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**EDUCATION**

**Northwestern University*,*** Weinberg College of Arts + Sciences, Evanston, IL Expected June 2026

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Psychology; Minor in History (Concentration: United States); GPA: 3.92

*Relevant Coursework:* Statistical Research Methods, The American Presidency, Public Opinion & Voting Behavior, Congress & the Legislative Process, Political Psychology, Political Research Seminar: Democracy under Siege, Research Methods in Psychology, Social Psychology, Psychology of Personality, Decision Making, Independent Research Study (x5)

**RESEARCH + TEACHING INTERESTS**

Political Psychology; Public Opinion and Voting Behavior; Authoritarian Politics; Political Polarization; Power and Influence in Organizations; Conflict and Resolution Dynamics

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Northwestern University, School of Education and Social Policy, Evanston, IL**

*Research Assistant*, September 2024 – Present

Advisor: David N. Rapp

Part of the Reading Comprehension Lab, researching the mediating role of knowledge and resulting perceptions of AI versus human communication alongside PhD student Sam Agnoli.

**Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management, Evanston, IL**

*Research Assistant*, January 2024 – Present

Advisor: Eli J. Finkel

Part of the Relationships and Motivation Lab (RAMLAB), with my primary base in Kellogg researching organizational management and group dynamics alongside PhD student Trevor Spelman. Also managing content and marketing development of the “Love Factually” podcast featuring Eli Finkel and Paul Eastwick.

**Northwestern University, Psychology Department, Evanston, IL**

*Research Assistant*, January 2024 – January 2025

Advisor: Eli J. Finkel

Responsible for copyediting within the 6th edition of the *Handbook of Social Psychology.* Previously assisted PhD student and RAMLAB member Emma McGorray by interacting with participants in an online chat format as part of a project assessing the factors that help people feel supported when reflecting on their experiences of LGBTQ+-related stress.

**Northwestern University, Psychology Department, Evanston, IL**

*Independent Researcher,*October 2023 – April 2024

Advisor: H. David Smith

Conducted research on home-field advantage and various performance factors affecting individuals and teams across sports.

**Northwestern University, History Department, Evanston, IL**

*Leopold Fellow*, June 2023 – May 2024

Advisor: Lauren Stokes

Conducted research on "Social History of the Jet Age," focusing on the archival history of the Air Line Pilots Association and the development of sustainable aviation technology.

**GRANTS + HONORS**

John J. Ellis Memorial Gift Fund ($1000), Northwestern University Political Science Department, 2025.

Undergraduate Travel Award ($500), Northwestern University Psychology Department, 2025.

Certificate of Achievement in a Foreign Language, Northwestern University Political Science Department, 2025.

Conference Travel Grant ($2275 total), Northwestern University Office of Undergraduate Research, 2024.

Conference Travel Grant ($1331 total), Northwestern University Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences, 2024.

Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society (Nu Mu Chapter), 2024.

Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology, 2024.

*Rosa la Rose* Literary Magazine, Northwestern University French + Italian Department, 2023.

Dean’s List, Northwestern University, 2022 – Present

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**PAPER TALKS**

Keil, K. "Empire state of mind: The influence of state politics on individual's views.” Midwestern Psychological Association Conference. Chicago, IL, April 2025.

Keil, K. "AfD: Achtung für demokratie? The relationship between extremist ideologies and polarized constituencies in the Federal Republic of Germany.” Southern Political Science Association 96th Annual Meeting. San Juan, PR, January 2025.

Keil, K. “Checking the boxes: Comparing census data to determine the extent of multiracialism and its impact on racial hierarchical models.” Southern Political Science Association 96th Annual Meeting. San Juan, PR, January 2025.

Keil, K. "Empire state of mind: The influence of state politics on individual's views.” Southern Political Science Association 96th Annual Meeting. San Juan, PR, January 2025.

Keil, K. “Iron fist, iron heart: The role of authoritarianism in determining attitudes toward outgroups.” Southern Political Science Association 96th Annual Meeting. San Juan, PR, January 2025.

Keil, K. “AfD: Achtung für demokratie? The relationship between extremist ideologies and polarized constituencies in the Federal Republic of Germany.” Midwestern Association for Public Opinion Research Conference. Chicago, IL, November 2024.

Keil, K. "Empire state of mind: The influence of state politics on individual's views.” Midwestern Association for Public Opinion Research Conference. Chicago, IL, November 2024.

Keil, K. & Stokes, L. “Social History of the Jet Age.” Fall Leopold Fellow Dinner. Evanston, IL, November 2023.

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

Keil, K. "AfD: Achtung für demokratie? The relationship between extremist ideologies and polarized constituencies in the Federal Republic of Germany.” Western Political Science Association 2025 Annual Conference. Seattle, WA, April 2025.

Keil, K. "AfD: Achtung für demokratie? The relationship between extremist ideologies and polarized constituencies in the Federal Republic of Germany.” Midwestern Psychological Association Conference. Chicago, IL, April 2025.

Keil, K. "Empire state of mind: The influence of state politics on individual's views.” Midwestern Psychological Association Conference. Chicago, IL, April 2025.

Keil, K. "AfD: Achtung für demokratie? The relationship between extremist ideologies and polarized constituencies in the Federal Republic of Germany.” Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL, April 2025.

Keil, K. "Empire state of mind: The influence of state politics on individual's views.” Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL, April 2025.

Keil, K. "AfD: Achtung für demokratie? The relationship between extremist ideologies and polarized constituencies in the Federal Republic of Germany.” Society of Personality and Social Psychology 25th Annual Convention. Denver, CO, February 2025.

Keil, K. "AfD: Achtung für demokratie? The relationship between extremist ideologies and polarized constituencies in the Federal Republic of Germany.” Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists Conference. Memphis, TN, November 2024.

Keil, K., & Smith, H.D. "Heat games: How temperature affects performance metrics in professional football.” Midwestern Psychological Association Conference. Chicago, IL, April 2024.

**LEADERSHIP**

**North by Northwestern**

*Print Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editor, Senior Section Editor, Assistant Section Editor*, January 2023 – December 2024

As PME, oversaw all stages of magazine production, assisted by AME. Led biweekly meetings with staff to develop pitches and refine draft stages. As Section Section Editor, responsible for editing 2-3 stories and managing writer progress across the quarter. Maintained communication with writers to ensure deadlines were met and edit suggestions were applied. Collaborated with other editors on story pitch acceptance and section layout.

**Kappa Delta Sorority**

*Director of Philanthropy, Director of Member Education, Girl Scouts Chair*, January 2023 – December 2024

Organized annual KDogs philanthropy event, taking place in Spring Quarter. Managed logistics and outreach for Winter Quarter KDiner philanthropy event. Coordinated on-campus cookie sales with local Girl Scouts troops.

**Northwestern Model United Nations**

*Crisis Director*, September 2022 – February 2024

Managed team of 3 Crisis Staffers in organizing, performing, and responding to crisis updates. Maintained communication with Committee Chair to ensure smooth flow of committee when presenting crisis updates.

**NU Aviation Club**

*Treasurer*, September 2022 – January 2024

Organized weekly events, ranging from career development sessions to social events. Responsible for budget management and quarterly account reconciliation.

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Midwest Political Science Association (January 2025 – Present)

Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society (December 2024 – Present)

Southeastern Psychological Association (December 2024 – Present)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (November 2024 – Present)

Western Political Science Association (November 2024 – Present)

Southern Political Science Association (October 2024 – Present)

Southwestern Psychological Association (October 2024 – Present)

Eastern Psychological Association (September 2024 – Present)

American Psychological Association (April 2024 – Present)

Psi Chi Honors Society (April 2024 – Present)

Kappa Delta Sorority (January 2023 – December 2024)

Undergraduate Psychology Association (September 2022 – Present)

Women in Aviation International (June 2021 – Present)

**CERTIFICATIONS**

RCR Course for Undergraduate Students (CITI Program, Issued 12/2024, Expires 12/2027)

Private Aircraft Pilot (Federal Aviation Administration, Issued Aug 2020)

**SKILLS**

**Languages**: English, French (Fluent), German (Intermediate)

**Technical**: Proficient in Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Teams); Adobe Photoshop; Canva; AirTable; SPSS and R Software