Sarah B. Bouchat

Contact Phone: +1 412 977 1405 Scott Hall, 2nd Floor Information 601 University Place E-mail: bouchat@northwestern.edu Evanston, IL 60208 Website: bouchat.github.io NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY Academic Appointments Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2017-present Core Faculty, Institute for Complex Systems (NICO) 2018-present Weinberg College Fellow 2017-2018 **EDUCATION** University of Wisconsin-Madison Ph.D., Political Science 2017 Fields: Political Methodology, Comparative Politics Committee: Alexander Tahk (Chair), Scott Gehlbach, Melanie Manion (Duke University), Rikhil Bhavnani, Ian Coxhead (Agricultural & Applied Economics), Edmund Malesky (Duke University) M.A., Agricultural & Applied Economics 2016 M.A., Political Science 2013 HARVARD UNIVERSITY-JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT 2011 Master in Public Policy University of Chicago A.B., International Studies (with General and Departmental Honors) 2008 EMPIRICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THEORETICAL MODELS Summer 2016 Additional Training IPSA-NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE SUMMER METHODS SCHOOL Bayesian Analysis Summer 2015 SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES SUMMER INSTITUTE Intermediate Burmese Summer 2014 Beginning Burmese Summer 2013 Beginning Khmer Summer 2006 Working Papers "Text Classification and Clustering," chapter in Sage Handbook for Research Methods in Political & Publications Science and International Relations, ed. Robert J. Franzese, Jr., and Luigi Carini (Forthcoming) "Engaging Experts: Dealing with Divergent Elicited Priors in Political Science" "Careers & Causes: Participation in Authoritarian Legislatures" "Reading between the Lines: Eliciting Priors through Text-as-Data" "InDetermination: Measuring Uncertainty in Social Science Texts" "Making a Long Story Short: Eliciting Priors from Previously Published Research" "Collective Wisdom: Rethinking Expertise in Elicited Priors" "InCorporation: Assessing Corpus Selection for Social Science Applications"

"Is Legislative Talk Cheap? Parliamentary Debates and Public Policy in Kenya, 1963–2013"

(with Ameet Morjaria, Alexey Makarin, and Ken Opalo)

INVITED TALKS & 2014, 2016, 2019 University of Wisconsin–Madison Comparative Politics Colloquium Workshops NLP Workshop Instructor, Conference on Politics and Computational Social Science with Pew Research Center 2019 University of Michigan Statistical Learning Workshop 2019 New York University NLP and Text-as-Data Speaker Series 2018 University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies 2017 New Faces in Political Methodology IX 2017 International Methods Colloquium 2016 Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions Series—Myanmar 2013 Conference Society for Political Methodology Conference (Poster) 2016-2017, 2019 Text-as-Data (TADA) Conference, University of Washington-Seattle (Paper) Presentations & 2018 PARTICIPATION Society for Political Methodology (Paper) 2018 International Society for Bayesian Analysis (Contributed Talk, declined) 2018 Text Analysis Developers' Workshop, New York University 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Conference (Paper) 2016 - 2018Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Paper) 2015 - 2018Women in Machine Learning Conference (Contributed Talk) 2017 2017 Text-as-Data Conference—Princeton University (Invited discussant) International Burma Studies Conference (Paper) 2016 2016 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Program Conference (Paper) Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (Paper) 2016 Burma/Myanmar in Transition Conference, Lingman University (Paper) 2015 University of Wisconsin–Madison Models and Data Group (Paper) 2015 University of Wisconsin-Madison Experimental Politics Workshop (Paper) 2014 Harvard Gay Rights as Human Rights Conference (Paper) 2011 2010 Face Value Campaign Advisory Board Convening (Paper) National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education 2007 2017 Awards and Best Dissertation in Political Methodology Award, UW-Madison Political Science Dept. Fellowships Center for Southeast Asian Studies Field Research Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2016 Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (declined) 2015Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Academic Year), Burmese 2015 - 2016Honorable Mention, Association for Asian Studies Usha Mahajani Award 2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Academic Year), Thai (declined) 2014 - 2015Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship (Summer), Burmese 2014 2014 Center for Southeast Asian Studies Field Research Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison Summer Initiative Funding, University of Wisconsin–Madison 2013 - 2016Leon D. Epstein Graduate Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2013-2014 Nominated, Association for Asian Studies Usha Mahajani Award 2013 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Summer), Burmese 2013 University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin–Madison 2012-2013, 2016-2017 Nominated, Best Policy Analysis Exercise (MPP thesis) 2011 Carr Center for Human Rights Policy PAE Research Grant 2010 Traub-Dicker Summer Research Fellowship 2010 Harvard University-Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Associate Fellow 2009 - 20102009-2011 Kennedy School Grant Howell Murray Award, University of Chicago 2008 Maroon Key Society, University of Chicago 2007 - 2008University of Chicago College Outstanding New Leader Award 2007 Human Rights Program Internship Award, University of Chicago 2007 Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute Tuition Fellowship 2006 Dean's List, University of Chicago 2005 - 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Northwestern University Faculty	
	·	inter 2020
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	POLISCI 499: Independent Study (graduate) Spring 2018, S	_
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	University of Wisconsin-Madison Lecturer	
	Introduction to Statistical Computing in Political Science (graduate) Sp	oring 2017
	Instructor	
	Political Science Dept. Incoming Ph.D. Student Math Camp Summer 2	2015, 2016
	$Teaching/Lab\ Assistant$	
	Game Theory & Political Analysis (graduate, Prof. Alex Tahk) Sp.	oring 2015
	Maximum Likelihood Estimation (graduate, Prof. John Ahlquist)	Fall 2014
	Introduction to Statistics in Political Science (graduate, Prof. Alex Tahk)	Fall 2014
	Grader	
	Political Inequality (undergraduate, Prof. Rikhil Bhavnani)	Fall 2015
	Harvard University	
	Course Material Design	
	Political Corruption (undergraduate, Profs. Jim Alt and Daniel Ziblatt)	Fall 2013
	Instructor/Trainer	
	Harvard Law School Advocates for Human Rights	2009
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Service & Advising	Political Science Department	
TIDVISING	Methods Field Chair 201	19-present
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Craduate Student First Year Advisor
Craduate Student First Year Advisor
Craduate Admissions Committee, Methods
Craduate Research & Arts Exposition, Poster Judge
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Reader
Dissertation Committee Member: Safa Al-Saeedi, Zhihang Ruan
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor: David Fishman (withdrawn), Olivia Martins

$Northwestern\ University$

Executive Committee Member, Institute for Complex Systems (NICO)	2018-present
Computer Science "CS+X" Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee	2018-present
Computational Social Science Research Networking Group Co-Coordinator	2017-present

External/Discipline

Best Software Award Committee (chair), Society for Political Methodology Methodology Graduate Poster Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Best Software Award Committee (member), Society for Political Methodology Text-as-Data (TADA) Conference, University of Washington-Seattle, Mentor Reviewer: Women in Machine Learning Conference (2017),

American Political Science Review

International EXPERIENCE

Myanmar

Dec. 2014–Jan. 2015

2019-present

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2017 - 2019

2018

Conducted preliminary dissertation fieldwork, including interviews with civil society representatives and historical research at the Myanmar National Archives in Yangon

Hong Kong SAR Dec. 2010-Jan. 2011

Conducted semi-structured interviews with civil society activists for master's thesis research examining social movement strategies in nondemocratic contexts

June-Sept. 2007 Germany

Served as a Human Rights Intern with the Bündnis für Demokratie und Toleranz for 3 months through the University of Chicago Human Rights Internship Program

Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar

Aug.-Sept. 2006

Developed international advocacy strategies in collaboration with representatives of over 20 grassroots democracy organizations in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and Mae Sot as a Free Burma Project/U.S. Campaign for Burma Delegate

Affiliations

Member, International Society for Bayesian Analysis	2018-present
Member, American Statistical Association	2017-present
Member, American Political Science Association	2012-present
Member, Midwest Political Science Association	2012-present
Member, Association for Asian Studies	2012-present
Advisor, Harvard Carr Center Sexuality, Gender & Human Rights Program	2012 – 2016

SKILLS

Languages: German (Advanced), Burmese (Advanced), Khmer (Beginner) Computer: R, LATEX, JAGS, Stan, STATA, SPSS, C++ (beginner)