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I study the role of media and communication in how and why everyday people embrace or resist social change, with a particular focus on gender politics. This work is grounded in a broader program on media reception, investigating how audiences across cultural contexts engage with news, politics, and entertainment. I use individual and group interviews, surveys, experiments, and comparative methods.

Education

2022: **PhD in Communication · Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania**, USA
Dissertation title: "Responding to Media Coverage of Gender-Based Violence in Argentina and the United States: A Mixed Methods Study of the Intersecting Roles of Gender, Class, and Racialized Ethnicity among General and Activist Publics."*
Advisor: Michael X. Delli Carpini

- *2023 **Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Dissertation Award**, NCA
- *2023 **Lynda Lee Kaid Outstanding Dissertation Award**, Political Communication Division, NCA
- *2023 **Best Dissertation Award**, International & Intercultural Communication Division, NCA
- *2023 **Best Dissertation Award**, Global Communication & Social Change Division, ICA

2018**: MA in Communication · Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania**, USA

2013*:* **Licenciatura (B.A.) in Communication · Universidad de San Andrés**, Argentina

Academic Appointments

Fall 2024—present: **Assistant Professor** · **Rutgers University-New Brunswick**, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, School of Communication & Information

Fall 2022—Summer 2024: **Assistant Professor** · **University of Florida,** Department of Journalism, College of Journalism and Communications

Spring 2023—Fall 2024: **Affiliate Faculty** · **Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida**

Books

2025: Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P. J., **Wagner**, M. C. & Suenzo, F. *The Patina of Distrust: What People Do With Misinformation. The MIT Press.** [Open Access]*

- *Award Winner, AEJMC-Knudson Latin America Prize Book Award 2026, **Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication**
- *Award Winner, Roderick P. Hart Outstanding Book Award 2026, **National Communication Association**'s Political Communication Division
- *Joint Award Winner, **Association for Information Science and Technology's Best Information Science** Book Award 2026
- *Honorable Mention, **International Communication Association**'s Global Communication & Social Change Best Book Award 2026

*Honorable Mention, **American Political Science Association**'s Information Technology and Politics Section Best Book Award 2026

*Runner-up, *International Journal of Press/Politics* Hazel Gaudet-Erskine Book Award 2026.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2024: Girginova, K. V., Han, W., Jaber, H., Kim, J., Madenga, F. Z., Morales-Suárez, M., **Wagner**, M. C., Wang, J. "Global Communication Standpoint: An Invitation to Think about Research, Pedagogy and the Professional Field from a Global Communication Perspective," ***Media, Culture & Society***, *47*(1). *DOI: 10.1177/01634437241277893* [Alphabetical order]

2024: **Wagner**, M. C. Shared Struggles, Divergent Paths: Communication for Social Change Among Grassroots and Professional Feminist Advocates in Argentina and the United States. ***Journal of Communication***, *74*(4), 310-321. *DOI:10.1093/joc/jqae016*

2023: **Wagner**, M. C. & Kraidy, M. M. Watching Turkish Television Drama in Argentina: Entangled Proximities in Global Media Flows. ***Journal of Communication,*** *73*(3), 304-315. *DOI:10.1093/joc/jqad001*

2021: **Wagner**, M. C., Boczkowski, P. J., & Mitchelstein, E. Affect, Curiosity, and Positionality in Context: Watching Television Entertainment in Argentina and the United States. ***International Journal of Communication***, *15*, 668–687. *DOI:1932–8036/20210005*

2019*:* **Wagner**, M. C., & Boczkowski, P. J. Angry, Frustrated, and Overwhelmed: The Emotional Experience of Consuming News about President Trump. ***Journalism***, *22*(7), 1577–1593. *DOI:10.1177/1464884919878545*

2019*:* **Wagner**, M. C., & Boczkowski, P. J. The Reception of Fake News: The Interpretations and Practices That Shape the Consumption of Perceived Misinformation. ***Digital Journalism***, *7*(7), 870–885. *DOI:10.1080/21670811.2019.1653208*

2019: **Wagner**, M. C. Journalists' Gender and Influence: Effects on the Perceived Severity of Sexual Harassment. ***Cuadernos.info***, *(44), 43–59*. *DOI: 0.7764/cdi.44.1631 [Originally published in Spanish, English translation by the journal available]*

2018: Becerra, M., & **Wagner**, M. C. Crisis of Representation and New Media Policies in Latin America. ***Latin American Perspectives***, *45*(3), 86-102. *DOI:10.1177/0094582X18766895*

2017*:* Mitchelstein, M. E., Boczkowski, P. J., & **Wagner**, M. C. The Boomerang Effect: Innovation in the Blogs of Mainstream News Sites, 2008–2012. ***Media, Culture & Society***, *39*(8), 1231–1244. *DOI:10.1177/0163443717690819*

2016*:* Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P.J., **Wagner**, M. C. & Leiva, S. The News Gap in Argentina: Contextual Factors and Preferences of Journalists and the Audience. ***Palabra Clave***, *19*(4), 1027-1047. *DOI:10.5294/pacla.2016.19.4.4 [Published in Spanish]*

Awards *(selected)*

2026*:* **Winner**, Roderick P. Hart Outstanding Book Award 2026, **National Communication Association**'s Political Communication Division for *The Patina of Distrust*

2026*:* **Winner**, AEJMC-Knudson Latin America Prize Book Award for *The Patina of Distrust*

2026*:* **Co-Winner**, Association for Information Science and Technology's Best Information Science Book Award for *The Patina of Distrust*

2026*:* **Honorable Mention,** International Communication Association's Global Communication & Social Change Best Book Award for *The Patina of Distrust*

2026: **Runner-up**, *International Journal of Press/Politics* Hazel Gaudet-Erskine Book Award for *The Patina of Distrust*

2026: **Honorable Mention**, American Political Science Association's Information Technology and Politics Section Best Book Award 2026 for *The Patina of Distrust*

2025*:* **Distinguished Achievement in Research** · The Department of Journalism and Media Studies · Rutgers University-New Brunswick

2023: **Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Dissertation Award** · National Communication Association ($500)

2023: **Lynda Lee Kaid Outstanding Dissertation Award** · Political Communication Division, National Communication Association

2023: **Best Dissertation Award** · Global Communication and Social Change Division, International Communication Association ($200)

2023: **Best Dissertation Award** · International and Intercultural Communication Division, National Communication Association

2023: **Junior International Educator of the Year** · University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications

2023: **Dean's Seed Grant Award** · Division of Research, College of Journalism and Communications, University of Florida ($7,600)

2022: **Four Top Student Papers** · International and Intercultural Communication Division, National Communication Association

Fellowships *(selected)*

2023: **Global Learning Institute** · University of Florida's International Center (Spring 2024) ($5,000)

2023: **Summer Residency for Early Career Scholars** · Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, University of Pennsylvania ($500)

2018—2022: **Doctoral Fellowship** · Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, University of Pennsylvania ($2,000 annually)

Work In Progress (* indicates work co-authored with a student)

Wagner, M. C. *Under the Wave: Why Feminist Ideas Land Differently Among Everyday People (Book under review).*

Wagner, M. C. Distorted Platformed Othering and Postfeminist Choice: Focus Groups on Young Women's Gender-Political Sensemaking on Social Media. *(R&R; presented at ICA 2025)*

Wagner, M. C. & Karl, S.* Women's Rights and Wrongs: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Polarization on Instagram's News Posts and Comment Sections *(Under review; presented at ICA 2025)*

Wagner, M. C. Unequal Mortality, Not Choice: News Framing and Public Reception of Abortion in Argentina, 1998–2018 *(Under review; presented at NCA 2025)*

Wagner, M. C. & Kim, J. W. The Media Visibility Paradox: How Diverse Audiences Interpret #MeToo Coverage Over Time and Its Role in Movement Backlash *(Under review; presented at NCA 2024)*

Wagner, M. C. Reframing Gender Violence: Feminism, Media, and Public Sensemaking in Latin America. *(Full chapter manuscript submitted to edited volume; presented as plenary talk at the USF 2025 Conference on Democratic Violence in Latin America)*

Kim, J. W. & **Wagner**, M. C. How Gender and Partisanship (Do Not) Shape Public Opinion Around Sexual Harassment Accusations: Results of Multi-Wave Survey Experiments *(Manuscript; different versions presented at APSA 2022 and NCA 2023)*

Kim, J. W. & **Wagner**, M. C. Gender Politics and the Legitimacy of the Supreme Court. *(Data analysis; preliminary analysis published here)*

Conference Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts (* indicates work co-authored with a student)

2025: **Wagner**, M. C. "From Bodily Autonomy to Social Justice: Feminist Reframing and Public Sensemaking in Argentina's Abortion Debate." National Communication Association, Denver, U.S.A.

2025: Pereira, B.*, **Wagner**, M.C., & Garimella, K. "Diasporic Chats: Investigating Viral Content in WhatsApp Groups of Brazilian Immigrants in the United States," Association of Internet Researchers, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

2025: **Wagner**, M. C. "Gendered Subjects and the Promise of Choice: An Analysis of Focus Groups with Conservative and Liberal Young Women in the U.S." International Communication Association, Denver, U.S.A.

2025: **Wagner**, M. C. & Karl, S.* "Women's Rights and Wrongs: Ideological Warfare in Instagram's Gender News Posts and Comment Sections." International Communication Association, Denver, U.S.A.

2024: **Wagner**, M. C. & Kim, J. W. "When Media Visibility Leads to Social Backlash: Contemporary Audience Responses to Political #MeToo Cases in the United States." National Communication Association, New Orleans, U.S.A.

2024: Kim, J. & **Wagner**, M. C. "Democratic and Republican Feminists Think Alike: How Citizens Respond to Sexual Harassment Allegations against Politicians." Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Philadelphia, U.S.A. *[poster]*

2024: Girginova, K. V., Han, W., Jaber, H., Kim, J., Madenga, F. Z., Morales-Suárez, M., **Wagner**, M. C., Wang, J. "Global Communication Standpoint: An Invitation to Think about Research, Pedagogy and the Professional Field from a Global Communication Perspective," International Communication Association, Gold Coast, Australia.

2023: Kim, J. & **Wagner**, M. C. "How Gender and Partisanship (Do Not) Shape Public Opinion Around Sexual Harassment Accusations." National Communication Association, National Harbor, U.S.A.

2023: **Wagner**, M. C. "A Feminist Pedagogy of Patience: Communication Against Gender-Based Violence in the Argentina of the *Ni Una Menos* and the United States of #MeToo," International Communication Association, Toronto, Canada. **[Top 20 Papers Feminist Scholarship Division]**

2023: **Wagner**, M. C. "The Language of Race and Class in Argentina and the United States when Talking About Gender-Based Violence: Results from Qualitative Interviews with Activists and General Publics," Media & Communication in Global Latinidades Pre-Conference, International Communication Association, Toronto, Canada.

2023: Suenzo, F., Mitchelstein, E., & Boczkowski, P. J."The Reception of Fact-Checking: Opening the Black Box of Information Consumption," International Communication Association, Toronto, Canada.

2022: **Wagner**, M. C. "Honoring PLACE: A Methodological Lens for the Conduction of Ethical and Historically Grounded Research on Racialized Ethnicity in the Americas." National Communication Association, New Orleans, U.S.A. **[Top Student Paper Panel]**

2022: **Wagner**, M. C. "The Construction of Feminist Media Practices in Argentina and the United States: How Feminist Actors Intervene and Create Media for Gender Justice," Global Fusion, Philadelphia, U.S.A. *[Extended abstract]*

2022: **Wagner**, M. C. "How Do You Build Communication for Social Change? A Comparative Analysis of Feminist Practices in Argentina and the U.S." Center for Media & Society in Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina (remote participation). *[Extended abstract; presented in Spanish.]*

2022: Kim, J. & **Wagner**, M. C. "How Partisanship and Gender Shape the Public's Reactions to the #MeToo Movement," American Political Science Association, Québec, Canada (remote participation).

2022: **Wagner**, M. C. "Does Reading News About Sexual Harassment Involving Diverse Women in terms of Racialization and Socioeconomic Status Impact Support for Gender Equality? Comparative Experiments in the Americas," International Communication Association, Paris, France.

2022: Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P. J., **Wagner**, M. C., & Suenzo, F. "Pre-pandemic Effects of Misinformation About Politics, Social Issues and Science," International Communication Association, Paris, France.

2022: Suenzo, F., Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P. J., & **Wagner**, M. C.,"Awareness, Helpfulness and Trust: Exploring Audience's Attitudes Toward Fact-Checkers in an Electoral Context," International Communication Association, Paris, France.

2022: Suenzo, F., Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P. J., **Wagner**, M. C. "Who Checks the Fact-Checkers?": The Reception of Fact-Checking in Argentina," Media & Communication in Global Latinidades Pre-Conference, International Communication Association, Paris, France. *(virtual participation)*

2022: Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P. J., Siles, I., **Wagner**, M. C., Matassi, M. Roundtable on "The Digital Environment: How We Live Learn Work and Play Now," Latin American Studies Association, San Francisco, USA.

2021: **Wagner**, M. C. & Kraidy, M. "Watching Turkish Television Drama in Argentina: Entangled Proximities in Global Media Flows." International Association for Media and Communication Research *(held virtually due to COVID-19).*

2021: **Wagner**, M. C. "Interpretations and Resistance: How Feminist Publics Respond to the Media Coverage of Sexist Violence in Argentina and the United States." International Communication Association *(held virtually due to COVID-19).*

2021: **Wagner**, M. C. "When Gender-Based Violence Harms Diverse Identities: Consequences of News Coverage on Publics' Attitudes." Digital Media in Latinx and Latin America Pre-Conference, International Communication Association *(held virtually due to COVID-19).*

2020: **Wagner**, M. C., Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P. J. & Wardle, C. "Disinformation and Credibility in Media, Platforms, and Personal Contacts: Experimental Evidence on News about Politics and Science in Argentina" *[Extended abstract; presented in Spanish.]* Center for Media and Society in Argentina *(held virtually due to COVID-19).*

2020: **Wagner**, M. C., Boczkowski, P. J. & Mitchelstein, E. "Affect, Curiosity, and Positionality in Context: Watching Television Entertainment in Argentina and the United States." National Communication Association, Indianapolis, USA *(held virtually due to COVID-19).*

2020: **Wagner**, M. C. "Consequences of Sexual Harassment Coverage in the Americas: A Proposal to Study Attitudinal Effects and the Interpretations of Women in the Margins." Digital Media in Latin America Pre-Conference, International Communication Association, Gold Coast, Australia *(held virtually due to COVID-19).*

2019: **Wagner**, M. C. & Boczkowski, P. J. "The Reception of Fake News: The Interpretations and Practices that Shape the Consumption of Misinformation." National Communication Association, Baltimore, USA.

2019: **Wagner**, M. C. "Green and Light-Blue Bandanas: The Perception of the Role of the Media and of the Feminist Activism During the Congressional Debate on the Legalization of Abortion in Argentina" *[Extended abstract; presented in Spanish.]* Center for Media and Society in Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2019: **Wagner**, M. C. & Kraidy, M. M. "Watching Turkish Television Drama in Latin America: The Case of Argentina." International Association for Media and Communication Research, Madrid, Spain.

2019: **Wagner**, M. C. & Boczkowski, P. J. "Angry, Frustrated, and Overwhelmed: The Emotional Experience of Consuming News about President Trump." International Communication Association, Washington DC, USA.

2019: **Wagner**, M. C. & Kanitz, M. "Women as the Symbolic (Re)builders of the Nation: Women's Day Posters in East Germany (1945-1961)." International Communication Association, Washington DC, USA.

2018: **Wagner**, M. C. "Reading Women and Reading Men: Effect of Gender of Source on Perceived Severity of Sexual Harassment." National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, USA.

2018: **Wagner**, M. C. "Can Journalism Change our Attitudes around Social Issues? An Experiment about the Possibilities and Limitations of Journalism When it Comes to Sexual Harassment Debates." *[Extended abstract; presented in Spanish.]* Center for Media and Society in Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2017: Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P. J. & **Wagner**, M. C. "Elections Versus Crimes: Which Topics Are More Effective Burglar Alarms in Online News Sites in Argentina?" *[presented by P. Boczkowski.]* International Communication Association, San Diego, USA.

2016: Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P. J. & **Wagner**, M. C. "The Boomerang Effect: Innovation in the Blogs of Mainstream News Sites in the U.S., 2008-2012." National Communication Association, Philadelphia, USA.

2016: Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P. J. & **Wagner**, M. C. "Elections Versus Crimes: Which Topics Are More Effective Burglar Alarms in Online News Sites?" *[Poster.]* Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, Chicago, USA.

2016: Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P. J., **Wagner**, M. C. & Leiva, S. "The News Gap in Argentina: Contextual Factors and Preferences from Journalists and Publics" *[presented in Spanish by E. Mitchelstein.]* Encuentro Nacional de Carreras de Comunicación, Jujuy, Argentina.

Teaching Experience

Rutgers University-New Brunswick · School of Communication and Information · New Brunswick, USA

Introduction to Media (introductory level **undergraduate** course; course redesigned; instructor; large lecture).
Student evaluations: SP26: 4.46/5 (Enrollment = 263); FA25: 4.51/5 (Enrollment = 265); SP25: 4.7/5 (Enrollment = 98); FA24: 4.5/5 (Enrollment = 40)

Gender in Media (**doctoral** seminar; course developer and instructor).
Student evaluations: FA25: 5/5 (Enrollment = 4)

Social Media and Social Movements (**master's** seminar; course developer and instructor).
Student evaluations: SP26: 4.83/5 (Enrollment = 10); SP25: 5/5 (Enrollment = 8)

University of Florida · College of Journalism and Communications · Gainesville, USA

Media, Cultures & Identity (introductory level **undergraduate** course; course redesigned; large lecture).
Student evaluations: SP24 = 4.98/5 (Enrollment = 40); FA23= 4.6/5 (Enrollment = 30); SP23 = 4.8/5 (Enrollment = 100); FA22 = 4.8/5 (Enrollment = 30)

Academic Writing (**graduate** level course; course development)
Student evaluations: SP23 = 5/5 (Enrollment = 5); SP24 = 5/5 (Enrollment = 6)
Gender in the Media (upper-level **undergraduate** seminar; co-instructor & co-developer)
Student evaluations: Spring 2023 = 4.93/5 (Enrollment = 7)

University of Pennsylvania · Annenberg School for Communication · Philadelphia, USA

2020: **Teaching Certificate**, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania

2019: Course Co-Developer & Co-instructor, **Introduction to Communication Behavior**
2019: Teaching Assistant, **Critical Approaches to Popular Culture**
2017: Teaching Assistant, **Introduction to Communication Behavior**

Universidad de San Andrés · Department of Social Sciences · Buenos Aires, Argentina

2014–2015: Teaching Assistant, **Research Methods**
2014–2016: Teaching Assistant, **History of Mediatization**
2013–2015: Teaching Assistant, **Introduction to Communication**

Guest Lectures *(selected)*

2025: "Entertainment Television Reception in Argentina," Mass Media & Global Communication, Prof. Jing Wang, **University of Wisconsin-Madison**

2025: "Entertainment Television in Argentina," Past and Present of Latin American Television, Prof. Juan Llamas Rodríguez, Annenberg School for Communication, **University of Pennsylvania**

2022: "The media landscape in Argentina," Latin American Media, Prof. Mariana de Maio, Department of Journalism and Communication, **Lehigh University**

2021: "Watching television in different contexts," Comparative Political Communication graduate seminar, Prof. Arthur Soto-Vásquez, **Texas A&M International University**

2018: "Feminist activism in Argentina," at Global Digital Activism, Annenberg School for Communication, Elisabetta Ferrari, **University of Pennsylvania**

2018: "Media representation: Latinxs in US media," at Media in Latin America, Prof. Clemencia Rodríguez, **Temple University**

Mentorship and Advising

Rutgers University-New Brunswick - Ph.D. in Communication, Information and Media

Co-Advisor: Kayla Wentzel
Dissertation Committee Member: Leeam Azoulay; Luis Contreras
Qualifying Exams Committee Member: Luis Contreras (2026), Leeam Azoulay (2025).
Practicum Advisor, Ph.D. in Communication, Information and Media: Kayla Wentzel (2025)

University of Florida

Thesis Supervisor, MA in Mass Communication, Dari Batova
External Dissertation Committee Member, Ph.D. in English, Chandler Mordecai
Qualifying Exams Committee Member, Ph.D. in Mass Communication, Nader Dagher

Invited Talks *(selected)*

2025: **Wagner,** M.C. "From Bodily Autonomy to Social Justice: Feminist Reframing and Public Sensemaking in Argentina's Abortion Debate", Latin+ Feminist Sociology Collective.

2025: **Wagner,** M.C. "Reframing Gender Violence: Feminism, Media and Public Sensemaking in Latin America" Plenary Speaker, Democratic Violence in Latin America Conference, University of South Florida's Humanities Institute.

2025: **Wagner,** M.C. Workshop on the Academic Job Market. Democratic Violence in Latin America Conference, University of South Florida's Humanities Institute.

2024: **Wagner,** M.C. Workshop on the Academic Job Market. School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University.

2023: **Wagner**, M.C. "Communication, Activism, and Social Change: Feminist Discourse and Its Civic Reception in Argentina and the United States." Keynote Speaker at the Center for Media and Society in Argentina's Annual Conference.

2023: **Wagner**, M.C. "El lenguaje coloquial sobre la clase social y la racialización en Argentina y Estados Unidos: Hallazgos de entrevistas en profundidad en ambos países." University of Central Florida.

2023: **Wagner**, M.C. Invitation to participate in the panel "Conducting International Research in African and Latin American countries." AEJMC Conference.

2022: **Wagner**, M.C. "Feminism, Communication and Social Change in the Americas: A Comparative Analysis of the Argentina of Ni Una Menos and the United States of #MeToo." Center for Latinx Digital Media, Northwestern University.

2022: **Wagner**, M. C. & Kraidy, M. M. "The Reception of Turkish TV series in the Land of the Telenovela." Interdisciplinary Roundtable on Turkish TV, Ottoman and Turkish Studies Initiative, New York University.

2021: **Wagner**, M. C. "The Role of Socioeconomic Status and Ethnicity in the Reception of News about Sexual Harassment in Argentina and the United States" *[presented in Spani*sh.] Department of Social Sciences, Universidad de San Andrés. Buenos Aires, Argentina *(virtual participation).*

2020: **Wagner**, M. C. "Consequences of Sexual Harassment Coverage: A Proposal to Study Attitudinal Effects and the Lived Experience of Women in the Margins" [in Spanish.] Center for the Study of Media and Society in Argentina. Buenos Aires, Argentina *(virtual participation).*

2019: **Wagner**, M. C., Boczkowski, P. J. "The Reception of Fake News: The Interpretations and Practices that Shape the Consumption of Misinformation." Countering Online Disinformation 2019 Symposium, Oslo Metropolitan University. Oslo, Norway *(virtual participation).*

Professional Affiliations

Memberships

ICA · International Communication Association
NCA · National Communication Association
AEJMC · Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication
AoIR · Association of Internet Researchers
ASA · American Sociological Association

Invited Affiliations

2023-present: Editorial Board Member, *Digital Journalism*.

2022-present: External Faculty Affiliate. Center for Latinx Digital Media, Northwestern University.

2020–2024: Board member. Board of Advisors, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication.

2016—present: Research Affiliate. Center for Media and Society in Argentina, Northwestern University and Universidad de San Andrés.

Academic Service

Awards Committees

2024: **Award Committee Member**. Best Book Award, Global Communication & Social Change Division, International Communication Association

2024: **Award Committee Member**. Lynda Lee Kaid Outstanding Dissertation Award, Political Communication Division, National Communication Association

Conference Organizing

2019—present: **Organizing Committee Member**. Media and Communication in Global Latinidades (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026), Digital Media in Latinx and Latin America (2021) and Digital Media in Latin America (2020) Pre-Conferences, International Communication Association.

2020—2021: **Organizing Committee Member.** CARGC Fellows Conference: No Going Back: Global Communication and Post-Pandemic Politics, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

2018—2019: **Organizing Committee Member**. CARGC Fellows Conference: Popular Culture and Coloniality: Decolonizing Media Studies, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

2017: **Organizing Committee Member**. Graduate Student Symposium, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

University Service

Rutgers University

2024—2026: Research Development Committee, School of Communication & Information

2025—2026: Study Abroad Committee, Department of Journalism and Media Studies

University of Florida

2024: Academic Job Search Committee, Department of Journalism

University of Pennsylvania

2018—2022: Board member. Graduate Student Advisory Board, **Center for Latin American and Latinx Studies.**

2019, 2020: Advisory committee member for postdoctoral fellow selection, **Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication.**

2020—2021: Committee Member. **Graduate International Support Team**, Annenberg School for Communication.

2018—2019: Student Representative. Elected student representative for the Annenberg School for Communication at the **Graduate and Professional Student Assembly.**

2018—2019: Committee Member. **International Affairs Committee**, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly.

2018—2019: Committee Member. **Professional Development Committee**, Annenberg School for Communication.

2017—2018: Committee Member. **Annenberg Graduate Student Council**, Annenberg School for Communication

Journal & Conference Reviewer *(Link to Web of Science)*

Journal of Communication (2024)
Political Communication (2023)
The International Journal of Press/Politics (2020, 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026)
Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication (2023)
Digital Journalism (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026)
Feminist Media Studies (2025)
Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties (2025)
Women's Studies in Communication (2025)
Journalism (2020, 2022, 2023)
Journalism Studies (2021, 2023, 2025, 2026)
Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly (2023)
Popular Communication (2025, 2026)
Communication, Culture & Critique (2023)
International Journal of Public Opinion Research (2023, 2025, 2026)
Communication Research (2019, 2022)
Latin American Research Review (2019–20)
HSK Misinformation Research Review (2020)
Media and Communication (2020)
Revista Sociedad Argentina del Análisis Político (2020)
International Communication Association (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
International Association for Media and National Communication Association (2019, 2021, 2022, 2023)
National Communication Association (2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
CONICET - FONCyT Argentina (2022)

Working Groups

2023-2025: **Member**. Gender and Human Rights Working Group. The Latin American Interdisciplinary Gender Network, a joint initiative by Yale University, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, and the UNAM-Boston Center for Mexican Studies.

2020—2023: **Co-Coordinator**. Gender, Economy, Poverty, and Health Working Group, at the Latin American Interdisciplinary Gender Network, a joint initiative by Yale University, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, and the UNAM-Boston Center for Mexican Studies.

Moderator/Discussant *(selected)*

2025: **Moderator**. "Journalism and Visual Social Media: Instagram, TikTok, Xiaohongshu, and YouTube." Journalism Studies Division, International Communication Association.

2023: **Discussant** at the Panel "(Re)Shaping Global Markets Through Cultural Production," CARGC Fellows Symposium: Doing Global Media Studies, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

2022: **Moderator**. CARGC Fellows Conference: Doing Global Media Studies. Panel "(Re)Shaping Global Markets Through Cultural Production." Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

2020—21: **Moderator**. Center for Latinx Digital Media Virtual Seminar Series, Northwestern University. During the presentations of Angharad Valdivia (UIUC), Jillian Báez (CUNY), Diana Leon-Boys, and Carmen González (UW).

2021: **Moderator**. Feminist Studies Division, International Communication Association. Panel "Feminist Text Analysis"

2019: **Discussant.** "Media and Democracy," Digital Journalism in Latin America Pre-Conference, International Communication Association. Washington DC, USA.

2019: **Discussant.** "Communication Praxis and Authoritarian Regimes" panel discussant, Communication History Division, International Communication Association. Washington DC, USA.

Professional Experience *(selected)*

2015—2016: **Research Coordinator**, Center for Media and Society in Argentina, Universidad de San Andrés & Northwestern University, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Media Publications of my Authorship *(selected)*

Kim, J. W. & **Wagner**, M. C. (October 24, 2022). "In support for the Supreme Court, partisanship trumps concern around gender equality." *London School of Economics USAPP blog*.

Wagner, M. C. (March 13, 2021). "Why does the way gender-based violence is covered in the media matter?" *[in Spanish]*. *Abro Hilo.*

Wagner, M. C., Mitchelstein, E. , Boczkowski, P. J. (May 10, 2020). "How much do we believe fake news on WhatsApp?" *[in Spanish]*. *Infobae.*

Wagner, M. C., Mitchelstein, E., Boczkowski, P. J. (May 7, 2020). "When it comes to scientific informati on, WhatsApp users in Argentina are not fools." *First Draft.*

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