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- Appointments**    **Harris School of Public Policy, The University of Chicago**  
Assistant Professor (2019 - present)  
Postdoctoral Researcher and Instructor (2018 - 2019)
- Education**        **Columbia University**  
Ph.D., Political Science (2018)  
B.A., Political Economy (2006)
- Publications**    14. “Persuasion and Ideological Voting in Legislatures’ (with Daniel Bergan)  
Accepted, **Quarterly Journal of Political Science**.
13. “The democratic dilemma among elites: Do legislators make more reasoned decisions than voters?” (with Elizabeth Dorssom and Patricia Kirkland). 2025. **Political Behavior** (February): 1:25.
12. “How widespread is strategic partisan voting in Congress? Revisiting ‘Backward Induction in the Wild’.” 2025. **Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy** 6:1: 27-57.
11. “The limits of lobbying: Null effects from four field experiments in two state legislatures.” (with Matthew Camp and Michael Schwam-Baird). 2023. **Journal of Experimental Political Science**: 1-12.
10. “The myth of academics’ non-interference in legislatures.” 2022. **Political Studies Review** 20:2 (May): 228-235.
9. “Talking shops: The effects of caucus discussion on policy coalitions.” 2022. **American Journal of Political Science** 66:4 (October): 902-917.
8. “How effective are radio messages aimed at reducing teen births among Latinas? A randomized controlled trial.” (with Donald P. Green, Winston Lin). 2020. **Population Research and Policy Review**.
7. “The party or the purse? Unequal representation in the U.S. Senate.” (with Jeffrey Lax and Justin Phillips). 2019. **American Political Science Review** 113:4 (November): 917-940.

6. "Is position-taking contagious? Evidence of cue-taking from two field experiments in a state legislature." 2019. **American Political Science Review** 113:2 (May): 340-352.
5. "Publicizing scandal: Results from five field experiments." (with Donald P. Green, David Kirby). 2018. **Quarterly Journal of Political Science** 13:3 (August): 237-261.
4. "How responsive are legislators to policy information? Evidence from a field experiment in a state legislature." 2018. **Legislative Studies Quarterly** 43:4 (November): 595-618.
3. "How many robocalls are too many? Results from a large-scale field experiment." 2018. **Journal of Political Marketing** (February): 1-9.
2. "How much GOTV mail is too much? Results from a large-scale field experiment." (with Donald P. Green). 2017. **Journal of Experimental Political Science** 4:2 (November): 107-118.
1. "Evidence on the deleterious impact of sustained use of polynomial regression on causal inference." (with Andrew Gelman). 2015. **Research and Politics** 2:1 (March): 1-7.

## Working Papers

"Higher Order Beliefs in the Legislature: How Do Expectations about Peers' Votes Influence Position-Taking?" (with Mehdi Shadmehr and Elizabeth Dorssom).

"The Minimal Effects of Public Health Campaigns on Travel During the COVID Pandemic." (with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, Mehdi Shadmehr, and Ben Shaver) (R&R at the **Statistics and Public Policy**).

"Legislators (Probably) Don't Think Voters Are More Conservative Than They Really Are: On Bias in Policymaker Beliefs."

"The Effects of Training Politicians to Incorporate Evidence in Policymaking." (with Miguel Pereira).

## Awards

### **APSA Experimental Research Section**

Best Dissertation Award for "Legislating while learning: How staff briefings, cue-taking, and deliberation help legislators take policy positions" (2019).

### **APSA Legislative Studies Section**

Jewell-Loewenberg Award for best article published in *LSQ* in 2018 for "How Responsive are Legislators to Policy Information?" (2019).

## Grants

### **Becker Friedman Institute**

Research Grants for the Economic Effects of Coronavirus (\$10,000)

### **American University, Program on Legislative Negotiation**

Understanding Legislative Negotiation Grant (\$15,500)

### **National Science Foundation**

Graduate Research Fellowship (\$96,000)

Higher Order Beliefs during a Pandemic: Theory and Evidence to Test the Effects of Public Health Campaigns (\$198,852)

## Selected Talks

**Policy-Focused Implementation Science Training**, NYU, 2026

**Science and Politics Conference**, Northwestern University, 2025

**American Politics Conference**, Washington University in St. Louis, 2024

**Economic Speaker Series**, University of Oregon, 2024

**Parties in American Legislatures Conference**, University of Houston, 2023

**Political Science Research Workshop**, Purdue University, 2022

**Understanding Legislative Negotiation**, American University, 2021/22

**Political Behavior Seminar**, LSE, 2020

**Speaker Series**, University of Essex, 2020

**American Politics Workshop**, Stanford University, 2019

**CSDP Seminar**, Princeton University, 2019

**CAP Conference on American Politics**, UCSD, 2019

**American Politics Seminar**, University of Chicago, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

**CSAP American Politics Conference**, Yale University, 2017

**ISPS**, Yale University, 2017

## Teaching & Service

### **Harris Public Policy**

Legislative Politics (MPP, Undergrad)

Analytical Politics I, II (MPP, MA)

Field Experiments for Public Policy (MPP/PhD)

Political Economy II: Testing Theories of Political Institutions (PhD)

Associate Director, PhD Program

Governance Board, PE PhD Program

Organizer, Harris Political Economy Workshop

Organizer, Harris American Politics Conference