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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 Dorsom 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