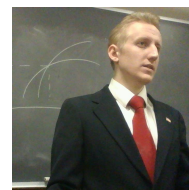


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### Education

- Ph.D. **Politics**, 2016 (Expected), Princeton University.  
Princeton, NJ
- M.A. **Politics**, 2013, Princeton University.  
Princeton, NJ
- B.S. **Applied Physics and Political Science**, *Aerospace Minor*, 2011, California Institute of Technology.  
Pasadena, CA

### Dissertation

- Title Topics in Federalism
- Committee John Londregan (Chair), Tom Romer, Chuck Cameron
- Description In many countries, federated institutions play a major role in determining policy outcomes. Thus far, much of the research into these structures has focused on fiscal outcomes. However, federal systems also have a wide-ranging impact on policy outcomes in many other areas. This dissertation provides a series of models examining policy outcomes in these other areas when the bureaucrats and politicians tasked with rule-making and interpretation work within a federal structure.

### Research and Teaching Interests

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| ○ American Politics           | ○ Judicial Politics      |
| ○ Education                   | ○ Local Politics         |
| ○ Federalism                  | ○ Political Economy      |
| ○ Formal Methods              | ○ Political Institutions |
| ○ Intergovernmental Relations | ○ Quantitative Methods   |

### Publications

- 2013 **"To Elect or Appoint? Bias, Information, and Responsiveness of Bureaucrats and Politicians"**, with *Matias Iaryczower* and *Matt Shum*, *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 97, pp. 230-244.

## Current Projects

- Local Politics **Ideology and Bias with Outside Options**, *This project considers an election model in which voters may endogenously decide to defer to some outside option after the election, shielding them from the policies implemented by the winning candidate. I focus on the choice of creditors and debtors to participate in a debt transaction such as the issue of a mortgage after observing the outcome of elections which might affect that market. While both types would prefer to participate in the transaction under a neutral platform, creditors will choose not to participate in the transaction if the prevailing rule offers too many protections to debtors, forcing debtors out of the market as well.*
- Federalism **Incentives for Centralization under Costly Policy Heterogeneity**, *There is often a wide variety of policies and procedures across jurisdictions in federal systems. This variation has the potential to induce costs on citizens of the federation that are exposed to multiple jurisdictions independent of any costs related to policy preferences. Policy variation increases uncertainty and forces citizens to engage in costly effort to adhere to multiple standards in all of their affairs, and as a result incentivizes citizens and states to support policy centralization even when that centralization may move the resulting policy away from their own ideal point.*
- Federalism **National Commerce, Local Interest, and a Federal Judiciary**, *In the early years of the United States, the national judiciary was exceedingly weak, hearing only a small range of cases. During the 19th century, though, the power of the federal judiciary expanded greatly, especially after the Civil War. This paper develops a model which incorporates the Federalist founders' concerns about local biases in judicial proceedings and shows that this fear incentivized Whigs and later Republicans to increasingly support a strong centralized judiciary over the course of the century in line with the development of a national economy, beginning out of the Northeast. In contrast, the more agrarian Southern and Western states resisted these changes which prevented them from repudiating debt in the lead-up and aftermath of the Civil War.*
- Education **Local Politics and Access to Higher Education**, *Post-secondary education in the United States is neither compulsory nor guaranteed, despite the widespread belief that it is a critical component of social mobility. This has significant implications for universities, which rely on a mix of local, national, and private funding sources, not to mention student tuition to fund their operations. Whereas universities typically aim for 'selective' or 'prestigious' reputations, politicians often try to tie subsidies to widespread access to universities. This project addresses the effects that these competing incentives have on educational outcomes for students.*
- Elections **Media Markets, Wave Elections, and the Incumbency Advantage**, *High levels of media market congruence benefit challengers by making local issues more salient, including the records of local incumbents. However, this effect may fluctuate across electoral cycles as broader state or national moods vary. In particular, those incumbents that are generally the most-vulnerable due to high levels of congruence may instead obtain an advantage when there is a strong national trend, as they are better-able to emphasize local issues and issues that distinguish them from the national norm, making it more difficult for challengers to 'ride the wave' into office.*

## Teaching Experience

- 2015 **Modern Genetics and Public Policy**, *Undergraduate level seminar*, Princeton.  
**Advanced Tools for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X**, *Undergraduate L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X seminar*, Princeton.
- 2014 **Quantitative Analysis I**, *Graduate-level statistics and probability*, Princeton.  
**Formal Political Analysis I**, *Graduate-level game theory*, Princeton.
- 2010 **American Electoral Politics and Party Strategy**, *Undergraduate-level American political behavior*, Caltech.

## Conference Presentations

- 2015 International Society of Public Law, American Political Science Association, Northeast Political Science Association
- 2016 Southern Political Science Association
- 2011 Association for Theater in Higher Education

## Software

- Scientific Maple, Mathematica, MATLAB, R, Stata, ImageJ
- General HTML, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, OpenOffice, MS Office, Gimp, Acrobat

## Other Experience

- 2013-Present Research Assistant, *Adam Meirowitz and Kris Ramsay*, PRINCETON, NJ
- 2013 Research Assistant, *Alex Hirsch*, PRINCETON, NJ
- 2008 Intern, *Senator Pete V. Domenici*, WASHINGTON, D.C.
- 2007 Intern, *Representative Heather Wilson*, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

## Professional Service

- 2011-Present Politics Graduate Student Committee, *Princeton*
- 2010-2011 Curriculum Committee, *Caltech*  
Academics and Research Committee, *Caltech*  
Political Science Student-Faculty Committee (Chair), *Caltech*  
Applied Physics Student-Faculty Committee (Interim Chair), *Caltech*

## Awards

- 2011-Present Centennial Fellowship, *Princeton*
- 2009-2010 SURF Fellow, *Caltech*
- 2008 Beckman Political Internship, *Caltech*

## Affiliations

- 2015-Present The International Society of Public Law
- 2011-Present American Political Science Association

2011-Present Caltech Alumni Association

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