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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA USA  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2016-

EDUCATION Harvard University, Cambridge, MA USA  
Ph.D, Government (May 2016), M.A., Government (May 2012)  
Dissertation: "Voter Behavior in the Wake of Punitive Politics"  
  
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY USA  
B.A., Government and Economics, May 2009  
Distinction in all subjects, *summa cum laude* in Government, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS "Misdemeanor Disenfranchisement? The Demobilizing Effects of Brief Jail Spells on Potential Voters" *Forthcoming, American Political Science Review*  
  
"Family Matters? Voting Behavior in Households with Criminal Justice Contact" *Forthcoming, American Political Science Review*  
  
"Policy, Politics, and Public Attitudes toward the Supreme Court" (with Stephen Ansolabehere) *Forthcoming, American Politics Research*  
  
White, Ariel and Kris-Stella Trump (2018). "The Promises and Pitfalls of 311 Data" *Urban Affairs Review* 54(4): 794-823.  
  
Trump, Kris-Stella and Ariel White (2018). "Does Inequality Beget Inequality? Experimental Tests of the Prediction that Inequality Increases System Justification Motivation" *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 5(3): 206-216.  
  
White, Ariel, Anton Strezhnev, Christopher Lucas, Dominika Kruszewska, and Connor Huff. 2018. "Investigator Characteristics and Respondent Behavior in Online Surveys" *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 5(1): 56-67.  
  
King, Gary, Benjamin Schneer and Ariel White. 2017. "How the news media activate public expression and influence national agendas," *Science* 358(6364): 776-780.  
  
White, Ariel. 2016. "When Threat Mobilizes: Immigration Enforcement and Latino Voter Turnout," *Political Behavior* 38(2):355-382  
  
Gay, Claudine, Jennifer Hochschild and Ariel White. 2016. "Americans' Belief in Linked Fate: Does the Measure Capture the Concept?," *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 1(1):117-144.  
  
White, Ariel, Noah Nathan and Julie Faller. 2015. "What Do I Need to Vote? Bias in Information Provision by Local Election Officials," *American Political Science Review* 109(1):129-142.

CURRENT PROJECTS	“Measuring Intergenerational and Neighborhood-Level Political Impacts of Criminal Sentencing”
	“Reducing Street-level Racial Discrimination”
	“Characterizing Local News Coverage of Crime” (with Christopher Lucas)
	“Minimum Wage Increases and Voter Participation” (with Zachary Markovich)
HONORS / AWARDS	Heinz I. Eulau Award, American Political Science Association, 2016 (Award for best article published in APSR during 2015, granted to “What Do I Need to Vote?”)
	Robert Noxon Toppan prize, Harvard University Department of Government, 2016 (Departmental prize for best dissertation)
	Clyde A. Duniway Prize, Cornell University Department of Government, 2009 (Departmental prize for best senior thesis)
FUNDING / GRANTS	Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar Fellowship, 2018-2019
	MIT SHASS Research Fund Grant, December 2017
	Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, 2015-2016
	Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences Grant, National Science Foundation, “Does economic inequality activate the system justification motive?” (with Kris-Stella Trump), 2014
	Merit/Graduate Society Term-Time Research Fellowship, Harvard University, 2014-2015
	Study of the American Republic Dissertation Fellowship, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, 2014-15.
	NSF Travel Grant, Annual Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, 2014
	Doctoral Fellowship, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University, 2013-2014
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	<b>SUNY Stony Brook Departmental Speaker Series</b> , November 2018 “Misdemeanor Disenfranchisement? The demobilizing effects of brief jail spells on potential voters”
	<b>Political Economy Workshop, Michigan State University</b> , October 2018 “Family Matters? Voting Behavior in Households with Criminal Justice Contact”
	<b>Princeton Identity &amp; Inequality Conference</b> , October 2018 “Black Lives Matter in the Courtroom: Judges, Discretion, and Responsiveness to Protest”
	<b>Georgetown American Politics Speaker Series</b> , April 2018 “Misdemeanor Disenfranchisement? The demobilizing effects of brief jail spells on potential voters”

**Yale American Politics & Public Policy Workshop**, April 2018  
“Family Matters? Voting Behavior in Households with Criminal Justice Contact”

**SUNY New Paltz, King Lecture in Applied Social Science**, March 2018  
“Voter Behavior in the Shadow of Punitive Policies”

**Penn State Speaker Series**, February 2018  
“Misdemeanor Disenfranchisement? The demobilizing effects of brief jail spells on potential voters”

**UVA Batten School**, September 2017  
“Misdemeanor Disenfranchisement? The demobilizing effects of brief jail spells on potential voters”

**Yale ISPS Experiments Workshop**, March 2017  
“How The News Media Activates Public Expression and Influences National Agendas”

**Boston University American Politics Workshop**, February 2017  
“Misdemeanor Disenfranchisement? The demobilizing effects of brief jail spells on potential voters”

**Stanford American Politics Workshop**, January 2017  
“Misdemeanor Disenfranchisement? The demobilizing effects of brief jail spells on potential voters”

**UCLA American Politics Workshop**, November 2016  
“Misdemeanor Disenfranchisement? The demobilizing effects of brief jail spells on potential voters”

**MIT American Politics Conference**, September 2016  
“Locking Up the Vote: Household Spillover Effects of Incarceration”

**Dartmouth QSS Workshop**, May 2016  
“Misdemeanor Disenfranchisement? The demobilizing effects of brief jail spells on potential voters”

**Yale CSAP American Politics Conference**, June 2015  
“Misdemeanor Disenfranchisement? The deterrent effects of brief jail spells on potential voters” (poster)

**Harvard Kennedy School: “How Data is Helping Us Understand Voting Rights After Shelby County” Conference**, March 2015  
“What Do I Need to Vote? Bias in Information Provision by Local Election Officials”

**University of Connecticut: Public Interest Law Journal Symposium**, October 2014, “Bias in Information Provision by Election Officials”

**The Media Consortium Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL**, March 2014  
“Measuring Progressive Media Impact”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**: 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018

**Visions in Methodology Meeting**: 2017

**American Political Science Association Annual Meeting:** 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018

**APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference:** 2015

**Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference:** 2015

**Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting:** 2014

TEACHING

“Electoral Politics,” MIT, Fall 2017

“Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics,” MIT, Spring 2017, Spring 2018

“Political Behavior I” graduate seminar, MIT, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant, “Political Psychology,” Professor Ryan Enos, Harvard, Spring 2013

Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to American Politics,” Professors Stephen Ansolabehere and Paul Peterson, Harvard, Fall 2012

Senior Thesis Advisor, Harvard, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014

Undergraduate Research Mentor through Harvard MAPS (Mentoring in American Politics and Society) program, 2011-2012

SERVICE

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Political Behavior*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Political Science Research & Methods*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *American Politics Research*; *Law & Social Inquiry*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *Public Administration*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics, Groups and Identities*; *Social Forces*; *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*

Member, Graduate Student Diversity Working Group (Harvard Department of Government), 2012-2015

RELATED  
WORK

Consultant (with Professor Gary King), New York Civil Liberties Union (*Hurrell-Harring et al. v. the State of New York*), 2013-2014

Research Assistant, Professor Claudine Gay, Harvard University, 2011-2015

Research Assistant, Professor Stephen Ansolabehere, Harvard University, 2010-2015

Research Assistant, Professor Walter Mebane, Cornell University, 2006-2007