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EDUCATION

New York University
Ph.D. in Politics

New York, NY
Expected: 2024

- Dissertation: "Essays on the Politics of Local Bureaucracies"
- Committee: Sanford Gordon, Julia Payson, Tara Slough, Arthur Spirling, Hye Young You (Chair)

London School of Economics and Political Science

London, UK

MSc Political Science and Political Economy, with distinction

2017

University of Mannheim

Mannheim, DE

BA Political Science, Minor: Economics, with distinction

2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: American Political Institutions, Bureaucratic Politics, Local Politics, Political Economy Methodological: Natural Experiments, Spatial Data, Text Data

Working Papers & Work in Progress

"Sorting for K-Street: Post-Employment Regulations and Strategic Wage Setting in Congress" ($R \& R \ at \ Journal \ of \ Politics)$

"Political Power of Bureaucratic Agents: Evidence from Policing in New York City"

"Politicized Meritocracy: Determinants of Selection in US City Government"

"Multilingual Word Embeddings for Social Scientists: Estimation, Inference and Validation Resources for 157 Languages" (with Pedro L. Rodriguez, Arthur Spirling, and Brandon M. Stewart)

"A Formal Model of Bureaucratic Sabotage" (with Byeonggeun Heo)

"Fiscal Crisis and Gender Pay Gap in the Bureaucracy" (with Kyuwon Lee and Hye Young You)

"The Revolving Door for Political Elites: Policymakers' Professional Background and Financial Regulation" (EBRD Working Paper 222, 2018)

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

PolMeth Best Virtual Poster Award (Political Methodology Society)	2022
Virginia Graduate Research Grant (APSA POP section)	2022
PolMeth Travel and Participation Award (Political Methodology Society, declined)	2022
George Downs Grant (New York University)	2022, 2023
MacCracken Fellowship (New York University)	2019 – 2024
DAAD Carlo-Schmid Fellowship (German Academic Exchange Service)	2017 - 2018
Youth ResearchEdge Winner (OECD Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum)	2017
MSc PSPE Prize for Best Dissertation (London School of Economics)	2017
DAAD Graduate Scholarship (German Academic Exchange Service)	2016 – 2017
Best Overall Performance, BA Political Science (ABSOLVENTUM Mannheim)	2016
Study Scholarship (German National Academic Foundation)	2013 – 2017

Conference Presentations

2023: NEWEPS-20; NYU-LSE Conference on Political Economy; APSA

2022: APSA; LPEC APSA Pre-Conference; EPSA; PolMeth XXXIX; Monash-Warwick-Zurich

Text-as-Data Workshop

2021: APSA

2016-2019: 2018 OECD Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum; 7th Mannheim Energy Conference; 2018

Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) Workshop on Political Economy; 2018

NICEP Conference

TEACHING

Text as Data (graduate) TA for Prof. Arthur Spirling	Spring 2023
Quantitative Methods III (graduate)	Fall 2022
TA for Prof. Tara Slough Power and Politics in America (undergraduate)	Spring 2022
TA for Prof. Chris Dawes Introduction to Research Methods (undergraduate)	Fall 2021

EXPERIENCE

TA for Prof. Hye Young You

NYU Public Safety Lab	New York, NY
Graduate Research Affiliate	2021-present
NYU, Research Assistant	New York, NY
Research Assistant for Prof. Arthur Spirling	2021 - 2022
Research Assistant for Prof. Dimitri Landa	2021
Research Assistant for Prof. Hye Young You	2020
University of Mannheim, Chair of Econometrics Research Associate for Prof. Markus Frölich	Lusaka, ZM 2018–2019
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Analyst at the Office of the Chief Economist	London, UK 2017–2018
Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) Intern at the Research Group "International Distribution and Redistribution"	Mannheim, DE 2016
EU Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES) Seminar Assistant	Brussels, BE 2015–2016
Collaborative Research Centre 884	Mannheim, DE

Relevant Skills

Computing Skills: R, Python, Stata, LATEX, SQL

Research Assistant for Prof. Thomas König & Prof. Nicole Rae Baerg

Languages: German (native), English (near native), Spanish (advanced), French (basic)

2014 - 2016

SERVICE

Co-Organizer: NEWEPS-18 (2022), NYU Politics Department Women's Informal Network (2022-2023)

Reviewer: Journal of Politics