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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Human Centered Design & Engineering, University of Washington, 2021–
B.A. Government and French & Francophone Studies, *summa cum laude and highest honors*,
College of William & Mary, 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Journals and Conference Proceedings

- 2024 **Kharazian, Zarine**, Kate Starbird, and Benjamin Mako Hill. “Governance Capture in a Self-Governing Community: A Qualitative Comparison of Serbo-Croatian Wikipedias.” *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*, CSCW. Submitted Jan 2023; Revised Jul 2023; Accepted Oct 2023.
- 2023 Prochaska, Stephen, Kayla Duskin, **Zarine Kharazian**, Carly Minow, Stephanie Blucker, Sylvie Venuto, Jevin West, and Kate Starbird. “Mobilizing Manufactured Reality: How Participatory Disinformation Shaped Deep Stories to Catalyze Action during the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election.” *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction* 7, CSCW1, Article 140 (April 2023), 39 pages. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3579616>
- 2017 **Kharazian, Zarine**. “Yet Another French Exception: The Political Dimensions of France’s Support for the Right to be Forgotten.” *European Data Protection Law Review* 3.4. doi:10.21552/edpl/2017/4/7

Selected Reports and Other Publications

- 2023 Miyashita, Naomi, Laura De Backer, and **Zarine Kharazian**. “Through the Looking Glass: Disinformation Targeting UN Peacekeeping in CAR and Mali.” Internal UN Report.
- 2022 Prochaska, Stephen, Kayla Duskin, Sarah Nguyen, **Zarinen Kharazian**, Joey Schafer, Kate Starbird, and Mike Caulfield. “Voting Rights Legislation Framed to Support Election Conspiracy Theories About Non-citizens Voting.” Election Integrity Partnership. <https://www.eipartnership.net/blog/non-citizen-voting-conspiracy-theory>
- 2020 **Kharazian, Zarine**, and Tessa Knight. “Facebook removes inauthentic assets linked to the Philippine military.” DFRLab. Sep. 22. <https://dfrlab.org/2020/09/22/facebook-removes-inauthentic-assets-linked-to-the-philippine-military/>
- 2020 **Kharazian, Zarine** “Patriotic astroturfing in the Azerbaijan-Armenia Twitter war.” DFRLab. Jul. 21. <https://dfrlab.org/2020/07/21/patriotic-astroturfing-in-the-azerbaijan-armenia-twitter-war/>
- 2020 **Kharazian, Zarine** “Walkthrough: Tracking the spread of the debunked Plandemic video.” DFRLab Data Memo. <https://dfrlab.github.io/Plandemic/>

- 2020 Brooking, Emerson, Alyssa Kann, and **Zarine Kharazian**. “Disinformation about ‘antifa’ provides fodder for foreign propagandists.” DFRLab. Jun. 10.
<https://dfrlab.org/2020/07/17/disinformation-about-antifa-provides-fodder-for-foreign-propagandists/>
- 2020 **Kharazian, Zarine**, and Tessa Knight. “Why the debunked COVID-19 conspiracy video ‘Plandemic’ won’t go away.” DFRLab Medium Post. May 14.
<https://medium.com/dfrlab/why-the-debunked-covid-19-conspiracy-video-plandemic-wont-go-away-c9dd36c2037c>
- 2019 **Kharazian, Zarine**. “The Cloud Act: Arguments For and Against.” *International Enforcement Law Reporter* 34.4.
- 2017 **Kharazian, Zarine** “Justice Department and Microsoft Set to Square Off in Supreme Court Before Landmark Data Privacy Case.” *International Enforcement Law Reporter* 34.4.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Panels and Talks

- 2023 “Fête de la Recherche.” William & Mary Department of French & Francophone Studies. Williamsburg, Virginia. October 27. Alumni Guest Speaker.
- 2023 “Explaining Country-Level Variation in Governments’ Takedown Requests to Google, 2011-2022.” Stanford Trust & Safety Research Conference 2023. Stanford, CA. September 28. Lightning Talk.
- 2023 “What makes some wiki communities more subject to governance capture?” Wikimania 2023. Online. Aug 15. Lightning Talk.
- 2023 “Governance Capture in a Self-Governing Community: A Qualitative Analysis of Serbo-Croatian Wikipedias.” Wiki Workshop 2023. Online. May 11.
- 2021 “Vaccines as an Instrument of Influence.” Panelist. Digital Communication Network. Online. Apr 22.
- 2021 “Anti-Western, Anti-Liberal Moods in the Caucasus in 2020.” Panelist. Media Initiatives Center. Online. Feb 5.
- 2020 “The domestic disinformation campaign on ‘antifa’ and its interactions with foreign influence operations.” Understanding Information Operations with Twitter Data Workshop Series, Carnegie Partnership for Countering Influence Operations. Online. Nov 17.
- 2020 “Debunked! How Investigators at BuzzFeed and DFRLab Use CrowdTangle to Hunt Misinfo.” Panelist. Annual Investigative Reporters and Editors Conference. Online. Sep 21-25.
- 2018 “The Political Dimensions of France’s Support for the Online Right to be Forgotten.” Computers, Data Protection, and Privacy Conference. Brussels, Belgium. Jan 24-26.

Facilitated Workshops and Public Trainings

- 2021 “Tracking Disinformation in an Armenian Context.” Bellingcat Digital Showcases. Online. Apr. 20.
- 2020-21 DFRLab Digital Sherlocks 360/OS Sessions. Online.
 Information Operations 101

Social Network Visualization in Gephi
Intro to R and RStudio
Investigating Information Operations on Facebook
Investigating Information Operations on Twitter

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Awards and Honors

- 2018 Young Scholar's Award Finalist, European Data Protection Law Review (sole undergraduate)
- 2017 Phi Beta Kappa
Dean's List, every eligible semester

Grants and Fellowships

- 2016-17 McCormack Reboussin Scholarship. (\$12,000). William & Mary French Department. Awarded to an outstanding French major to fund senior honors thesis research
- 2014 Charles Center Research Scholarship (\$3,000). William & Mary. Funded summer research in political psychology

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2021- **Center for an Informed Public**, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Graduate Research Assistant
- 2021 **Community Data Science Collective**, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Graduate Research Assistant (Winter Quarter)
- 2019-21 **Digital Forensic Research Lab, Atlantic Council**, Washington, D.C.
Associate Editor, 2021
Assistant Editor, 2019-20
- 2017-19 **Berliner Corcoran & Rowe LLP**, Washington, D.C.
Legal Assistant/Editor
- 2014-17 **Social Networks and Political Psychology Lab**, Williamsburg, VA
Research Assistant
- 2016 **Center of International Studies, Sciences-Po**, Paris, France
Spring Research Intern
- 2014 **Mark Warner for Senate**, Alexandria, VA
Summer Research Fellow

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2022 BIGSSS Summer School in Computational Social Science: Social Cohesion. Department of Sociology, University of Groningen. Groningen, Netherlands. Jul 4-15.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2020 *CNBC*. “How the 2020 election war on bots and trolls differs from 2016.” Oct 27.
- 2020 *Washington Post*. “Facebook deletes several fake Chinese accounts targeting Trump and Biden, in first takedown of its kind.” Sep 22.
- 2020 *New York Times*. “A playbook for combating QAnon.” Aug 20.
- 2020 *European Science Media Hub*. “Infodemic Exclusive Interviews: Zarine Kharazian from Digital Forensic Research Lab about research on Covid-19 disinformation.” Jul 23.
- 2020 *CBC*. “How a debunked COVID-19 video kept spreading after Facebook and YouTube took it down.” May 21.

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