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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

# University of California, Berkeley

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2021-

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2017-2021

#### Cornell University

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, 2013-2017

## Harvard University

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Fall 2016

# EDUCATION New York University

Ph.D., Politics, 2013

## Carleton College

B.A., International Relations and Mathematics, 2006

# PEER-REVIEWED Social Segregation and Discriminatory Policing (with Ryan Hubert). Forthcom-PUBLICATIONS ing, Political Science Research and Methods

How to Distinguish Motivated Reasoning from Bayesian Updating. (Forthcoming, Political Behavior)

Real and Perceived Information (with Ned Augenblick, Matthew Backus, and Don Moore), Forthcoming, AER Papers and Proceedings

Communication, Coordination, and Surveillance in the Shadow of Repression (with Tak-Huen Chau and Mai Hassan). Forthcoming, American Journal of Political Science.

Guilt and Guilty Pleas (with Hannah Simpson). 2025. American Political Science Review. 119(2), 1003-1017.

Measuring Democratic Backsliding (with Anne Meng). 2024. PS: Political Science and Politics. 57(2), 149–161.

Stronger Challengers can Cause More (or Less) Conflict and Institutional Reform (with Jack Paine). 2024. Comparative Political Studies. 57(3), 486–505.

- Bayesian Explanations for Persuasion. 2023. Journal of Theoretical Politics. 35(3), 147–181.
- A Behavioral Theory of Discrimination in Policing (with Ryan Hubert). 2023. Economic Journal. 133(655), 2828—2843
- Motivated Reasoning and Political Accountability (with Keith Schnakenberg and Ian Turner). 2022 American Political Science Review. 116(2), 751–767
- Kompromat can Align Incentives but Ruin Reputations (with Ryan Hubert). 2022. American Journal of Political Science. 66(4), 871–844
- Learning from Biased Research Designs (with Thomas Pepinsky). *Journal of Politics*, 83(2), 602–616.
- I Don't Know (with Matthew Backus). American Political Science Review. 113(3), 724-743.
- The Distortion of Related Beliefs. 2019. American Journal of Political Science. 63(3), 675–689.
- Political Corruption Traps (with Marko Klašnja and Joshua Tucker). 2017. Political Science Research and Methods, 6(3), 413–428.
- A Bargaining Theory of Conflict with Evolutionary Preferences (with Thomas Zeitzoff). 2017. *International Organization*, 71(3), 523–557.
- The Political Violence Cycle (with S.P. Harish). 2017. American Political Science Review, 111(2), 237–255.
- Propaganda and Credulity. 2017. Games and Economic Behavior, 102, 224–232.
- Are Non-competitive Elections Good for Citizens? 2017. Journal of Theoretical Politics, 29(2), 212–242.
- Coordination, Learning, and Coups. 2017. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 61(1), 204–234.
- Communication Technology and Protest. 2016. *Journal of Politics*, 78(1), 152–166.
- Elections, Protest, and Alternation of Power (with Joshua Tucker and Tom LaGatta). 2015. *Journal of Politics*, 77(4), 1142–1156.
- Fraud and Monitoring in Non-competitive Elections. 2015. Political Science Research and Methods, 3(1), 21–41.
- Elections, Fraud, and Election Monitoring in the Shadow of Revolution. 2012. Quarterly Journal of Political Science, 7(3), 249–283.
- Reviews Selection Neglect and Political Beliefs (with Matthew Brundage and Soosun You). 2024. Annual Review of Political Science. 27:63–85

# OTHER PUBLICATIONS

What We Do and Don't Know About Democratic Backsliding (with Anne Meng). 2024. PS: Political Science and Politics. 57(2), 224–299.

Fake News, Propaganda, and Lies Can Be Pervasive Even If They Aren't Persuasive. 2018. Comparative Politics Newsletter, 28(2), 49–55.

Simple and Formal Models in Comparative Politics (with Thomas Pepinsky). 2016. Chinese Political Science Review, 1(3), 425–447. (Editor Invited)

# WORKING PAPERS

Assumptions, Disagreement, and Overprecision: Theory and Evidence (with Ned Augenblick, Matthew Backus and Don Moore)

Unbelievable Lies (with Sherif Nasser)

Presidential Election Concessions (with Anne Meng)

Biased Learning from Elections (with Andrew Mack and Thomas Pepinsky)

Limits on Learning: Selective Incorporation and Retention of Political Information (with Melina Platas and Pia Raffler)

Information Order, Memory, and Partisan Motivated Reasoning (with Salvatore Nunnari)

Information Theory and Biased Beliefs

# CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

**2025** (including scheduled): Stanford Polarization and Social Change Lab, Stanford Political Economy, Yale Political Institutions and Political Economy, Forecasting Research Institute, Benelux PECO

**2024:** Princeton CSDP Frontsliding Conference, Harvard Political Economy, Monash University Behavioral Economic Theory, University of Melbourne Economics

2023 Principles of Intelligent Behavior in Biological and Social Systems, Berkeley American Politics Internal Conference, Polarization Research Lab Annual Conference, Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop, Chicago Harris Political Economy, Washington PECO, NYU-LSE Conference, American Political Science Association, NYU Abu Dhabi

**2022:** Rochester Political Economy Seminar, LSE Political Economy Seminar, Kings College London QPEG, Birkbeck College Economics and Finance, Essex Political Science, Durham Politics, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Bocconi, Technical University of Munich, Kings College London

**2021:** Oxford Economic Theory Seminar, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group (Chicago), American Political Science Association, Virtual Formal Theory Workshop, NYU Political Economy Seminar

**2020:** Southern Political Science Association, Washington University in St. Louis, Formal Models of International Relations, LSE Behavioral Political Economy Workshop, American Political Science Association, Columbia Political Economy Seminar

2019: Southern Political Science Association, Stanford Comparative Politics Seminar, TSE/IAST Conference in Political Science and Political Economy, Western Political Science Association, ESOC Annual Meeting (discussant), EACES-HSE Workshop, European Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, Stanford PE Theory Lunch, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

**2018:** UC Davis, Yale Leitner Political Economy Seminar, Behavioral Models of Politics at Rice, Alghero Political Institutions Workshop, American Political Science Association

2017: Southern Political Science Association, University of Rochester, Stanford University, Midwest Political Science Association, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (discussant) European Political Science Association, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory, American Political Science Association

2016 Southern Political Science Association, Emory CSLPE (discussant), Midwest Political Science Association, LSE-NYU Conference, Fudan University, Beijing Normal University, Peking University, American Political Science Association, Formal Theory and Comparative Politics at Harvard, Higher School of Economics, Harvard University, Vanderbilt University

2015: International Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Cornell Political Economy Conference (discussant), University of Konstanz, European Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, Formal Theory and Comparative Politics at University of Chicago (discussant), University of Wisconsin

2014: Vanderbilt University, Cornell University, University of Rochester, University of Buffalo, Midwest Political Science Association, NYU Social Media and Political Participation Lab, Political Economy Workshop at the Catholic University of Milan, European Political Science Association, Pre-APSA Workshop on Authoritarianism and Democracy at George Washington University, Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference at Washington University in St. Louis

**2013**: Midwest Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, UC Berkeley

**2012**: European Political Science Association, Elections and Political Order Workshop at Emory University

**2011**: Midwest Political Science Association, American Political Science Association

Professional Affiliations American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY Associate Editor American Journal of Political Science (2025-)

MPSA Council (2023-)

President (2020-2021) and Past President (2021-2022), Formal Theory Section of the Americal Political Science Association,

Editorial Board, American Journal of Political Science (2021-2025)

Editorial Board, Political Science Research and Methods (2023-)

Co-organizer of the Virtual Formal Political Theory Workshop, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2021

Division Chair, Formal Political Theory, APSA 2020

Co-organizer of "Comparative Politics and Formal Theory", UC Berkeley, 2019

Co-organizer of "Undemocratic Political Economy", a conference-within-a-conference at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting, 2018

#### REVIEWER FOR

American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, APSA Centennial Center Research Grants, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Conflict Management and Peace Science, East Asia Forum Quarterly, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economics & Politics, Economics & Letters, Electoral Studies, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Research, International Interactions, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Israel Science Foundation, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Economic Design and Control, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of Economic Theory Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Games and Economic Behavior, National Science Foundation, Nature Communications, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Research Quarterly, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, PS: Political Science and Politics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Research and Politics, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, Sage Open, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Social Choice and Welfare, World Politics

#### Teaching Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley

Democracy (Undergraduate)

Comparative Politics Colloquium (Speaker series)

Formal Models of Political Science (Graduate)

Formal Models of Political Science 2 (Graduate)

Research and Writing (Graduate)

Game Theory in the Social Sciences (Undergraduate)

Intro. to Empirical Analysis & Quantitative Methods (Undergraduate)

The Scientific Study of Politics (Undergraduate)

# Department of Government, Harvard University

Formal Political Theory 1 (Graduate)

# Department of Government, Cornell University

Game Theory 1-2 (Graduate)

Mathematical Models of Human Behavior (Undergraduate)

Game Theory and Politics (Undergraduate)

# Center for Global Affairs, School of Continuing and Professional Studies, New York University

Adjunct Instructor, Analytical Skills for Global Affairs (Masters)

# Department of Politics, New York University

Teaching Assistant, International Relations Honors Seminar (Undergraduate)

#### Department of Political Science, Carleton College

Course Prefector, Methods of Political Research (Undergraduate)