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Election expert specializing in election administration; voting system technology, standards, security, and deployment; election infrastructure modernization; and emerging risks affecting elections.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Associate Director, Elections (2024 – present); Associate Director, Elections (2023 – 2024)
[Bipartisan Policy Center](#); Washington, DC

- **Lead significant portions of the organization's elections portfolio**, focusing on election administration, voting technology, and election system resilience. Oversee major research and policy outputs, including reports and analyses on election operations, technology, certification standards, election funding, and voter confidence; supervise staff researchers.
- **Convene election officials, researchers, technologists, and policymakers** through roundtables, tabletop exercises, public events, and task forces. Help build a bipartisan community of practice around election administration while expanding organizational visibility and engagement.
- **Provide expert analysis and briefings** to policymakers, election officials, and stakeholders on election administration and voting technology issues; represent the organization through public speaking, convenings, and media engagement.

Senior Technologist, Elections & Democracy (2020 – 2023)
[Center for Democracy & Technology](#); Washington, DC

- **Led elections policy work at a nonpartisan nonprofit**, authoring original research, white papers, blog posts, op-eds, and magazine articles on election cybersecurity, physical security, and trust in American elections. Hosted and participated in panel discussions and convenings on election security, disinformation, redistricting, and electoral systems.
- **Advocated and advised on elections policy to state and federal policymakers.** Was invited to brief the National Security Council on threats to election security. Was invited to [testify](#) before Pennsylvania state legislators on election security. Received multiple invitations to speak at conferences of state legislators. Communicated regularly with Congressional staffers.

Adjunct Professor of Law (2023 – 2024)
Georgetown University Law Center; Washington, DC

- **Taught Computer Programming for Lawyers**, a programming course for law students. Designed curriculum, problem sets, and lectures.

AAAS Congressional Science & Engineering Fellow (2019 – 2020)
[Office of U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren](#); Washington, DC

- **Conducted oversight investigations** of the federal government and private sector, drafting legislation and leading dozens of projects on privacy, cybersecurity, and internet architecture.
- **Drafted and edited communications material** related to the above, including press releases, statements, and social media posts.

Computational Research Specialist (2018 – 2019)
[Princeton Gerrymandering Project](#); Princeton University; Princeton, NJ

- **Authored popular press pieces and peer-reviewed papers**, including: interactive pieces in the [New York Times](#) and [FiveThirtyEight](#); a paper clarifying a controversy about methods for detecting outlier district maps, [cited](#) by plaintiffs in a successful state legislative redistricting challenge.
- **Drafted legislation** (which was later passed unanimously and enacted) requiring NJ State to share election data publicly. Provided public testimony before the NJ Legislature about a proposed constitutional amendment regarding the state legislative redistricting process.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Neuroscience (2013 – 2018); New York University; New York, NY. Training emphasized computational modeling, statistical inference, experiment design and execution. Published first-author papers in [Proceedings of the National Academies of Sciences](#), [PLOS Computational Biology](#), [Neural Computation](#).
B.A., Psychology (2006 – 2010); Carleton College; Northfield, MN. Graduated *magna cum laude*.

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2015 – 2018), a grant providing tuition and stipend for the majority of my graduate training.
NYU President's Service Award (2018), awarded for commitment to civic engagement and service.
New York Academy of Sciences Science Alliance Leadership Training Fellow (2017)
Society for Neuroscience Early Career Policy Ambassador (2017)
NYU Dean's Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award in the Sciences (2016), awarded to one graduate student teaching assistant each year.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

See [Google Scholar](#) for full list of scholarly publications. See [here](#) for full list of publications at the Bipartisan Policy Center. See [here](#) for full list of publications at the Center for Democracy & Technology.

WT Adler, T Menon. (2026, upcoming). The Road to Widespread Deployment of Next Generation VVSG 2.x-Certified Voting Systems. *The Bipartisan Policy Center and U.S. Election Assistance Commission*.

G Klinefelter, **WT Adler**. (2026, upcoming). Evaluating Federal Grant Programs to Improve Voting Accessibility. *The Bipartisan Policy Center, U.S. Election Assistance Commission*.

W Orey, **WT Adler**. (2026). [Do Documentary Proof of Citizenship Requirements Disadvantage One Party More Than the Other?](#) *The Bipartisan Policy Center*.

WT Adler, McIsaac, C McIsaac, M Germer, G Cohn-Postar. (2026). [United in Security: How Every State Protects Your Vote in 2026](#). *The Bipartisan Policy Center*.

WT Adler, T Menon, W Orey. (2026). [What are Electronic Poll Books?](#) *The Bipartisan Policy Center*.

W Orey, **WT Adler**. (2025). [What are the Federal Voluntary Voting System Guidelines?](#) *The Bipartisan Policy Center*.

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G Klinefelter, **WT Adler**, W Orey. (2025). [Training for Election Officials: A 50-State Analysis](#). *The Bipartisan Policy Center*.

D Jackson, M Weil, **WT Adler**. (2024). [Preparing for Artificial Intelligence and Other Challenges to Election Administration](#). *The Bipartisan Policy Center*.

WT Adler. (2024). [Understanding the Election Administrator Job Market](#). *The Bipartisan Policy Center*.

WT Adler, T Menon. (2024). [Beyond the First Choice: Improving Alaska's Election Reporting Process](#). *The Bipartisan Policy Center*.

A Aboulafla, **WT Adler**. (2023). [How Many Disabled People Vote Over the Internet? We Need Better Data](#). *The Center for Democracy & Technology*.

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- WT Adler** (2022). [No Simple Answers: A Primer on Ballot Marking Device Security](#). *The Center for Democracy & Technology*.
- J Wachspress, **WT Adler**. (2021). [Split Decisions: Guidance for Measuring Locality Preservation in District Maps](#). *The Center for Democracy & Technology*.
- WT Adler**, D Levine. (2021). [Trusting the vote: Establishing a Presidential Commission on Election Resilience and Trust](#). *The Center for Democracy & Technology, The Alliance for Securing Democracy*.
- WT Adler**, M Knodel. (2021). [An agenda for U.S. election cybersecurity](#). *The Center for Democracy & Technology, The Konrad Adenauer Foundation*.
- WT Adler**, SSH Wang. (2019). [Response to Cho and Liu, "Sampling from complicated and unknown distributions: Monte Carlo and Markov chain Monte Carlo methods for redistricting."](#) *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications*.
- WT Adler**, SA Thompson. (2018). [The 'blue wave' wasn't enough to overcome Republican gerrymanders](#). *The New York Times*.