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| APPOINTMENTS | Northwestern University Postdoctoral Fellow, <i>Kellogg School of Management</i> | July 2025 - |
| EDUCATION | University of Chicago Ph.D., Political Economy, <i>Harris School of Public Policy & Department of Political Science</i> M.A., International Relations, <i>Committee on International Relations</i> , with <i>Honors</i> | 2025 2019 |
| | American University 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 | “A Model of Succession and Policy Concerns” with Álvaro Delgado Vega, <i>R&R Economic Journal</i> “Signaling Ability Through Policy Change,” <i>Under review</i> , Honorable Mention Best APSA 2024 Formal Theory Paper “Cheap Talk with Costly Verification” <i>Under review</i> “Media Freedom, Nationalist Protests, and Audience Costs” with David Krosin, <i>R&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&R Statistics and Public Policy</i> | |
| 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 | |
| PRESENTATIONS | MPSA, Washington University in St. Louis Political Science Department, Washington University Conference for Early Career Scholars in Theoretical Political Economy University of Chicago Political Science Department, University of Chicago Harris School, MPSA, University of Chicago Center for Effective Government, SIOE, APSA University of Chicago Center for Effective Government, MPSA, University of Chicago Harris School University of Chicago Center for Effective Government MPSA (Canceled), Formal Theory Society Junior Scholar Symposium | 2025 2024 2023 2022 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 |
| 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 | |