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## EDUCATION

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### New York University

Ph.D. in Politics

New York, NY

2019 - 2024 (expected)

- 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

MSc Political Science and Political Economy, with distinction

London, UK

2016 - 2017

### University of Mannheim

BA Political Science, Minor: Economics, with distinction

Mannheim, DE

2013 - 2016

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Substantive: American Political Institutions, Bureaucratic Politics, Local Politics, Political Economy

Methodological: Natural Experiments, Spatial Data, Text Data

## ACCEPTED & PUBLISHED WORK

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Wirsching, Elisa, “Sorting for K-Street: Post-Employment Regulations and Strategic Wage Setting in Congress”, *Conditionally Accepted at Journal of Politics*

## WORKING PAPERS & WORK IN PROGRESS

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

“Politicized Meritocracy: Determinants of Partisan and Racial 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; under review*)

“Bureaucratic Sabotage and Policy Inefficiency” (*with Kun 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*)

## AWARDS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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Urban Doctoral Fellowship (New York University)	2023
PolMeth Best Virtual Poster Award (Political Methodology Society)	2022
Virginia Gray Graduate Research Award (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

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2023: Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS) 20; NYU-LSE Conference on Political Economy; MPSA; APSA; APSA Bureaucracy Pre-Conference (cancelled)

2022: APSA; Local Political Economy APSA Pre-Conference; Copenhagen Money in Politics 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

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

## EXPERIENCE

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<b>NYU Public Safety Lab</b>	New York, NY
Graduate Research Affiliate	2021–present
<b>NYU, Research Assistant</b>	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
<b>University of Mannheim, Chair of Econometrics</b>	Lusaka, ZM
Research Associate for Prof. Markus Frölich	2018–2019
<b>European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</b>	London, UK
Analyst at the Office of the Chief Economist	2017–2018
<b>Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)</b>	Mannheim, DE
Intern at the Research Group “International Distribution and Redistribution”	2016
<b>EU Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES)</b>	Brussels, BE
Seminar Assistant	2015–2016
<b>Collaborative Research Centre 884</b>	Mannheim, DE
Research Assistant for Prof. Thomas König & Prof. Nicole Rae Baerg	2014–2016

## RELEVANT SKILLS

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**Computing Skills:** R, Python, Stata, RStan, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, SQL

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

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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

**Discussant:** 2022 Copenhagen Money in Politics Conference

**Reviewer:** Journal of Politics