# Benjamin Shaver

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| APPOINTMENTS | **Northwestern University** | |
| | Postdoctoral Fellow, *Kellogg School of Management* | July 2025 - |
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| EDUCATION | **University of Chicago** | |
| | Ph.D., Political Economy, *Harris School of Public Policy & Department of Political Science* | 2025 |
| | M.A., International Relations, *Committee on International Relations*, with *Honors* | 2019 |
| | **American University** | |
| | B.A., International Studies and Statistics (Minor), with *University Honors* and *cum laude* | 2018 |
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| PUBLICATIONS | "A Model of Selection and Policy Concerns" with Álvaro Delgado Vega, conditionally accepted at the *Economic Journal* | 2025 |
| | "Randomized evaluation of a school-based, trauma-informed group intervention for young women in Chicago," *Science Advances*, 9(23), with Monica P. Bhatt, Jonathan Guryan, Harold A. Pollack, Cris Pinto, Lucia Delgado-Sanchez, Phoebe Lin, Molly Clark, Max Lubell, Makenzi Sumners, and Juan Castrejon | 2023 |
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| WORKING PAPERS | "Signaling Ability Through Policy Change," *R&R Journal of Politics* | |
| |      Honorable Mention Best APSA 2024 Formal Theory Paper | |
| | "Cheap Talk with Costly Verification" *Under review* | |
| | "Media Freedom, Nationalist Protests, and Audience Costs" with David Krosin, *R&R Journal of Theoretical Politics* | |
| | "The Minimal Effects of Public Health Campaigns on Travel During the COVID Pandemic" with Adam Zelizer, Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, and Mehdi Shadmehr, *R&R Statistics and Public Policy* | |
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| WORK IN PROGRESS | "Taking Credit, Avoiding Blame, and Delegation" | |
| | "Dynamic Policy Development and Implementation" with Daniel Gibbs | |
| | "How Representative Are School Board Members of Local and National Public Opinion? Evidence from Paired Public and Elite Surveys and an Experiment" with Adam Zelizer | |
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| PRESENTATIONS | MPSA, Washington University in St. Louis Political Science Department, Washington University Conference for Early Career Scholars in Theoretical Political Economy | 2025 |
| | University of Chicago Political Science Department, University of Chicago Harris School, MPSA, University of Chicago Center for Effective Government, SIOE, APSA | 2024 |
| | University of Chicago Center for Effective Government, MPSA, University of Chicago Harris School | 2023 |
| | University of Chicago Center for Effective Government | 2022 |
| | MPSA (Canceled), Formal Theory Society Junior Scholar Symposium | 2020 |

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| TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE | Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago | |
| | • Advanced Microeconomics for Public Policy Analysis II, Ph.D. Level | 2022 |
| | • Analytical Politics I, Master's Level | 2021-2023 |
| | • Analytical Politics II, Master's Level | 2023 |
| | • Current Topics: Energy and the Environment in the Developing World, Master's Level | 2021-2025 |
| | • Current Topics: Transportation Infrastructure and Policy in the 21st century, Master's Level | 2024 |
| | • Program Evaluation, Master's Level | 2022 |
| | Department of Political Science, University of Chicago | |
| | • Intro to American Politics, Undergrad Level | 2024 |
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| RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE | Research Assistant for Postdoctoral Researcher Arduino Tomasi, University of Chicago | 2023 |
| | Research Assistant for Professor Adam Zelizer, University of Chicago | 2021-2022 |
| | Applied Data Fellow and Research Analyst, University of Chicago Urban Labs | 2019-2020 |
| | Research Assistant for Professor Robert Gulotty, University of Chicago | 2019 |
| | Research Assistant for Professor Guy Ziv, American University | 2017-2018 |
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| SELECTED AWARDS & GRANTS | Travel Grant, APSA Formal Theory Section | 2024 |
| | Harris School of Public Policy Ph.D. Fellowship, University of Chicago | 2020-Present |
| | Applied Data Fellowship, University of Chicago | 2019-2020 |
| | Graduate Council Travel Fund, University of Chicago | 2019 |
| | Social Sciences Scholarship, University of Chicago | 2019 |
| | Presidential Scholarship, American University | 2014-2018 |
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| SERVICE | Harris School of Public Policy Formal Theory Group Coordinator | 2022-2025 |
| | Harris School of Public Policy Ph.D. Social Coordinator | 2021-2022 |
| | Peer-Reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review* | |
| | Conference Panels Chaired or Organized: MPSA 2025, APSA 2024 | |