

# KATIE NISSEN

## Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI

**Joint Ph.D. in Political Science and Scientific Computing**, *Expected 2026*

**MA Political Science**, 2024

Fields: World Politics, Methodology, Environmental Politics

**Texas Christian University**, Fort Worth, TX

*Summa Cum Laude*

B.S., Political Science, 2020

Thesis: “Domestic Determinants of Climate Change Mitigation Commitment”

B.S., Economics, 2020

Thesis: “Effects of Climate Change on Global Crime: 2003-2016 Panel Data Analysis”

Minors in Biology and Geography

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer Reviewed Journal Articles*

Nissen, Katie. 2025. “Policymaker Environmental Communication in the Wake of Natural Disasters.” *Environmental Politics*, July, 1–29. doi:10.1080/09644016.2025.2523098.

Menon, Anil, Katie Nissen, and Iain Osgood. 2025. “Climate Regulation’s Effects on Businesses and Public Support for Climate Action.” *Political Science Research and Methods*: 1–21. doi: 10.1017/psrm.2025.11.

Katie Nissen and Eric Cox. 2023. Gender and Violence in International Relations: Evidence from the Statecraft Simulation, *International Studies Perspectives*., <https://doi.org/10.1093/isp/ekad007>

### *Peer Reviewed Technical Reports*

Dalecki, Emily, Sertac Akar, Danny Chang, Jeff Cook, Seth Crew, Jessica de la Paz, Anneliese Fensch, Sushmita Jena, Katie Nissen, Eric O'Shaughnessy, Tim Rivard, Minahil Qasim, Kaifeng Xu, and Roaslie Yu. 2024. “SolarAPP+ Performance Review: Final Technical Report.” <https://doi.org/10.2172/2479128>.

Cook, Jeff, Sertac Akar, Danny Chang, Anneliese Fensch, Katie Nissen, and Kaifeng Xu. (2024). SolarAPP+ Performance Review (2023 Data). Golden, CO: National Renewable Energy Laboratory. NREL/TP-6A20-89618. <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy24osti/89618.pdf>.

Cook, Jeff, Juliana Williams, Jenna Harmon, Kaifeng Xu, and Katie Nissen. (2024). Solar Pathways in Federal Energy Assistance Programs: Expanding the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). Golden, CO: National Renewable Energy Laboratory. NREL/TP-6A20-88519. <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy24osti/88519.pdf>.

*Datasets*

Cook, Jeff, Juliana Williams, Jenna Harmon, Kaifeng Xu, and Katie Nissen. (2024). WAP & LIHEAP for Solar Survey Response and Plan Analysis. Golden, CO: National Renewable Energy Laboratory. NREL/TP-6A20-88519. DOI: 10.7799/2318991.

**WORKING PAPERS**

- “Gender and the Legitimacy of Climate Protests” (with Jessica Lucas).
- “The Effect of Optimism and Pessimism on Climate Policy Attitudes.”
- “Measuring Climate Optimism and Climate Pessimism.”

Nissen, Katie, Emily Dalecki, Eric O’Shaughnessy, Kaifeng Xu, Pablo Botin, Noah Frey, Sertac Akar, Guiherme XXX (2025). SolarAPP+ Performance Review (2024 Data). Golden, CO: National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**National Renewable Energy Laboratory**

December 2024 -	Renewable Energy Analyst – Researcher II
April 2023 – November 2024	Policy Analysis Intern <i>Director’s Award for Exceptional Performance, 2024</i> <i>October 2023 NREL Employee of the Month</i>

**University of Michigan**

2024-25	Graduate Student Honors Thesis Consultant
2023-25	Research Assistant – Constituency-Level Elections Archive (CLEA) Dr. Ken Kollman, Department of Political Science & Center for Political Studies
2022	Graduate Student Research Assistant Dr. Iain Osgood, Department of Political Science
2021-22	Methodology Research Assistant Dr. Kevin Quinn, Department of Political Science
2021	Graduate Student Research Assistant Dr. Barbara Koremenos, Department of Political Science

## **Texas Christian University**

2019-20 Undergraduate Research Assistant  
Dr. John Lovett, Department of Economics  
2018-20 Undergraduate Research Assistant  
Dr. Michael Strausz, Department of Political Science  
2017-20 Office Assistant, John V. Roach Honors College  
2017 Texas Christian University Government Affairs Intern

## **United States House of Representatives**

2018-19 Congressional Staff Assistant, Congresswoman Kay Granger – TX District 12

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2024 – Graduate Student Instructor  
Winter 2025 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Course (Shea Streeter)  
Fall 2023 Course Design Consultant  
Politics of Police and Prisons (Shea Streeter)  
Winter 2023 Graduate Student Instructor  
Modern Warfare (Undergraduate)  
Fall 2022 Graduate Student Instructor  
International Economic Relations (Undergraduate)  
Winter 2022 Graduate Student Instructor  
Introduction to World Politics (Undergraduate)  
Fall 2021 Graduate Student Instructor  
Public International Law (Undergraduate)

## **BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS**

GIS Maps Reproduced In: “Strausz, Michael. 2019. Help (Not) Wanted: Immigration Politics in Japan. Albany: SUNY Press.”

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2024 “SolarAPP+ 2023 Performance Review.” *RE+*. Anaheim, CA. September 9-13, 2024.  
2024 “Gender and the Legitimacy of Climate Protests.” *Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. April 3-7, 2024.  
2022 “Common Corporate Enemies: Class-based Aversion to Climate Change Mitigation.” *American Political Science Association*, Montreal, Canada. September 15-18.  
2021 “Focal Points and Focal Players: Addressing the Climate Change Collective Action Problem,” *MUSE Conference 2022*, Ann Arbor, MI, February 2-4.

- 2019 “Domestic Determinants of Climate Change Mitigation Commitment,” *International Studies Association Midwest Annual Conference*, St. Louis, MO, November 22-23.
- 2019 “Domestic Determinants of Climate Change Mitigation Commitment: Economically Developed Cases,” *Emerging Scholars Conference*, University of Michigan Department of Political Science, Ann Arbor, MI, October 18.
- 2019 “Do Xenophobes Care More? Public Opinion and Japan’s 2018 Immigration Reform,” *American Political Science Association*, Washington, DC, August 29-September 1.

## INVITED TALKS

- 2019 “Do Xenophobes Care More? Public Opinion and Japan’s 2018 Immigration Reform,” presented at the TCU John V. Roach Honors Board of Visitors annual meeting, October 25.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Philip Converse and Warren Miller Fellowship in American Political Behavior, University of Michigan
- 2025 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan
- 2024 Director’s Award for Exceptional Performance, 2024, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- 2023 Employee of the Month, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- 2022 Rackham Travel Grant, University of Michigan
- 2022 Don Lavoie Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
- 2022 Department of Political Science Summer Collaboration Grant, University of Michigan
- 2020 Don Lavoie Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
- 2020 Best Thesis, Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University
- 2020 Senior Scholar Award, Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University
- 2020 Senior Scholar Award, Department of Economics, Texas Christian University
- 2019 Emerging Scholar, University of Michigan
- 2019 Honors Undergraduate Research Grant
- 2019 Political Science Student Summer Research Program, Thesis
- 2019 APSA Travel Grant, Texas Christian University John V. Roach Honors College
- 2019 AddRan Festival: Undergraduate Scholarship and Creativity – Semi-Finalist
- 2019 Kathryne McDorman Honors Scholar
- 2017-20 Selected to be a member of the TCU Political Science Distinction Program
- 2016-20 Dean’s List
- 2016-20 TCU Scholar
- 2016-20 Chancellor’s Scholarship – Full tuition for undergraduate education

## **RELEVANT SKILLS**

R/RStudio intermediate proficiency  
ArcGIS Pro, expert proficiency  
Microsoft Office Suite, expert proficiency  
Python, basic proficiency  
LaTeX, intermediate proficiency

## **SERVICE**

2019-20	Member, Search Committee for Dean of the AddRan College of Liberal Arts
2019	Experience TCU Panelist – Undergraduate AddRan College Representative
2016-20	Chancellor's Scholars Weekend organizer and interviewer

## **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

Institute for Research on Women and Gender Affiliate  
American Political Science Association, Pi Sigma Alpha

