

Department of Political Science,
University of California Merced.

Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am writing to apply for the position of Assistant Professor of Political Science. I am a doctoral student specializing in political economy with particular focus on American politics, political communication, and timing of elections. I will complete my Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in May 2022.

I am extremely interested in joining the faculty of Merced. As a member of the department, I will contribute to its focus on political education, continue my research on strategic communication, and lead departmental service activities. I find Merced's emphasis on teaching and its research philosophy very stimulating. I am confident that my enthusiasm for teaching, my theoretical and empirical approach to studying socially relevant topics, and my track record for collaborative work make me an excellent fit for the position in your department.

In my job market paper, I theoretically and empirically analyze how politicians strategically vary ad content and placement to mobilize their base and demobilize the opposing one. In other work, I examine whether US congressional candidates of the same party that advertise in the same district free ride off of each others political ads. In joint work, my coauthor and I characterize conditions such that voting order is irrelevant to outcomes.

In addition, I have a strong interest in teaching. As I mention in my teaching statement, I have extensive teaching experience in a range of topics. During my doctoral studies at Illinois, I was honored to be selected by my students among the top 10% of teachers in the university.

Letters in support of my application from Professors Dan Bernhardt (Chair), George Deltas, and Stefan Krasa will be sent under a separate cover.

I can be reached via email at ecnstnt2@illinois.edu or by phone at +1-217-721-5834.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any additional information that I can provide.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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