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Research Interests: Congress, Political Communication, Statistical Methods

## Education

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### Stanford University

2022 – 2027 (expected)

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science

Subfields: American Politics and Political Methodology

### Georgetown University

2018 – 2022

B.S. in Foreign Service (with honors), *Cum Laude*

## Selected Working Papers

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### 4. Donor Networks and the Incentive to Defect in Congress. [\[link to paper\]](#)

Poster Presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology.

Paper Accepted to Present at the 2025 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

### 3. An Evaluation of Fraud Claims from the 2020 Trump Election Contests. (with Justin Grimmer) [\[link to paper\]](#)

### 2. Reinforcement Learning: Do Politicians Optimize for Engagement on Twitter?

Poster Presented at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology [\[poster link\]](#)

Paper Accepted to Present at the 2025 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

### 1. Estimating the Distribution of Voter Ideology in American Elections (with Avi Acharya and Justin Grimmer)

## Conference Presentations

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American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2025 (Expected)

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (Poster)

2024, 2025

Western Political Science Association

2023

Georgetown Massive Data Institute Scholars Showcase

2021, 2022

## Teaching

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### Stanford University, Teaching Assistant

The American West

Spring 2025

Controversies in American Public Policy

Winter 2024

Political Methodology I: Regression (Graduate-Level)

Fall 2024

## Awards

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| George P. Shultz Dissertation Fund (\$1,400)                     | 2024      |
| Fritz Family Fellowship: Georgetown Initiative on Tech & Society | 2022      |
| Massive Data Institute Scholar                                   | 2020–2022 |

## Additional Research Experience

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| <b>Georgetown University: Massive Data Institute</b>               | 2020–2022 |
| Research Assistant   |           |
| PI: Michael A. Bailey  |           |
| <b>Georgetown University: Institute for the Study of Migration</b> | 2020–2021 |
| Research Assistant   |           |
| PI: Elizabeth Ferris   |           |
| <b>Ohio State University: Department of Political Science</b>      | 2017–2018 |
| Research Assistant   |           |
| PI: Brice Acree  |           |

## Skills

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**Programming:** R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$   
**Languages:** English (native), Chinese (proficient)