TexMeth 2024 Program

UT Dallas, February 23-24, 2024

February 23, 2024

11:00-12:30 Lunch and arrival

12:30-1:45 Panel 1: New Frontiers, Ideas, and Hard Problems

Garrett Vande Kamp (University of Georgia) “A Comparison of Dynamic Count Models”.

Hankyeul Yang and Ali Kagalwala (TAMU) "Modeling Hierarchical Spatial Interdependence for Limited Dependent Variables”

Discussant: Scott Basinger (University of Houston)

2:00-3:45 Panel 2: Public Opinion Methods: Questions and Engagement

Mads Andreas Elkjær (Copenhagen) and Chris Wlezien (UT Austin) “Estimating Public Opinion from Surveys: The Impact of Including a “Don’t Know” Response Option”

Matthew Tyler (Rice) “A Statistical Framework to Engage the Problem of Disengaged Survey Respondents”

Discussant: Curtis Bram (UT Dallas)

4:00-5:15 Panel 3: Text as Data Methods

Gechun Lin (Washington University, St. Louis) “Using Cross-Encoders to Measure the Similarity of Short Texts in Political Science”

Michael Alvarez and Danny Ebanks (CalTech and Harvard) “TensorLy-LDA: Analyzing Social Media Conversations at Scale with Online Tensor LDA”

Discussant: Ryan Kennedy (University of Houston)

5:30-7:00 Posters and Dinner

List of poster titles and participants

Amanda Austin	How Perceptions of Sociotropic Sufficiency and Scarcity Impact Preferences Regarding Economic Redistribution
Jefferson Leal	The Negative Ideological Reverse Coattail Effect: Reversing Democratic Backsliding in Brazil
H.M. Kim	We Are Not a Team: Intra-Party Competition and Pork-Barreling in Single-Non-Transferable Voting
Jonghoon Lee	Self-Granting Immunity: When Do Politicians Grant Themselves Judicial Immunity?
Pei-Yu Wei	Theory-based Measurement for Varieties of Power Using a Novel Semi-Supervised Approach
Arvind Krishnamurthy	Do At-large Elections Reduce Black Representation? A New Baseline for County Legislatures
Gabriel Cepaluni	From the street to the ballot box? The BLM protest movement and voter turnout
Shuli Zhang	From “Kingly Way” and “Hegemonic Way” to “Tai Chi” or “Civil War”: Cultural Origins and Possible Prospects of the Chinese Government’s Propaganda Overseas
Andrés Cruz	Influential sets detection: robustness checks and theoretical insights
Karl Ho	Wasserstein Generative Adversarial Networks and Election Data Bias
Xuancheng Qian	LegiSpectraVT: Unveiling Divergent and Interdependent Legislative Preferences Across Votes and Texts
Agustin Vallejo	The Margin of Victory in Ranked-Choice Voting: Applications to Electoral Competitiveness and Incumbent Advantage
Dagmar Heintze	Unpacking the Gendered Dimensions of Political Violence: Coparticipation and Centrality of Women in the Rwandan Genocide

February 24, 2024

9:00-10:00 Arrival / Breakfast

10:15-11:00 Plenary talk: Yulia Gel, UT Dallas, Statistics

11:15-12:30 Panel 4: Research Designs and Inference

Jared Edgerton (UT Dallas) “Mapping rebellion: Networks of civilian and state violence during civil conflicts”

Ana Dutra, Kagalwala, Kim, and Whitten. (TAMU) “Designs in time and space”

Discussant: Chris Fariss (University of Michigan)