

# Mila Seppälä

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## EDUCATION

**01/2020 –**

University of Turku | Turku, Finland

Doctoral Programme of Social and Behavioural Sciences: Political Science

Supervisors: Professor Benita Heiskanen, Professor Henri Vogt, Associate Professor Michael Hansen

Title of Ph.D. dissertation (preliminary): Bounded imaginary and the (im)possibilities of gun violence prevention in the United States

**05/2016 – 03/2018**

University of Turku | Turku, Finland

Master of Arts, School of Languages and Translation Studies: English

MA thesis: "Warnings Are to be Given if Feasible": Graduating Power in the US State Laws on the Use of Force by Law Enforcement (eximia cum laude approbatur)

**09/2012 – 05/2016**

University of Turku | Turku, Finland

Bachelor of Arts, School of Languages and Translation Studies: English

BA thesis: Breaking News: Gendered Discourse and Pop Star Image in the UK Tabloid Daily Mail (Grade: 4)

## OTHER EDUCATION

**09/2021 – 05/2022**

University of Texas at Austin | Austin, TX, United States

Visiting scholar

ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellows grantee, supervised by Associate Professor Harel Shapira

**09/2017 – 12/2017**

University of Glasgow | Glasgow, UK

Erasmus + exchange: Central and East European Studies (Level 6)

## **LINGUISTIC SKILLS**

- Finnish, native
- English, C2
- Swedish, B2

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**01/2021 – 12/2023**

Doctoral candidate, salaried position | University of Turku, Department of Contemporary History, Philosophy and Political Science and John Morton Center for North American Studies, Finland

**09/2019 – 06/2020**

Project Researcher | University of Turku, John Morton Center for North American Studies, Finland

”Tragediautisoinnin haasteet – median mahdollisuudet käsitellä kouluampumisia” #TRAGE-research project funded by the Helsingin Sanomat Foundation

- Examining U.S. and Finnish media’s reporting of the 2018 high school shootings in Parkland, Florida
- Analyzing data and producing an article

**11/2016 – 04/2017**

Research Assistant | University of Turku, Finland

“Framing Text” -team

- Data collection from the Early English Books Online database
- Transcribing text with Abbyy FineReader

## **RESEARCH FUNDING**

- Department of Philosophy, Contemporary History and Political Science at University of Turku 9/2020
- American-Scandinavian Foundation 5/2020

- Fulbright Finland Foundation 3/2020
- The Uskela Student Foundation 12/2019
- The Turku University Research Fund 6/2019

## RESEARCH OUTPUTS

Total number of publications: 14

- Kannisto, Maiju and Mila Seppälä. "Kuopion koulusurman käsittely jäi kesken." *Journalisti*, 29 Oct. 2019, <https://www.journalisti.fi/ajankohtaiset/lukijoilta-kuopion-koulusurman-kasittely-jai-kesken>.
- Lehtonen, Malla and Mila Seppälä. "Like A Double-edged Sword': Student Testimonials on Campus Carry in Texas." *Journal of American Studies*, vol. 55, no. 2, May 2021, pp. 274 – 285, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0021875820001401>.
- Seppälä, Mila and Attila Krizsan. "The Objective Reasonableness of a Reasonable Officer: The Role of Graduation on the U.S. Statutory Limits on the Use of Force by Law Enforcement." In *Contemporary Approaches to Legal Linguistics* edited by Daniel Leisser and Luke Green, LIT Verlag, 2022, pp. 319-340.
- Seppälä, Mila. "Aseväkivallan ja sen ehkäisyn monet kasvot." *Sam Magazine*, 16 June 2022, <https://www.sammagazine.fi/puheenvuorot/fasa-asevakivallan-ja-sen-ehkaisyn-monet-kasvot-6.111.30319.04a43925d4>.
- Seppälä, Mila. "Creative Political Participation on TikTok during the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election." *WiderScreen* 25 (3-4), 2022. <http://widerscreen.fi/numerot/3-4-2022-widerscreen-26-3-4/creative-political-participation-on-tiktok-during-the-2020-u-s-presidential-election/>
- Seppälä, Mila. "Radical Political Imagination and Generational Utopias: Gun Control as a Site of Youth Activism." In *Up in Arms: Gun Imaginaries in Texas*, edited by Benita Heiskanen, Albion M. Butter and Pekka Kolhemainen, Brill, 2022, pp. 134-163.
- Seppälä, Mila. "Pettymysten keskellä etelän nuoret näyttävät tietä demokraateille." *Turun Sanomat*, 07 Nov. 2020, p. 2.
- Seppälä, Mila. "Yhdysvaltain poliisin voimankäyttölakeja tiukennettava". *Turun Sanomat*, 12 June 2020, p. 2.
- Seppälä, Mila. "Aselait ovat poliittinen päätös". *Turun Sanomat*, Alio, 27 Aug. 2019, p. 2.

## TEACHING

**09/2022 – 11/2022**

Lead Instructor| University of Turku, Turku, Finland

Reading Seminar on Social Movements in the United States since 1905

**09/2022 – 11/2022**

Instructor| University of Turku, Turku, Finland

North American Studies seminar course “2022 Congressional Elections in the United States” (Principal instructor: Professor Benita Heiskanen)

**09/2020 – 11/2020**

Instructor| University of Turku, Turku, Finland

North American Studies seminar course “2020 U.S. Presidential Election” (Principal instructor: Professor Benita Heiskanen)

**01/2020 – 03/2020**

Teaching Assistant| University of Turku, Turku, Finland

North American Studies lecture course “Poor and Working-Class Whites in the U.S.” (Instructor: Senior Researcher Lottamari Kähkönen)

- Evaluating assignments
- Leading workshops

**09/2019 – 12/2019**

Teaching Assistant| University of Turku, Turku, Finland

North American Studies lecture course “Race, Class, and Gender in U.S. History and Culture” (Instructor: Professor Benita Heiskanen)

- Evaluating assignments
- Administration of the Moodle online platform

**OTHER ACADEMIC MERITS**

- Reviewing a paper for *Political Behavior* journal, 2023
- ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association Board Member, 2023
- Fulbright Finland News Editorial Council Member, 2023
- Founding and Chairing the Association for Doctoral Researchers of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Turku (DocSoBe), 2023
- Invited talk in the national event for the Left Youth of Finland, November 2020
- Serving as Chair in the American Voices Seminar, October 2019
- Member of the JMC Research Network and Expert Directory, January 2019