\$20,496/year of tuition remission + stipend for two years) (*Declined*)
- 2010 Maxxis International USA Scholarship
- 2010 Gwinnett Clinic Award for Excellence in Academics

**Grants:**

- 2022 Student Arts Innovation Grant (\$3,000 to expand *The Global Gazette*)

**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

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- Jun 2025- Sep 2025 Independent MA Fieldwork, funded by Graduate Summer Research Mentorship
- Conducted semi-structured in-depth interviews in Gaston County, North Carolina
- Nov 2023- Feb 2024 Postgraduate Research Assistant
- Transparency International with Dr. Brigitte Seim (Project Manager)
- Writing a policy brief on whistleblowing in climate governance
- Jun 2023- Sep 2025 Postgraduate Research Assistant
- Dr. Marika Landau-Wells (Principal Investigator), University of California, Berkeley
- Coding 800+ studies in meta-analysis of neuroimaging literature on threat perception
  - Establishing neurological basis for study of threat perception in social sciences
- Sep 2022- Aug 2024 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-  
Aug 2024 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-  
Jun 2016 Primary Research Analyst for Object Perception Lab  
Dr. Isabel Gauthier (Principal Investigator), Vanderbilt University
- Conducted behavioral experiments studying facial and object recognition
- Aug 2014-  
Mar 2016 Primary Research Analyst for Computational Memory Lab  
Dr. Sean Polyn (Principal Investigator), Vanderbilt University
- Integrated neural and behavioral data to create predictive models of memory recall
- Aug 2013-  
May 2014 Undergraduate Research Assistant for Educational Cognitive Neuroscience Lab  
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):**

Teaching Assistant (teaching three discussion sections/week; grading):

Spring 2026: Collective Behavior

Winter 2026: Social Psychology

Fall 2025: Sociology of the Family

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

Fall 2024 - Present

One-on-one mentoring sessions & group workshops with UCLA undergraduates

Workshops taught:

Getting Started with Research; Developing a Research Question; Developing a Research Plan; Collecting and Citing Sources; Developing a Literature Review; Data Collection and Analysis; Qualitative Methods; Quantitative Methods; Presenting Research In-Person; Presenting Research Virtually; Journal Article Writing and Publishing; Writing Abstracts and Artist Statements; Writing Research and Creative Proposals; Time Management and Faculty Communication; Applying to Graduate School; Finding Graduate School Funding

Completed UCLA Teaching and Learning Center's *Foundations of Teaching* curriculum

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

Phillips Ambassador Graduate Teaching Fellow;

Fall 2021; Spring 2022: Taught three Research Seminars (Global Studies)

Lead Teaching Assistant (training TAs; teaching two recitation sections/week; grading):

Fall 2021; Spring 2022: Globalization and Global Issues (Global Studies)

Teaching Assistant (teaching two recitation sections/week; grading):

Fall 2020; Spring 2021: Globalization and Global Issues (Global Studies)

### **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 - Spring 2014

**ACADEMIC SERVICE & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY**

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- May 2026 Moderator for Community Engagement and Social Justice Roundtable  
Sep 2025- Graduate Mentor for Sociology Honors Undergraduate Syeda Rehman  
May 2026  
May 2025 Moderator for Community Engagement and Social Justice Roundtable  
May 2025 Moderator for Undergraduate Research Week  
May 2025 BruinDay Transfer Student Orientation  
April 2025 BruinDay First Year Student Orientation  
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

**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)  
NVivo; MATLAB; REDCAP; LaTeX

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Spanish (basic proficiency)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- July 2022- Remote Content Creator and Copywriter for Lumos Labs/Lumosity, Inc.  
Present • Adapting peer-reviewed psychology articles into generally accessible blog for public
- Aug 2016- Copywriter for Optimized Scribes Copywriting  
Feb 2018 • 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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Professor in Institute on Environment and Sustainability  
Michael J. Klein Chair in Law  
Co-Director, Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment  
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Founding Principal Investigator, Digital Society Project  
Project Manager of Experiments, Varieties of Democracy  
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Principal Investigator of Neuroimaging Meta-Analysis  
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