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POSITIONS

University of Rochester, Department of Political Science

2019 - present. Assistant Professor

2021 - present. Member of Advisory Board for the Wallis Institute of Political Economy

2022 - present. Affiliate of the Democracy Center

Vanderbilt University, Department of Political Science

2017 - 2019. Post-Doctoral Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions

EDUCATION

Harris School of Public Policy, The University of Chicago

2012 - 2017. Ph.D. Public Policy

Washington University in St. Louis

2005 - 2009. A.B. Political Science & Economics, summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2024. "Incentives or Disincentives?" Journal of Politics 86(1), 257-273.
- 2022. "Income Inequality and Electoral Theories of Polarization." Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy 3(3-4), 317-342. (with Asya Magazinnik)
- 2021. "Uncontested Incumbents and Incumbent Upsets." Games and Economic Behavior 126: 163-185.
- 2019. "Vote Buying by the United States in the United Nations." *International Studies Quarterly* 63(1): 168-176. (with Bryan Rooney)
- 2016. "Distributive Politics and Legislator Ideology." *Journal of Politics* 78(1): 214-231. (with Christopher R. Berry & William G. Howell)

Working Papers/Work Under Review

2024. "The Process and Perils of Coming Around: Appointee Assimilation into Bureaucratic Agencies" (with Darrian Stacy) Invited to revise and resubmit at American Journal of Political Science

- 2021. "Buying Campaign Contributions with Policy Concessions." under review (with Greg Sasso)
- 2021. "Policymaking Precision as a Basis for Political Accountability." (with Mary Catherine Sullivan)

Work In Progress

- 2023. "Electoral Contests over Voter Beliefs" (with Alexander Evert)
- 2023. "On the Validity of Using the Median Voter for Welfare Comparative Statics"
- 2021. "Imposing Deadlines." (with Patricia Kirkland & Justin Phillips)

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2012 2017. Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Graduate Fellowship.
- 2014. National Opinion Research Center Robert Michael Research Grant.
- 2012. Program on Political Institutions Graduate Fellowship.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2015-2023. Midwest Political Science Association
- 2017-2023. Southern Political Science Association
- 2013, 2019. American Political Science Association
- 2017, 2020. Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics
- 2014. Association of Public Policy and Management, Fall Conference

TEACHING

- 2024. Models of Domestic Institutions (Rochester graduate course)
- 2024. Introduction to U.S. Politics (Rochester undergraduate course) previously taught: 2020, 2021, 2023
- 2023. The Political Economy of U.S. Food Policy (Rochester undergraduate course) previously taught: 2020, 2021
- 2021. U.S. Political Institutions (Rochester graduate seminar)
- 2020. Designing American Democracy (Rochester undergraduate course)
- 2019. Congress as an Institution (Rochester graduate seminar)
- 2017 2018. Math Camp for Incoming Political Science Graduate Students (Vanderbilt graduate course)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee Service

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Games and Economic Behavior, International Interactions, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, National Science Foundation.

ADVISING WORK

University of Rochester

Graduate committees: Amna Salam, Theu Dinh, Peng Gui, Joe Essig, Tony Molino

Oustide reader: Cristian Adderly Maraví Meneses (UR, economics)

Undergraduate thesis advisor: Liam Bethlendy (received honors), Anne Rosenow (current)

DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Rochester

2022. Faculty search committee joint with Frederick Douglass Institute

2022. Faculty search committee (PSCI)

2022. Sustainability Planning Committee (University-wide)

2021. Faculty search committee (PSCI)

2019 - 2021. Masters in Political Economy Committee

2021. Coordinator for Wallis Institute's internal and external seminar series

2021. Coordinator for department's internal "brownbag" seminar series

2020. Undergraduate Advisor

2020-2023. Reviewer for UR's Journal of Undergraduate Research

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

2010-2012. Market Strategy Group, Chicago, IL.

2007-2009. Office of Missouri State Senator Jeff Smith, St. Louis, MO.