

# Kaitlin Alper

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- RESEARCH INTERESTS Inequality, poverty and comparative social policy; Comparative welfare state politics; Comparative political economy and the political economy of gender; Political economy of multilevel governance and decentralization
- EDUCATION *University of North Carolina*, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA  
Ph.D. Political Science, Expected 2022  
Concentrations: Comparative Politics and Methodology  
Committee: John D. Stephens (Chair), Evelyne Huber, Liesbet Hooghe, Gary Marks, Ted Enamorado  
Dissertation Book Project: “Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution”  
*Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin*, Dublin, Ireland  
M.Sc. Politics and Public Policy, Upper Second Class Honours, August 2015  
*University of Connecticut*, Storrs, Connecticut, USA  
B.A. Political Science, Honors, and English, May 2014
- ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS *Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences*, Bremen, Germany  
Visiting Research Fellow, Oct.-Dec. 2021  
*Danish Centre for Welfare Studies, University of Southern Denmark*, Odense, Denmark  
Visiting Research Fellow, Sep. 2021  
*Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po*, Paris, France  
Visiting Research Fellow, May-Jul. 2021  
*Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences*, Bremen, Germany  
Visiting Research Fellow, May-Jul. 2019
- PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES **Alper, Kaitlin**, Evelyne Huber and John D. Stephens. 2021. Poverty and Social Rights Among the Working Age Population in Post-Industrial Democracies. *Social Forces*. 99(4):1710-44. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaa073>
- BOOK CHAPTERS Huber, Evelyne, John D. Stephens and **Kaitlin Alper**. 2019. The Varied Sources of Increasing Wage Dispersion. In *The European Social Model under Pressure - Liber Amicorum in Honour of Klaus Armingeon*, ed. Patrick Emmenegger, Nathalie Giger, and Romana Careja. New York, NY: Springer Publishing.

UNDER REVIEW	<p>“Income Inequality and Redistribution in Multilevel Perspective” <i>Under review, Oct. 2021</i></p> <p>“The Strength of Attachment: Regionalism, Nationalism and Vote Choice” (with Caroline Marie Lancaster) <i>Under review, Feb. 2021</i></p> <p>“Income, Familialism and Women’s Economic Independence” <i>Under review, Dec. 2020</i></p>
IN PREPARATION	<p>“Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests?” (with Sean Norton)</p> <p>“The XX Factor: Gender and Attitudes Towards Redistribution” (with Andreas Jozwiak and David Attewell)</p> <p>“Rising Education Debt in Europe” (with Cameron Ballard-Rosa)</p>
AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	<p>2021 Off-Campus Dissertation Fellowship, UNC Graduate School (\$10,000) DaWS Early Career Grant, DaWS University of Southern Denmark (kr.20,000) Lewin Fund Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$4,300)</p> <p>2020 DAAD Short-Term Research Grant, DAAD (€5,000, <i>cancelled due to COVID-19</i>) Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$3,250)</p> <p>2019 DAAD Travel Grant, Hertie School of Governance Berlin JMCE EU Summer Research Award, Center for European Studies (\$3,000) BIGSSS-Departs Inbound Program Grant, BIGSSS Universität Bremen (€1,300) Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$2,000)</p> <p>2018 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for European Studies (\$7,500)</p> <p>2017 Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$2,000) Whit Ayres Fund Travel Grant, UNC Political Science</p> <p>2016 Summer Funding Award, UNC Political Science (\$3,000, <i>recurring yearly</i>)</p>
ORIGINAL DATA	<p>Regional Political Economy and Social Policy Dataset Socioeconomic variables, social expenditure and policy competences at the regional (subnational) level; 19 advanced industrial democracies, 1980-2019. <i>In preparation</i></p>
PRESENTATIONS	<p>DaWS Research Seminar “Income Inequality and Redistribution in Multilevel Perspective” Danish Centre for Welfare Studies, Odense, Denmark (Sep. 2021)</p> <p>International Conference of Europeanists “Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests?” “The Strength of Attachment: Regionalism, Nationalism, and Vote Choice” Council for European Studies, Virtual (Jun. 2021)</p> <p>Methods and Design Workshop “Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests?” UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC (Feb. 2021)</p>

UNC Comparative Politics Working Group  
 “The Strength of Attachment: Regionalism, Nationalism, and Vote Choice”  
 UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC (Feb. 2021)

International Conference of Europeanists  
 “Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests?”  
 “Regional Identity and Voting for the Radical Right”  
 Council for European Studies, Reykjavik, Iceland (*accepted, cancelled due to COVID-19*)

Thomas M. Uhlman Seminar  
 “Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution”  
 UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC (Feb. 2020)

BIGSSS Doctoral Colloquium Series  
 “Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution”  
 Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bremen, Germany (Jul. 2019)

International Conference of Europeanists  
 “Work and Poverty in Post-Industrial Democracies”  
 Council for European Studies, Madrid, Spain (Jun. 2019)

Varieties of Welfare Capitalism in Times of Socio-Economic Insecurity Workshop  
 “Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution”  
 Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany (May 2019)

Thomas M. Uhlman Seminar  
 “Regional Governance and Inequality Reduction”  
 UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC (Feb. 2019)

EU COFUND BIGSSS Departs Poster Session  
 “Income, Familialism and Women’s Economic Independence”  
 Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bremen, Germany (Feb. 2018)

Thomas M. Uhlman Seminar  
 “Income, Familialism and Women’s Economic Independence”  
 UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC (Feb. 2018)

TEACHING  
 EXPERIENCE

University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark  
 Guest Lecturer  
 Political Economy of Inequality and Redistribution, political science course (Nov. 2021)  
 Measurement Reliability and Validity, MA-level quantitative methods course (Sep. 2021)  
 Political Economy of Gender, political science course (Dec. 2021, *scheduled*)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
 Instructor, Aug. 2019-Dec. 2020  
 Introduction to European Government (Fall 2019, Spring 2020 & Fall 2020)

Teaching Assistant, Aug. 2017-May 2019  
 Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2019)  
 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2017 & Fall 2018)  
 American State and Local Government (Spring 2018)

Guest Lecturer  
 Gender and the Welfare State, upper-level sociology course (Spring 2018)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<p>Workshop on Automated Web Data Collection University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (Jan. 2020)</p> <p>Writing and Development Workshop Joint with BIGSSS and the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom (May 2019)</p> <p>Democracy Under Pressure: Cleavages and Contestations Workshop German Academy New York, New York, NY (Dec. 2018)</p> <p>French Language Summer Course Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier, Montpellier, France (Jun.-Jul. 2018)</p> <p>LIS Cross-National Data Center Workshop Université du Luxembourg, Belval, Luxembourg (Jun. 2017)</p>
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	<p>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC</p> <p>Dr. John D. Stephens and Dr. Evelyne Huber, Aug. 2016-present</p> <p>Providing support for research on inequality, political economy and the welfare state</p> <p>Leading a team of RA's in updating the Comparative Welfare States data set</p>
SOFTWARE	<p><i>europeMap</i> R package for mapping and visualizing data across regional jurisdictions in the European Union (with Tyler S. Steelman). <i>In beta</i></p>
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<p>Programming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R</li> <li>Stata</li> <li>L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</li> <li>Java</li> </ul> <p>Languages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English (native)</li> <li>French (advanced)</li> </ul>
METHODS TRAINING	<p>Classical Regression Models; Generalized Linear Models; Panel Data Analysis; Comparative Historical Analysis; Multilevel Models; Structural Equation Models; Causal Mediation Analysis; Game Theory I &amp; II; Web Scraping; Interview Methods</p>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p>Reviewer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Socio-Economic Review</li> <li>Social Currents</li> </ul> <p>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparative Subfield Representative, Department of Political Science (Aug. 2019-May 2020)</li> <li>Graduate Social Chair, Department of Political Science (Aug. 2017-May 2019)</li> </ul>
REFERENCES	<p>Available upon request</p>