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Education

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Ph.D., Political Science

Milwaukee, WI

Expected Spring 2020

- Exam Fields: American Politics, Public Policy & Public Administration
- Dissertation: Unequal Representation in Local Democracies: An Analysis of Public Opinion and Policy Outcomes in U.S. Cities
- Committee: Paru Shah (chair), Tom Holbrook, Joel Rast, Kathy Dolan

Project Description: In my dissertation project, I ask whether constituent preferences are equally represented in local policy outcomes. Applying new methods for the estimation of subnational public opinion, I show that local policy is responsive to citizen preferences, but some opinions appear to count more than others. In order to understand why unequal preference representation exists, I explore the institutional processes through which representation occurs. Ultimately, as a result of the disproportionate influence of certain interests, the underlying structure of public opinion is key to understanding when (and how) representation of minority interests occurs.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

M.A., Political Science

Milwaukee, WI

2014–2016

Indiana University-South Bend

B.A., Political Science

South Bend, IN

2009–2014

Publications

Heideman, Amanda J. *Forthcoming*. "Race, Place, and Descriptive Representation: What Shapes Trust Toward Local Government?" *Representation*.

Heideman, Amanda J. 2019. "Is It All About the Money? How Campaigns Spur Participation in State Court Elections." *Justice System Journal* 40(3): 221-237.

Articles Under Review

"Candidate Diversity and Ranked Choice Voting in Minneapolis, Minnesota." (with Andrea Benjamin & Paru Shah)

"The Promise of E-Gov? City Hall's Responsiveness to Neighborhood Interests." (with Paru Shah, Amber Wichowsky, & Branden DuPont)

Manuscripts in Preparation

"Attitudes Toward Local Taxes" (with Tom Holbrook)

"Sources of Misperception: Media Consumption and Economic Impact of Legal Immigration"
(with Nick Davis, Taraleigh Davis, Patrick Kraft, Jason Neumeyer, & Shin Young Park)

Conference Presentations

MPSA

Chicago, IL
2017, 2018, 2019

PolMeth

Boston, MA
2019

Urban Affairs Association

Los Angeles, CA
2019

Teaching Experience

University of Wisconsin-Stout

Menomonie, WI
Fall 2019

Instructor

POLSCI 210 American Politics (Online)

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Milwaukee, WI
2014-Current

Teaching Assistant

GLOBAL 101 Introduction to Global Studies

POLSCI 104 Introduction to American Politics

POLSCI 105 State and Local Politics

POLSCI 203 Introduction to Political Science Research

POLSCI 213 Urban Politics

POLSCI 215 Ethnicity, Religion, and Race in American Politics

POLSCI 335 Comparative Political Systems

POLSCI 415 The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration

Additional Relevant Work Experience

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Milwaukee, WI
2015-2019

Wilder Crane Project Assistant

Supervisor: Tom Holbrook

Responsibilities included assisting with the management of an original local elections database, including collecting and organizing data as well as managing data collection efforts by undergraduate students working on the project. I also tracked and collected state-level polling data during election seasons.

The Argosy Foundation

Milwaukee, WI
2017-2018

Graduate Research Intern

As a research intern, I generated multiple program evaluation and grant portfolio analysis reports, regularly reviewed partner reports and engaged in follow up correspondence with partner organizations, and assisted with grant application reviews and funding decisions.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Milwaukee, WI
Summer 2015

Research Assistant

Supervisor: Paru Shah

Tasks included: collecting state voter files, collecting data on candidates running for state-level offices, data cleaning, and creating new variables for analysis.

Grants and Awards

PolMeth Travel Grant: National Science Foundation	2019
Graduate Student Travel Support Award: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	2019
Graduate Student Travel Support Award: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	2017
Wilder Crane Memorial Scholarship Award: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	2016
Chancellor's Graduate Student Award: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	2016
Wilder Crane Memorial Scholarship Award: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	2015
Chancellor's Graduate Student Award: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	2014

Skills

Programming & Software: ArcGIS, \LaTeX , Qualtrics, R, Stata, SPSS, SQL (basic)

Languages: Spanish (intermediate)

References

Available by request.