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Appointments

Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs
Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) 2025-2026

Education

University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. Political Science 2025
• Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology, Political Behavior
• Committee: Sarah Anzia (chair), David Broockman, Paul Pierson, Eric Schickler
M.A. Political Science 2022
Tufts University 2013–2017
B.A. Political Science, Philosophy, & German, *Cum Laude*

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- [1] Anna Weissman (2025), “Descriptive Representation in an Era of Polarization,” *The Journal of Politics*: Vol. 87, No. 3. <https://doi.org/10.1086/732961>
- [2] Michael Hankinson, Asya Magazinnik and Anna Weissman (2024), “When Do Local Interest Groups Participate in the Housing Entitlement Process?,” *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*: Vol. 5: No. 1, pp 47-69. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1561/113.00000093>

Working Papers & Works in Progress

“As Racial Attitudes Go, So Goes Approval: Why White Democrats Favor Representatives of Color,” *invited to revise and resubmit* (with Anna Mikkelborg)

“When Partisanship Matters in Local Politics”

“Local Roots in Local Politics”

“How Local Officials (Mis)perceive the Politics and Economics of Growth” (with David Broockman and Christopher Elmendorf)

“Measuring Place-Based Attachment and its Implications: Evidence from the Politics of Growth and Land Use”

Book Project: “How Place Conditions Local Politics: Understanding Local Power and Decision-Making Beyond Party Lines”

Presentations

APSA	2022, 2023*, 2024, expected 2025
MPSA	2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
SPSA	2022, 2024
Stanford conference on the Political Economy of Geographic Polarization in Rich Democracies (<i>invited</i>)	2025
APSA Local Political Economy pre-Conference	2024

Winter American Politics Research Meeting, UC Berkeley (<i>invited</i>)	2024
Berkeley-Stanford American Politics Conference	2022
University of Michigan Emerging Scholars Conference	2019
Harvard Engaged Scholarship and Social Justice Research Conference	2017
Stanford Undergraduate Research Conference	2017
(*Indicates accepted paper but unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances)	

Teaching

UC Berkeley, Graduate Student Instructor	
Decision Analysis, Modeling, & Quant Methods, Jake Grumbach (graduate)	Spring 2024
Politics of Public Policy, David Broockman	Summer 2023
Intro to American Politics, Paul Pierson	Fall 2021, Spring 2023
Intro to Empirical Analysis & Quantitative Methods, David Broockman	Spring 2022
Parties and Polarization in the US, Thomas Kent	Fall 2022
Tufts University, Teaching Assistant	
Intro to American Politics, Brian Schaffner	Fall 2019
Quantitative Research Methods, Richard Eichenberg	Spring 2017

Awards

Citrin Center Graduate Student Research Award, UC Berkeley, \$2,000	2025
Department Graduate Student Mentorship Award, UC Berkeley, \$2,500	2024
Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley, \$3,000	2024
Peter H. Odegard Departmental Award, UC Berkeley Political Science, \$1,500	2023
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley	2023
Pi Sigma Alpha Howard Penniman Scholarship for Graduate Study	2020
William Howell Reed Prize in German, Tufts University	2017
Rotary International Scholarship	2013-2017
Henry J. Leir International Scholars Program Scholarship	2015
Elks Scholarship	2013

Service

Reviewer: <i>European Journal of Political Research, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics</i>	
Graduate Student Admissions Committee, Berkeley	2024-2025
Social Sciences Research Pathways, <i>Mentor</i> , Berkeley	2024-2025
Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, <i>Mentor</i> , Berkeley	Fall 2023 - Spring 2025
Tutor in Statistical Methods, Graduate and Undergraduate, Berkeley	Spring 2022 - Spring 2025
Politics Workshop of Grad Students, <i>Co-Founder/Organizer</i> , Berkeley	Spring 2023 - Winter 2025
Women in Political Science, <i>Co-Coordinator</i> , Berkeley	2022 - 2023
Political Science Graduate Student Association, <i>Co-President</i> , Berkeley	2021 - 2022
Research Workshop in American Politics, <i>Student Co-coordinator</i> , Berkeley	2021 - 2022
Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate National Student Research Conference, <i>Discussant</i>	2022

Other Experience

Stanford University, Research Assistant	Fall 2024 - Summer 2025
Hakeem Jefferson	
UC Berkeley, Graduate Student Researcher	
Institute of Governmental Studies Poll	2022 - 2023
Sarah Anzia	June-August 2022
Eric Schickler	March-September 2021

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Senior Research Support Associate*
American Politics
Comparative Politics

June 2019 - July 2020
July 2017 - June 2019

Skills

Language: English (Native), German (Professional Proficiency)
Other: \LaTeX , R, Stata, Qualtrics, GIS