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Education

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D. Political Science, August 2015 - Present

Dissertation: "The Consequences of Electoral Institutions in the United States"

Committee: Tom Clark (Chair), Adam Glynn, Zachary Peskowitz

M.A. Political Science, May 2019

University of the South, Sewanee, TN

B.A. with Honors in Politics, May 2015 (*Summa Cum Laude*)

Research Interests

American politics, elections, representation, public policy

Working Papers

"The Polarization Dynamics of Electoral Reforms" with Zachary Peskowitz (conditionally accepted at *Political Science Research and Methods*)

"Community Income Inequality and the Economic Gap in Participation" with Melody Crowder-Meyer (revise and resubmit at *Political Behavior*)

"How Electoral Institutions Affect Political Accountability: Evidence from All-Mail Elections" (under review)

"Does Vote-By-Mail Cause Voters to Gather Information about Politics?"

"Voting Restrictions and Representation in Congress"

Teaching

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

QTM 100: Introduction to Statistical Inference, Fall 2019 (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Jin Kim)

POLS 360: Public Policy, Spring 2019 (Co-Instructor with Prof. Zachary Peskowitz)

POLS 208: Research Design and Methods, Fall 2018 (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Natalia Bueno)

Grants

Carsey Scholar, 2019 State Politics and Policy Conference - \$300
New Initiatives in Election Science Grant, MIT Election Data and Science Lab - \$15,000
Competitive Professional Development Support Funds, Emory University - \$10,000
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association - \$300

Honors and Awards

Malcolm Jewell Award for Best Graduate Student Paper for "Voting Restrictions and Representation in Congress", Southern Political Science Association, January 2019
Best Graduate Student Poster Award for "How Electoral Institutions Affect Political Accountability: Evidence from All-Mail Elections", State Politics and Policy Conference, June 2018
Best Second-Year Paper in the Department of Political Science for "How Electoral Institutions Affect Political Accountability: Evidence from All-Mail Elections", Emory University, May 2017
Phi Beta Kappa, University of the South, May 2015
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, University of the South, May 2015
E.G. Richmond Prize, University of the South, May 2015
Arthur B. Dugan Memorial Prize, University of the South, October 2014
Robert Samuel Lancaster Scholarship, University of the South, October 2013

Invited Presentation

University of the South, Pi Sigma Alpha: 2016

Conference Presentations

Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration Conference: 2019
State Politics and Policy Conference: 2018, 2019
Emory-Duke-Rochester Political Economy Graduate Research Conference: 2018
Southern Political Science Association: 2018, 2019
Midwest Political Science Association: 2016, 2018