



Center for Communication and  
Civic Renewal at the University of  
Wisconsin-Madison

## **FRACTURING DEMOCRACY:**

THE EROSION OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN A SHIFTING COMMUNICATION ECOLOGY

**Day 1, Thursday, February 27, 2020 (Vans from Edgewater leave for Vilas at 8:30am; pastries and coffee available at Vilas Hall).**

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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS (9:15) Mike Wagner, on behalf of the Center for Communication and Civic Renewal Team**

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**SESSION ONE (9:30-11:30): Information, Context, & Populism in Political Communication**

**Chris Wells, Lewis Friedland, Jiyoun Suk, Ceri Hughes, Michael Wagner, Dhavan Shah**

Title: Patterns of media use and political attitudes across urban, suburban and rural areas of Wisconsin, 2018

**Richard Fletcher**

Title: Populism and polarized trust in news from public service media across Europe

**Lilliana Mason**

Title: The Roots and Risks of Radical Partisanship (co-authored with Nathan Kalmoe)

**Claudia Strauss**

Title: Populist conventional discourses

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**LUNCH (12:00-1:30): Invitation only at the University Club**

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## **SESSION TWO (1:45-3:00): New Media and Democratic Fracture**

### **Shannon McGregor**

Title: Public opinion in the news: How social media shapes journalistic routines, the news, and audience attitudes

### **Michael Kearney**

Title: Understanding the Prevalence and Use of “Bots” on Twitter

### **Andreas Jungherr**

Title: Discursive Power in contemporary communication spaces and the fracturing of democracy

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## **COFFEE BREAK 3:00-3:15**

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## **SESSION THREE (3:15-4:30): Information Fragmentation and Democratic Fracture**

### **Alice Marwick**

Title: Canceled: How Morally Motivated Networked Harassment Reinforces Norms

### **Sandra González-Bailón**

Title: Exposure to News Grows less Fragmented with Increase in Mobile Access

### **Lei Guo**

Title: Are mainstream media still setting the public agenda in a polarized media landscape?

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**HAPPY HOUR (4:30 - 6:00 pm at the Study Pub) OR walk/catch a ride with a UW faculty member or graduate students to hotel for a short break**

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## **CONFERENCE DINNER (6:30-9:00pm at Porta Bella, Invitation Only)**

### **Lewis Friedland**

Title: Reactions and Reflections on Civic Fracture



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# **FRACTURING DEMOCRACY: THE EROSION OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN A SHIFTING COMMUNICATION ECOLOGY**

**Day 2, Friday, February 28, 2020, (Vans from Edgewater leave for Vilas at 8:30am – pastries and coffee at Vilas Hall).**

**SESSION ONE (9:00 – 10:30 am): Communication Ecologies and Political Contention**

**Lew Friedland**

Title: Concepts and Themes at the Intersection of Communication, Civic Fracture, and Democracy

**Chris Wells and Lew Friedland**

Title: Theoretical Overview of the Wisconsin Project

**Mike Wagner and Dhavan Shah**

Title: Analytic Approaches in the Wisconsin Project

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**SESSION TWO (10:30 - 11:30 am): Discussion of Core Concepts, Questions, and Directions**

**Chris Wells, Moderator**

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**THE “UNCONFERENCE” – OPEN CALL FOR WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS (11:30am - 12:00 pm)**

**Mike Wagner, Unconference Wrangler**

Conference participants will propose workshop ideas around shared interests for the afternoon sessions:

- Attendees post ideas for workshops or conversations about conference-related topics
  - Wrangler synthesizes various ideas into two sets of afternoon sessions
  - Attendees join sessions that interest them, moving from session to session if they like.
  - We will hold up to three workshops/conversations for each of two afternoon sessions
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**LUNCH (12:00 - 1:00 pm) – Mediterranean fare from Banzo Served in Nafziger Room**

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**“UNCONFERENCE” SESSION ONE (1:00 - 2:30 pm)**

Attendees join one of three rooms designated for a proposed workshop or conversation

Room 1

Room 2

Room 3

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**“UNCONFERENCE” SESSION TWO (3:00 - 4:15 pm)**

Attendees join one of three rooms designated for a proposed workshop or conversation

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**PLENARY DISCUSSION (4:30 - 5:30 pm): Points of Collaboration: Data, Methods, Theory-Building**

**Mike Wagner and Dhavan Shah, Moderators**

Collaborative Projects and Grants; Data Archives and Sharing; Retrieval and Scraping Tools

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**CONFERENCE DINNER (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Invitation only at Lucille)**

**Kathy Cramer**

Title: Closing Thoughts and Thanks

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