# MAXIMILIAN WEYLANDT

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## EDUCATION

**PhD Candidate in Political Science, ABD**

Northwestern University (2018-present)
Mellon Cluster Fellowship in African Studies (2018)

**MS in Statistics**

Northwestern University (concurrent with PhD, 2020-present)

**Master's Degree in Development Studies** (MPhil)

University of Oxford, U.K. (2015)

**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science** (BA Magna Cum Laude)

Dickinson College, U.S.A. (2013)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

"The 2014 National Assembly and presidential elections in Namibia." *Electoral Studies* 38 (2015): 126-130. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2015.01.011

### Chapters

"Causal Inference" (2019, with Pilar Manzi). In *Empirical Methods in Political Science: an Introduction.* Edited by Jean Clipperton. https://nulib-oer.github.io/empirical-methods-polisci/

"Large-N Methods" (2019). In *Empirical Methods in Political Science: an Introduction.* Edited by Jean Clipperton.

### In Progress

"Three essays on Democracy Conceptions." *PhD Dissertation at Northwestern University*

"Party system structuration and interest in politics shape survey responses on ideology: Evidence from the World Values Survey." (*With Pilar Manzi)*

"Getting better responses to open-ended survey questions using survey design elements"

## PRESENTATIONS

"Defining Democracy: evidence from open-ended survey data in the US." *MPSA 2023.*

"Does party system structuration help people place themselves on the left-right spectrum? Evidence from the World Values Survey." (*With Pilar Manzi) MPSA 2023.*

*"What You're Saying* on democracy: views on democracy in SMSes to the Namibian newspaper." *Namibia Research Day 2021.* maxweylandt.com/slides/nrd2021

## GRANTS

**Rapoport Family Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant** - $14,976 for a survey experiment on prejudice and democracy. 2022

**Methodology Research Grant, NU Political Science** - $1,000 for an experiment on obtaining higher-quality responses to open-ended survey questions. 2022.

**Minar Summer Research Grant, NU Political Science** - $500 to conduct a pilot survey in South Africa on people's views about democracy and partisan stereotypes. 2022

**TGS research Grant, Northwestern** - $3,000 to study how people understand democracy using open-ended surveys and machine learning technologies. 2021

## TEACHING (INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD)

**Statistical Research Methods**                                            Fall 2020
MPP 405, Loyola University

Introductory methods class for Loyola University's Master's in Public Policy. Topics covered included description and visualization of central tendency and spread, one- and two-sample tests of mean and proportion, chi-squared, ANOVA, and linear regression. All methods taught with applications in R.

## TEACHING (ASSISTANT)

**Poli Sci 405**: Linear Models                                (Winter 2020, Winter 2021)
**Poli Sci 403**: Introduction to Probability and Statistics                 (Fall 2020)
**Poli Sci 398**: Senior Thesis Seminar                        (Fall 2021 ,Winter 2022)
**Poli Sci 312**: Statistical Research Methods              (Spring 2020, Spring 2022)
**Poli Sci 210**: Empirical Methods                                         (Fall 2019)
**MMSS 211**  : Institutions, Rules & Models in Social Science            (Spring 2021)

Graduate (400+) and Undergraduate-level classes focusing on political methodology. Classes taught in-person and online, teaching statistical concepts, research design. Taught R programming language including processing data, visualization, running and interpreting statistical models. Advised student research.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Research Associate**                                        Sep 2015 – August 2017
**Project Coordinator**                                        August 2017-June2018
Institute for Public Policy Research                              Windhoek, Namibia

Led "Democracy Report" project: conducted Research and provided analysis on the work of Parliament in Namibia. Researched and wrote in-depth policy briefs on various legislative issues. Secured US$ 82,350 in grant funding for project, and led team building a website mapping the beneficial owners of all mining licenses in Namibia. Contributed research to civil society-led push for Access to Information Bill (passed in 2022)

## SOFTWARE

**StraightlineR** R Package implementing various quantitative measures for detecting straight-lining (a sign of low-effort responses) described by [Kim et al. (2019)](#), and providing easily accessible visualizations of the phenomenon. Release anticipated Summer 2023.

## MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

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| **Namibia Country Expert,** DALP 2 expert survey on party linkages | 2022 |
| **Teaching Committee,** Student-led pedagogy improvement | 2021-22 |
| **Social Chair,** *The Commune,* Poli Sci Graduate Student Organization | 2020-21 |
| **Namibianelections.org**, Open data website visualizing elections | 2019-now |