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Bio

BIO

I am the associate director and a lecturer in the Symbolic Systems Program, and a researcher at the Center for the Study of Language and Information, at Stanford University. I have a Ph.D. in cognitive psychology, an M.S. in data analysis and statistical computing, and a B.S. in statistics, all from Stanford. I have also served as a computer scientist at the Artificial Intelligence Center, SRI International, assistant professor of psychology at Koç University in Istanbul, and faculty in residence at the Stanford Bing Overseas Studies Program in Oxford and a visiting fellow at Brasenose College. I do research on digital democracy, deliberation, social decisions, information policy, and collective behavior. My main website is <https://web.stanford.edu/~davies>.

CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

Associate Director, Symbolic Systems Program

Lecturer, Symbolic Systems Program

Faculty Affiliate, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Governance Design: Real, Virtual, and Imaginary Worlds: SYMSYS 210 (Spr)
- Master's Program Seminar: SYMSYS 291 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Minds and Machines: CS 24, LINGUIST 35, PHIL 99, PSYCH 35, SYMSYS 1, SYMSYS 200 (Aut)
- Peer Advising in Symbolic Systems: Practicum: SYMSYS 298 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Senior Honors Seminar: SYMSYS 191 (Aut)
- Symbolic Systems Research Seminar: SYMSYS 280 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Symbolic Systems in Practice: SYMSYS 192 (Spr)

2024-25

- Governance Design: Real, Virtual, and Imaginary Worlds: SYMSYS 210 (Spr)
- Master's Program Seminar: SYMSYS 291 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Peer Advising in Symbolic Systems: Practicum: SYMSYS 298 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Senior Honors Seminar: SYMSYS 191 (Aut)

- Symbolic Systems Research Seminar: SYMSYS 280 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Symbolic Systems in Practice: SYMSYS 192 (Spr)

2023-24

- Cognitive Science Perspectives on Humanity and Well-Being: SYMSYS 203 (Spr)
- Master's Program Seminar: SYMSYS 291 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Peer Advising in Symbolic Systems: Practicum: SYMSYS 298 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Senior Honors Seminar: SYMSYS 191 (Aut)
- Symbolic Systems Research Seminar: SYMSYS 280 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Symbolic Systems in Practice: SYMSYS 192 (Spr)

2022-23

- Governance, Culture, and Innovation in Oxford: OSPGEN 47 (Sum)
- Master's Program Seminar: SYMSYS 291 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Peer Advising in Symbolic Systems: Practicum: SYMSYS 298 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Senior Honors Seminar: SYMSYS 191 (Aut)
- Studying Stanford: Governance, Culture, and Innovation: SYMSYS 176S (Spr)
- Symbolic Systems Research Seminar: SYMSYS 280 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Symbolic Systems in Practice: SYMSYS 192 (Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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Book Review Authored by: Davies, T.
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- **Effectiveness of public deliberation methods for gathering input on issues in healthcare: Results from a randomized trial** *SOCIAL SCIENCE & MEDICINE*

- Carman, K. L., Mallery, C., Maurer, M., Wang, G., Garfinkel, S., Yang, M., Gilmore, D., Windham, A., Ginsburg, M., Sofaer, S., Gold, M., Pathak-Sen, E., Davies, et al
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 - **Дизайн онлайн-делиберации: Выбор, критерии и эмпирические данные [translation of "Online Deliberation Design: Choices, Criteria, and Evidence"]** *Политическая наука*
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 - **Online Deliberation Design: Choices, Criteria, and Evidence** *Democracy in Motion: Evaluating the Practice and Impact of Deliberative Civic Engagement*
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 - **Relational Access Control with Bivalent Permissions in a Social Web/Collaboration Architecture** *Proceedings of the 2010 International Symposium on Collaborative Technologies and Systems, CTS 2010*
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 - **Online Deliberation: Design, Research, and Practice** *CSLI Lecture Notes*
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 - **Design Features for the Social Web: The Architecture of Deme** *Proceedings of the 8th International Workshop on Web-Oriented Software Technologies, IWOST 2009*
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