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Academic Appointments

University of Chicago

Professor, Harris School of Public Policy Studies and the College, since 2016.

Faculty Associate, Department of Political Science, since 2017.

Associate Professor (with tenure), Harris School of Public Policy Studies, 2009–2016.

Princeton University

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, 2004–2009.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, 2003–2004.

Harvard University

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, 2001–2004.

Instructor, Department of Government, 2000–2001.

Education

Ph.D. (Economics) 2001, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

B.S. (Economics) 1995, University of Pennsylvania.

Honors and Awards

Elias Boudinot Bicentennial Preceptor, Princeton University. 2008–2009.

Research

Submitted Papers

Optimal Domestic Constraints in International Crises, with Kris Ramsay.

Work in Progress

Theory and Credibility, with Chris Berry and Ethan Bueno de Mesquita.

Informativeness and the Incumbency Advantage, with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita and
Amanda Friedenberg.

The Sources of Women's Underrepresentation in US Politics: A Model of Election
Aversion and Voter Discrimination, with Chris Berry and Ethan Bueno de Mesquita.

Electorates vs. Voters, with Anthony Fowler.

Challengers as Monitors in Elections, with Ken Shotts.

Scholarly Publications

- Delegation to an Overconfident Expert, with Greg Sasso. (2019) *The Journal of Politics* 81(2): 692–696.
- Learning About Voter Rationality, with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita and Amanda Friedenberg. (2018) *The American Journal of Political Science* 62(1): 37–54.
- Unified vs. Divided Political Authority, with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. (2017) *The Journal of Politics* 79(4): 1372–1385.
- Accountability and Information in Elections, with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita and Amanda Friedenberg. (2017) *The American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 9(2): 95–138.
- Is Voter Competence Good for Voters?: Information, Rationality, and Democratic Performance, with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. (2014) *The American Political Science Review* 108(3):565–587.
- Electoral Accountability: Recent Theoretical and Empirical Work. (2012) *Annual Review of Political Science* 15:183–201.
- Does Informative Media Commentary Reduce Politicians’ Incentives to Pander?, with Ken Shotts. (2010) *The Journal of Public Economics* 94(11–12):838–847.
- Elections with Platform and Valence Competition, with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. (2009) *Games and Economic Behavior* 67(1):191–216.
- Electoral Selection, Strategic Challenger Entry, and the Incumbency Advantage, with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. (2008) *Journal of Politics* 70(4):1006–1025.
- Design, Inference, and The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism, with Josh Clinton, Adam Meirowitz, and Kris Ramsay. (2008) *American Political Science Review* 102(2):269–273.
- Informative Party Labels with Electoral and Institutional Variation, with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. (2008) *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 20(3):251–273.
- Does Advertising Exposure Affect Turnout?, with Josh Clinton. (2007) *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 2(1):27–41.
- Campaign Finance and Voter Welfare with Entrenched Incumbents. (2006) *American Political Science Review* 100(1):55–68.
- Delivering the Goods: Constituency Service with Electoral and Institutional Variation, with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. (2006) *Journal of Politics* 68(1):168–179.
- Monotone Comparative Statics in Models of Politics, with Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. (2006) *American Journal of Political Science* 50(1):214–231.
- Reputational Dynamics and Political Careers. (2005) *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 21(2):441–466.

Other Publications

All Else Equal in Theory and Data (Big or Small), with Chris Berry and Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. (2015) *PS: Political Science & Politics* 48(1):89–94.

Voters' Interests in Campaign Finance Regulation: Formal Models. (2012) *The Political Economist*.

Review of Timothy Besley's *Principled Agents?: The Political Economy of Good Government*. (2008) *Economica* 75:607–608.

The Economics of Campaign Finance. (2008) In *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2e, Larry Blume and Steven Durlauf, eds. Palgrave Macmillan Publishers.

Invited Talks

Princeton (2002); Cornell (2003); UC Berkeley, Northwestern, PIER Conference on Political Economy (2004); Yale, Washington University, Political Institutions and Economic Policy Conference (2005); Columbia (2006); Harvard/MIT, Chicago (2007); Chicago, Wallis Institute Conference (2008); Rochester, Wisconsin, Maryland (2009); Washington University, NYU, Vanderbilt (2010); Purdue, LSE, Warwick, Columbia (2011); UC Berkeley, Virginia, Yale (2012); Caltech, Princeton (2014); Harvard, Yale (2015); Emory, Cornell (2016); Stanford, UQAM Conference on Political Economy, Columbia, Berkeley (2017); Washington PECO (2018); University of British Columbia, Yale (2019)

Teaching

Dissertation Advising

Ethan Bueno de Mesquita (2003)	currently at	Chicago
Macartan Humphreys (2003)		Columbia and WZB Berlin
Eric Dickson (2003)		NYU
Michael Cutrone (2008)		US Government
Rainer Schwabe (2010)		Bank of Mexico
Dustin Tingley (2010)		Harvard
Kyung Park (2014)		Wellesley
Philipp Tillmann (2014)		Analysis Group
Stephane Wolton (2014)		LSE
Congyi Zhou (2015)		NYU
Dan Alexander (2017)		Rochester
Christian Salas (2017)		Bates White Economic Consulting
Greg Sasso (2017)		Bocconi Postdoc
Peter Evangelakis (2017)		REMI
Bocar Ba (2018)		Duke Postdoc

Ph.D. Courses

Game Theory, Theory of Collective Choice, Introductory Statistics, Math for Political Science, Foundations of Political Economy, Advanced Microeconomics for Policy Analysis

Masters Courses

Elections and Public Policy, Decisions and Organizations, Introduction to Analytical Politics

Undergraduate Courses

Elections, Money and Congress, Political Economy, Introduction to Game Theory, Philosophical Foundations for Public Policy

University Service

Board of University Publications, 2016–2019.

Harris School Dean Search Committee, 2016–2017.

Disciplinary Service

Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Editor, 2009–2014; Editor-in-Chief since 2015.

Journal of Politics, Editorial Board Member since 2019.

American Journal of Political Science, Editorial Board Member, 2010–2013.

Third Annual Formal/Comparative Conference, Organizer, 2015.

Midwest Political Science Association, Section Chair for Formal Theory, Annual Meeting, 2013

EITM, co-organizer 2011.

Southern Political Science Association, Section Chair for Positive Political Theory, Annual Meeting, 2009.

Refereed for the National Science Foundation, Canada Foundation for Innovation, Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, University of Chicago Press and journals including *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Econometrica*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Review of Economic Studies*, and *Theoretical Economics*.