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EMPLOYMENT

Boston University

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2023 - Present

Junior Faculty Fellow, Hariri Institute for Computing, 2024 - Present

Princeton University

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, 2022 - 2023

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D, Government and Social Policy, 2022

M.A., Government, 2022

London School of Economics

M.S., Urban Studies, 2013

Emory University

B.A., Political Science, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

12. [“City-Defined Neighborhood Boundaries in the United States.”](#) (with Stephen Ansolabehere, Ryan Enos, Ben Shair, Tyler Simko, and David Sutton). Accepted. Nature Scientific Data.
11. [“Priming Bias Versus Post-Treatment Bias in Experimental Designs.”](#) (with Matthew Blackwell, Sophie Hill, Kosuke Imai, and Teppei Yamamoto). Forthcoming. Political Analysis.
10. [“Partisan Conversion Through Neighborhood Influence: How Voters Adopt the Partisanship of their Neighbors.”](#) Forthcoming. Journal of Politics.
 - Coverage: The New York Times.
9. [“Forecasting Turnout.”](#) (with Stephen Ansolabehere, Kabir Khanna, Connor Halloran Phillips, and Charles Stewart III). Forthcoming. Harvard Data Science Review.
8. [“Measuring and Modeling Neighborhoods.”](#) (with Cory McCartan and Kosuke Imai). Forthcoming. American Political Science Review.
7. [“The Obama Effect? Race, First-time Voting, and Future Participation.”](#) 2023. Political Science Research and Methods.

6. [“How Local Partisan Context Conditions Pro-social Behaviors: Mask-Wearing During COVID-19.”](#) 2022. (with Ryan Baxter-King, Ryan Enos, Arash Naeim, and Lynn Vavrek). Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.
5. [“Locked Out of College: When College Admissions Bureaucrats Do and Do Not Discriminate.”](#) 2022. (with Hanno Hilbig). British Journal of Political Science.
4. [“Resisting Broken Windows: The Effect of Neighborhood Disorder on Political Behavior.”](#) 2022. (with Michael Zoorob). Political Behavior.
3. [“Childhood Cross-ethnic Exposure Predicts Political Behavior Seven Decades Later.”](#) 2021. (with Ryan Enos, James Feigenbaum, and Soumyajit Mazumder). Science Advances.
 - Coverage: CNN, Los Angeles Times, The Daily Mail.
2. [“The Measurement of Partisan Sorting for 180 Million Voters.”](#) 2021. (with Ryan Enos). Nature Human Behaviour.
 - Coverage: The New York Times, The Atlantic.
1. [“Weakening Strong Black Political Empowerment: Implications from Atlanta’s 2009 Mayoral Election.”](#) 2016. (with Michael Leo Owens). Journal of Urban Affairs.
 - Best conference paper, Urban Affairs Association, 2013.

WORKING PAPERS “College Admissions Bureaucrats’ Behavior Before and After the Affirmative Action Ban.” (with Hanno Hilbig and Hunter Rendleman).

“The Effect of Childhood Environment on Political Behavior: Evidence from Young U.S. Movers, 1992-2021.” (with Enrico Cantoni, Sahil Chinoy, Martin Koenen, and Vincent Pons).

“Causes and Extent of Increasing Partisan Segregation in the U.S. – Evidence from Migration Patterns of 212 Million Voters.” (with Enrico Cantoni, Ryan Enos, Vincent Pons, and Emilie Sartre).

- Coverage: The New York Times.

“Local Partisan Context Conditions Mental Health.” (with Ryan Baxter-King, Ryan Enos, Arash Naeim, and Lynn Vavrek).

“Partisan Segregation and Partisan Activation: How Geographic Polarization Increases Political Engagement.”

“What is Ideological Capture and How Do We Measure It? Using Antitrust Reform to Understand Expert-Public Cleavages.” (with Nicholas Short and Sophie Hill). Revise and Resubmit. Perspectives on Politics.

OTHER WRITING	<p>“Do You Live in a Political Bubble?” (with Gus Wezerek and Ryan Enos). New York Times.</p> <p>“A Prescription for Change: Voter Registration in Emergency Rooms” (with Alister Martin). Harvard Kennedy School Review.</p>
SOFTWARE	<p>DirectEffects: Estimating Controlled Direct Effects for Explaining Causal Findings. (with Matthew Blackwell, Avidit Acharya, Maya Sen, and Shiro Kuriwaki).</p> <p>PrePost: Priming Bias Versus Post-Treatment Bias in Experimental Designs. (with Matthew Blackwell, Sophie Hill, Kosuke Imai, and Teppei Yamamoto).</p>
GRANTS	<p>2025. Carnegie Corporation of New York. \$200,000 grant for project: The Behavioral Consequences of Partisan Segregation.</p> <p>2024. Hariri Institute for Computing, Boston University, \$10,000.</p> <p>2020. Cisco Research Center (with Soubhik Barari, Bryce Dietrich, Ryan Enos and Melissa Sands), \$52,278.24.</p> <p>2018. Inequality in America Competitive Research Fund (with Ryan Enos and Soumyajit Mazumder), Harvard University, \$50,000.</p> <p>2018. James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Fellowship in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Harvard University, \$5,000.</p> <p>2018. Interfaculty Initiative on Medications and Society (with Michael Zoorob), Harvard University, \$1,067.</p> <p>2018. Center for American Politics, Harvard University, \$1,000.</p> <p>2018. Harvard Experiments Working Group (With Hanno Hilbig), \$900.</p> <p>2017. Russell Sage Foundation, Intergenerational Mobility in the United States (with Ryan Enos and Soumyajit Mazumder), \$18,450.</p> <p>2017. Center for American Politics (with Hanno Hilbig), Harvard University, \$1,000.</p>
HONORS & AWARDS	<p>2025. Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, Carnegie Corporation of New York.</p> <p>2024. Junior Faculty Fellowship, Hariri Institute for Computing, Boston University.</p> <p>2022. Robert Noxon Toppan prize, Harvard University Department of Government. Departmental prize for best dissertation.</p> <p>2021-2022. Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University.</p> <p>2020-2021. Fellowship on the Study of the American Republic, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University.</p> <p>2019. Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University.</p> <p>2018-2022. James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Fellow in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University.</p> <p>2016-2022. Presidential Scholar, Harvard University Graduate School for Arts and Sciences.</p> <p>2012. Elliot Levitas Award, Emory University. Awarded to top graduating senior majoring in political science.</p> <p>2012. Howard Penniman Scholarship for Graduate Study, Pi Sigma Alpha.</p>

2012. Center for Law and Social Science Undergraduate Fellow, Emory University.

INVITED TALKS	<p>Harvard University, Applied Statistics Workshop, 2025.</p> <p>Aarhus University, Centre for the Experimental-Philosophical Study of Discrimination, 2024.</p> <p>Harvard University, Center for American Political Studies Seminar, 2023.</p> <p>Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Colloquim, 2023.</p> <p>UMASS Amherst, Polarization Emerging Scholars Research Series, 2022.</p> <p>UCLA, David Sears Research Group, 2021.</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>Society for Political Methodology, Annual Meeting, 2025.</p> <p>Aarhus University, Nordic Political Behaviour Workshop, 2024.</p> <p>University of Toronto, Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop, 2019, 2022.</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023.</p> <p>American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, 2018, 2021, 2023, 2024.</p> <p>American Association of Geographers, Annual Meeting, 2021.</p> <p>Society for Political Methodology, Annual Meeting, 2020, 2023.</p> <p>International Society of Political Psychology, Annual Meeting, 2019.</p> <p>NYU-CESS, Experimental Political Science Conference, 2019.</p> <p>Brown University ICERM, Data Science in Low-dimensional Spaces, 2019.</p> <p>Russell Sage Foundation, Intergenerational Mobility in the United States: Mechanisms and Policy Impacts, 2018.</p> <p>Urban Affairs Association, Annual Meeting, 2012, 2014.</p>
TEACHING	<p>Boston University</p> <p>PO 502 - Political Analysis, Spring 2024, 2025.</p> <p>PO 505/518 - The Causes and Consequences of Political Segregation in the United States, Fall 2023, 2024.</p> <p>PO903 - Research Workshop, Fall 2024, Spring 2025.</p> <p>Harvard University</p> <p>Government 97: Sophomore Tutorial - The Causes and Consequences of Rising Partisan Segregation in the United States, Spring 2021.</p> <p>Government 50: Introduction to Political Science Research Methods, Spring 2020.</p> <p>Government 2000: Introduction to Quantitative Methods I, Fall 2018-2019.</p> <p>Government 61: Research Practice in Quantitative Methods, Spring 2019.</p> <p>Government 1005: Data, Spring 2019.</p>
SERVICE	<p>Boston University, Lecturer Promotion Committee, 2025.</p> <p>Boston University Research in American Politics Workshop Co-Organizer, 2023-2024.</p> <p>Boston University, American Politics Exam Committee (PhD), 2024.</p> <p>Boston University Department of Government Merit Committee, 2023.</p> <p>Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference Co-Organizer, 2019-2021.</p> <p>American Politics Research Workshop Co-Organizer, 2018-2019.</p> <p>Harvard Experiments Working Group Co-Organizer, 2018-2021.</p>

Reviewer for: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Political Communication, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Psychology, Urban Affairs Review, Nature Human Behaviour, Nature Communication, Nature Scientific Reports, Nature Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Public Choice, Social Forces, Sociological Methods and Research, Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, PNAS Nexus, Harvard Data Science Review, International Journal of Social Research Methodology, Oxford University Press, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences