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## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University (expected 2026)  
- Dissertation: *Strategic Reactions to Democratic Threat*  
- Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics  
M.Phil., Political Science, Columbia University, 2023  
M.A., Political Science, Columbia University, 2022  
B.A., Government and Law; Economics, Lafayette College, 2020

## Skills

- *Languages*: English, French (intermediate)
- *Software*: R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Stata, Microsoft Excel

## Publications

1. Daniel Markovits and Andrew O'Donohue. 2025. "[The Court of Public Opinion: The Limited Effects of Elite Rhetoric about Prosecuting Political Leaders.](#)" *PNAS Nexus* 4(9): pgaf253.
2. Donald P. Green and Daniel Markovits. 2025. "Field Experiments in Political Science." In *Encyclopedia of Experimental Social Science*, ed. Bereket Kebede. Forthcoming.
3. Andrew J. Clarke and Daniel Markovits. 2024. "[Congressional Town Halls.](#)" *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 49 (4): 879–903.
4. Donald P. Green, Thomas Leavitt, and Daniel Markovits. 2023. "[Challenges That Proprietary Research Poses for Meta-Analysis.](#)" In *Oxford Handbook of Engaged Methodological Pluralism in Political Science*, eds. Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Dino P. Christenson, and Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
5. Daniel Markovits, Andrew Strange, and Dustin Tingley. 2019. "[Foreign Aid and the Status Quo: Evidence from Pre-Marshall Plan Aid.](#)" *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* 12 (4): 585–613.

## Working Papers (Drafts Complete)

1. Threats of Retaliation and Support for Democratic Backsliding (Job Market Paper)
2. Encouraging Crossover Voting in the 2024 Presidential Primary (with Hayley Cohen, conditionally accepted, *American Journal of Political Science*)
3. Anticipatory Balancing (with Cody Prosperini, *under review*)
4. Field Testing Depolarization Initiatives (with Aaron Christensen and Andrew Thompson, *under review*)
5. Use Your Inside Voice: Intra-Party Social Pressure and the Avoidance of Political Speech (with Patrick Liu, *under review*)

6. Crossover Voting in Congressional Primaries (with Hayley Cohen)
7. Democratic Norms in Nominating Contests (with Hans Noel)
8. Cheating to Win? Beliefs about the Effectiveness of Democratic Transgressions

## Ongoing Projects

1. Norms and Outsiders in City Politics (with Justin Phillips and Emma Swanson)
2. How Accidental Mistargeting of Political Advertising Affects Experimental Estimates
3. Effects of Moderate Campaign Messaging in the 2024 Presidential Election: Contrasting Evidence from Survey and Field Experiments
4. Comparing Deep and Standard Canvassing (with Donald P. Green)
5. Mass reproducibility and replicability: A new hope (Institute for Replication Working Paper, Revise and Resubmit)
6. Campaign Activists and the Strategic Acceptance of Moderation

## Research Experience

*Research Assistant*, Professor Donald P. Green (Columbia University), Professor Carlo Prato (Columbia University), Professor Macartan Humphreys (Columbia University and WZB Berlin), Professor Robert Erikson (Columbia University)

## Teaching

Quantitative Methods 3, Experimental Research: Design, Analysis, and Interpretation (graduate class with discussion section)	Fall 2023
Autocracy and Democracy (undergraduate lecture)	Fall 2022
The American Congress (undergraduate lecture)	Fall 2021

## Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Columbia Center for Political Economy, co-author on faculty grant (\$33,000)	2025
Institute for Humane Studies, Expense Support Grants (\$4,000)	2025
Institute for Humane Studies, Junior Fellowship (\$6,000)	2025
Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia Political Science (\$2,100)	2024
Field Test Grant, Polarization and Social Change Lab (\$40,000)	2023
EGAP, West Africa Regional Hub Small Grants Fund (\$3,000)	2023
Seed grant, Center for Experimental Learning in the Social Sciences (\$6,000)	2022

## Conferences and Presentations

American Political Science Association	2023, 2024, 2025
Polarization Research Lab Annual Meeting	2025
Midwest Political Science Association	2023, 2024, 2025
Columbia Graduate Student Seminar	2023, 2024, 2025
Columbia Political Economy Colloquium	2024, 2025

Invited Talk, MIT Media Lab

2025

## **Service**

Columbia Graduate Student Seminar Coordinator

2022-2023

Graduate Student Organizer, Political Economy of Democratic Backsliding  
Conference

2022

Last updated September 2025.