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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, AY 2020

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
Assistant Professor, Political Science, Fall 2020 - Present (On Leave AY 2020)

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

M.A., Political Science, Fall 2016
Ph.D., Political Science, Summer 2020

- Fields: American Politics, Methodology, Political Behavior
- Dissertation Committee: Eric Schickler (chair), Rob Van Houweling, Gabe Lenz, Sarah Anzia

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

B.A., May 2011, *summa cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

“Before Reagan: The Development of the Partisan Divide on Abortion.” 2020. **Perspectives on Politics**.

“One-Party States and Legislator Extremism in the U.S. House, 1876-2012.” 2019. **The Journal of Politics**.

“Income Inequality and Congressional Republican Position Taking, 1913-2013.” 2019. **The Journal of Politics**.

WORKING PAPERS

“Social Groups and Ideological Constraint: Fresh Evidence on an Old Theory.” With Elizabeth Mitchell.

“Racial Realignment and the Roots of Contemporary Polarization.”

“Urban-Rural Divides and Issue Attitudes: A Cross-National Perspective.”

“The Evolution of African Americans as a Pro-Choice Constituency.”

“Waiting for Trump: The Move to the Right of White Working-Class Men, 1968-2016.” Working Paper. *The California Journal of Politics and Policy*. With Shad Turney, Frank Levy and Jack Citrin.

“Financial Incentives, Policy Participation and Political Attitudes: The Case of Obamacare.” Working Paper. Prepared for the 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor:

- Introduction to American Politics (FA 2015, SP 2016, SU 2018; Head GSI, FA 2016)

- The U.S. Congress (FA 2017, SP 2019)

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE 8th Grade Math Instructor, Veritas College Preparatory Charter School 2013-2014
 8th Grade Math Instructor, Teach for America, Memphis, TN 2011-2013

ACADEMIC AWARDS Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, 2019
 Harrell Rodgers Scholarship
 Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship (UC Berkeley)
 Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant (UC Berkeley)
 Dean's achievement award *for scholarship and leadership in economics (CWRU)*
 Marvin J. Barloon Book Award *for outstanding performance in Economics (CWRU)*

DEPARTMENT SERVICE Student Coordinator, American and International Studies Program, June 2018 - Present
 Academic Tutor and Student Mentor

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2015)
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2017, 2019)
 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2018)
 Research Workshop in American Politics, UC Berkeley (July 2016, February 2018, July 2018, February 2019)

OTHER SKILLS Stata, R, Latex, some Python