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EDUCATION

New York University — New York, NY
Ph.D. in Politics — 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)*

AWARDS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

2022: APSA; LPEC 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

Text as Data (graduate)   Spring 2023
TA for Prof. Arthur Spirling

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
TA for Prof. Hye Young You

EXPERIENCE

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   Lusaka, ZM
Research Associate for Prof. Markus Frölich   2018–2019

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)   London, UK
Analyst at the Office of the Chief Economist   2017–2018

Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)   Mannheim, DE
Intern at the Research Group "International Distribution and Redistribution"   2016

EU Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES)   Brussels, BE
Seminar Assistant   2015–2016

Collaborative Research Centre 884   Mannheim, DE
Research Assistant for Prof. Thomas König & Prof. Nicole Rae Baerg   2014–2016

Relevant Skills

Computing Skills: R, Python, Stata, RStan, LaTeX, SQL

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

Professional Service

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