

# DAVID I. CRABTREE

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Research Interests: chronological order of democratic backsliding, term limit evasion, quantitative methods

## EDUCATION

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The University of Chicago

MA, Social Sciences (Politics Concentration), 2023

Thesis: “A Sequence of Backsliding in Presidential Democracies: Temporal Incentives Produced by Term Limits” – Advised by Tom Ginsburg

East Tennessee State University

BA, Double Major: Political Science | International Affairs, 2022

Summa Cum Laude, 2022 Departmental Honors, [Class of 2022 Distinguished Honors](#)

Research Methods Independent Study: “Who Deserves What and Why During the COVID-19 Pandemic? Applying the CARIN principles of deservingness to the American welfare state” – Advised by Wesley Wehde

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Assistant

Professor Monika Nalepa’s Transitional Justice & Democratic Stability Lab, The University of Chicago, Summer 2023

Read histories of Ecuador and Dominican Republic to find instances of personnel and criminal transitional justice events during the countries’ authoritarian periods

Used R and a cross-sectional time-series dataset to construct a graphic illustrating trends in physical repression for democratizing countries pre-transition

Research Assistant

Professor Tom Ginsburg, The University of Chicago, Winter 2023

Read hundreds of national constitutions housed in the Comparative Constitutions Project to hand-code a global dataset of unamendable term limit provisions; generated descriptive statistics in R

Research Assistant

Professor Wesley Wehde, East Tennessee State University, Winter 2021-Summer 2022

Used Qualtrics to program a survey experiment analyzing the effect of COVID-19 on welfare attitudes. Used R to generate descriptive statistics, graphics, and calculate average treatment effects for manuscripts

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Examining Policy Feedback Effects from COVID-19 on Social Welfare Support: Developing an Outcome Distance Dimension.” (With Wesley Wehde), *Policy and Politics*. (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1332/030557321X16684225165558>

“Who Deserves What and Why During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Applying the CARIN principles of deservingness to the American welfare state.” (With Wesley Wehde), *Social Policy and Administration*. (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1111/spol.12859>

## PRESENTATIONS

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*Exploring the Spillover Effect of Welfare Attitudes in the United States after the COVID-19 Pandemic* (Paper Presentation), 13 January 2022, Southern Political Science Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“Do Unamendable Term Limits Work? Reevaluating Hardened Maximums on Executive Tenure”

## TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Instructional Assistant, The University of Chicago (Full Time)

BA Honors Colloquium (Patricia Conley, Fall 2023)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Michael Albertus & Benjamin Lessing, Fall 2023)

Introduction to American Politics (Ruth Rubin, forthcoming Winter 2024),

Introduction to International Relations (Paul Poast, forthcoming Spring 2024)

Advised honors students on BA thesis research, led discussion sections, helped create and grade exams

Teaching Assistant, The University of Chicago (Part Time)

Global Studies I (Professor Callie Maidhof, Fall 2022)

Math Tutor, Malcolm X College in Chicago (Part Time)

Received ‘Above and Beyond Award’ for excellent performance tutoring college algebra, probability, and statistics

Personal Tutoring (Part Time)

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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Maroon Scholar Research Scholarship, The University of Chicago, 2022 \$30,000 (1/2 MA Tuition)

Graduate Fellowship, Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Society, 2022, \$8,500 (based on research statement & undergraduate academic achievement)

Summer Research Fellowship, Honors College at East Tennessee State University, 2021, \$3,500

President’s Academic Performance Scholarship, East Tennessee State University 2019, \$15,000

## SKILLS & LANGUAGES

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R, LaTeX, Qualtrics

Spanish (Intermediate)