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EDUCATION

Columbia University

Ph.D. in Political Science

Expected Fall 2023

M. Phil. in Political Science

April 2021

M.A. in Political Science

June 2019

Fields: American Politics; Quantitative Methods

University of Chicago: Harris School of Public Policy

Masters in Public Policy with Honors

June 2018

Specialization in Politics and Institutions

Certificate in Survey Research

University of Chicago: The College

June 2017

B.A. Public Policy Studies with Honors

EXPERIENCE

Columbia University, Department of Political Science

January 2020-

Graduate Researcher (with Professor Andrew Gelman)

New York, NY

- Designed a novel experiment to test the tendency of partisans to recall statements made by political elites as generic phrases
- Ran a 1,200 person experiment on Qualtrics and helped develop a Bayesian model to analyze the results

Columbia University, Department of Political Science

October 2019-January 2020

Graduate Research Assistant (with Professor Michael Ting)

New York, NY

- Analyzed the literature on bureaucratic ideology for a forthcoming paper on drift and corruption

Columbia University, Department of Political Science

July 2018-

Graduate Research Assistant (with Professor Shigeo Hirano)

New York, NY

- Collecting data for a project that seeks to test theories of bandwagoning and voters' use of cues in non-partisan U.S. elections

University of Chicago, Department of Political Science

April 2017-October 2018

Graduate Research Assistant (with Professor Will Howell)

Chicago, IL

- Conducted research and wrote literature reviews on several topics including political scandals and the media's response to the 2016 presidential election; resulting paper published in *AJPS*
- Provided research memos and contributed to multiple projects, which were featured in *Presidents, Populism, and the Crisis of Democracy* (University of Chicago Press)

Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab

January 2017-May 2017

Graduate Research Assistant

Chicago, IL

- Surveyed parents at Head Start pre-schools to test behavioral interventions on student absenteeism
- Translated survey instrument and proctor instructions from English to Spanish

- Gathered data on individuals' experiences with dental care in under-served neighborhoods
- Helped translate survey from English to Spanish and surveyed respondents in Spanish

WORKING PAPERS

- "Coloring in the Lines" An Outlier Analysis of Minority Representation in City Council District Maps using MCMC-based Simulations
- "See You in Round 2?: Measuring the Runner-up Effect in U.S. Mayoral Races" with Shigeo Hirano and John Marshall
- "Generically Speaking: How Language Affects Communication about Partisans under Polarization" with Andrew Gelman and Susan Gelman

SKILLS

- **Language and Technical Skills**
Spanish: Native (Speaking, Reading, Writing)
Proficient in MS Office Suite, Latex, Qualtrics, Stata, QGIS, and R
Basic Proficiency in Java, Python, and ArcGIS

TEACHING AND SERVICE

Columbia University Teaching Fellow

- Intro to American Politics (with Prof. Miller) *Fall 2019 & Summer 2022*
- State Politics (with Prof. Phillips) *Spring 2020*
- Research Design & Data Analysis (with Prof. Hirano) *Fall 2020*
- Urban Politics (with Prof. Vargas-Ramos) *Spring 2021 & Spring 2022*

Columbia Political Science Diversity and Equity Committee Graduate Student Committee Member

Spring 2022-

Helped construct a survey and facilitated focus groups to measure department environment for URM students in hopes of reducing attrition

The Coding School's Data Science Research Program Graduate Student Mentor

Summer 2022

Serving as a mentor to under-served and underrepresented high school students interested in learning to code in order to conduct social science research

Columbia DEI Office Summer Research Program Graduate Student Instructor

Summer 2021

Constructed curriculum and lectured students from HBCUs to develop social science research projects and apply for PhDs