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Research Interests	American Institutions, Congress, Executive Politics, Congressional Oversight, Separation of Powers, State & Local Politics
Teaching Interests	American Politics, Congress, the Presidency, Bureaucracy, State and Local Politics, Research Methods
Education	<b>Emory University</b> Ph.D., Political Science, expected 2026 Dissertation Committee: Alex Bolton (chair), John W. Patty, Zachary Peskowitz M.A., Political Science, 2024  <b>University of West Florida</b> B.A., Political Science, 2020 <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Publications	“Paved with Partisan Intentions: The Impressive and Disheartening Validity of Cox and McCubbins’s <i>Legislative Leviathan</i> ” with John W. Patty <i>Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy</i> 4(4): 523-549
Working Papers	“(Non-)Partisan Oversight of the Executive Branch: Evidence from Congress and Offices of Inspector General”  “Is Being on the House Rules Committee Still Valuable?”  “Controlling for Oversight in Studies of Oversight” with Jenny (Seoyeon) Kim and John W. Patty (revise and resubmit at <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> )

Works in Progress	“Why Comment? Participation in Notice-and-Comment Rulemaking by Members of Congress”
	“Municipal Incorporation and Political Participation” with Jacob R. Brown and Michael Leo Owens
	“When Do Local Governments Opt Out of Georgia’s Floating Homestead Exemption? Evidence from the 2024 Amendment 1” with Pablo Montagnes, Allison Stashko, Zachary Peskowitz, and Kiela Crabtree
Conference Presentations	“(Non-)Partisan Oversight of the Executive Branch: Evidence from Congress and Offices of Inspectors General” 2025 MPSA Annual Conference, April 3rd, 2025
	“When are Empirical Studies of Legislative Oversight Prone to Oversight?” with Jenny (Seoyeon) Kim and John W. Patty 2025 MPSA Annual Conference, April 5th, 2025
	“Is Being on the House Rules Committee Still Valuable?” 2025 MPSA Annual Conference, April 5th, 2025
	“The Key to the Cartel: How Parties in the U.S. House of Representatives Incentivize Rules Committee Participation” 2024 SPSA Annual Conference, January 11th, 2024
	“Paved with Partisan Intentions: The Impressive and Disheartening Validity of Cox and McCubbins’s <i>Legislative Leviathan</i> ” with John W. Patty <i>Legislative Leviathan</i> 30th Anniversary Conference, August 31st, 2023
Teaching	<b>Emory University</b> Co-Instructor with Alex Bolton, Presidential Power, Fall 2024 Teaching Assistant, Research Design and Methods, Spring 2024 & Fall 2025 Grader, Principles of Political Science, Fall 2023 Guest Lecturer, Congressional Politics, Fall 2022
Awards and Fellowships	<b>University of West Florida</b> Reubin O’D. Askew Student Scholar, 2019-2020 (\$2,500)
Skills	R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Github, Python (beginner)