

# Benjamin Shaver

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EDUCATION	<b>University of Chicago</b>	
	Ph.D., Political Economy, <i>Harris School of Public Policy &amp; Department of Political Science</i>	In Progress
	Core Exams: Microeconomics, Econometrics, Political Economy Field Exam: American Politics	
	M.A., International Relations, <i>Committee on International Relations</i> , with <i>Honors</i>	2019
	<b>American University</b>	
	B.A., International Studies and Statistics (Minor), with <i>University Honors</i> and <i>cum laude</i>	2018
PUBLICATIONS	“Randomized evaluation of a school-based, trauma-informed group intervention for young women in Chicago,” <i>Science Advances</i> , 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
WORKING PAPERS	“Signaling Ability Through Policy Change,” <i>Under review</i>	
	“A Model of Succession and Policy Concerns” with Álvaro Delgado Vega, <i>R&amp;R Economic Journal</i>	
	“Media Freedom, Nationalist Protests, and Audience Costs” with David Krosin, <i>R&amp;R Journal of Theoretical Politics</i>	
	“The Minimal Effects of Public Health Campaigns on Travel During the COVID Pandemic” with Adam Zelizer, Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, and Mehdi Shadmehr, <i>R&amp;R Statistics and Public Policy</i>	
	“Political Communication with Fact-Checking”	
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Dynamic Policy Development and Implementation” with Daniel Gibbs	
	“Dynamic Policy Experimentation” with Zhaotian Luo	
	“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	
PRESENTATIONS	MPSA (Scheduled), Washington University in St. Louis Political Science Department (Scheduled), Indian School of Public Policy (Scheduled)	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
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
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
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
SERVICE	Harris School of Public Policy Formal Theory Group Coordinator	2022-2024
	Harris School of Public Policy Ph.D. Social Coordinator	2021-2022
	Peer-Reviewer for: <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	
	Conference Panels Chaired or Organized: APSA 2024, MPSA 2025 (Scheduled)	