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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. Politics, (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), Kris Ramsay, Tom Romer

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

o American Politics Judicial Politics

o Education o Local Politics

o Federalism o Political Economy o Formal Methods o Political Institutions

o Intergovernmental Relations o Quantitative Methods

Publications

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

Current Projects

State Politics Ideology and Bias with Outside Options, This project considers an election model in which voters may endogenously decide to defer to an outside option after an 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 Preempting Preemption in Federal Systems, There is 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.

Teaching Experience

2016 Quantitative Principles in Cell and Molecular Biology, Undergraduate-level quantitative biology lab, Princeton.

Statistics for Social Science, Undergraduate-level statistics and probability, Princeton.

2015 Modern Genetics and Public Policy, Undergraduate-level science policy, Princeton.

Advanced Tools for LaTEX, *Undergraduate LaTEX 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.

Software

Scientific Maple, Mathematica, Matlab, R, Stata, ImageJ General HTML, LaTeX, OpenOffice, MS Office, Gimp, Acrobat

Other Experience

2013-2015 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

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