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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*

**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

"How Electoral Institutions Affect Political Accountability: Evidence from All-Mail Elections." (*Under Review*)

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

"Voting Restrictions and Representation in Congress."

"The Effects of Community Income Inequality on Political Participation." (with Melody Crowder-Meyer)

"The Polarization Dynamics of Electoral Reforms." (with Zachary Peskowitz)

## Presentations

### *Conference Presentations*

"Voting Restrictions and Representation in Congress." Paper presented at the 2018 Emory-Duke-Rochester Political Economy Graduate Research Conference, Atlanta, GA. June 2018.

"How Electoral Institutions Affect Political Accountability: Evidence from All-Mail Elections." Paper presented at the 2018 State Politics and Policy Conference, State College, PA. June 2018.

"Aggregate Consequences of Electoral Reforms." with Zachary Peskowitz. Paper presented at the 2018 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2018.

"Voting Restrictions and Representation in Congress." Paper presented at the 2018 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2018.

"How Electoral Institutions Affect Political Accountability: Evidence from All-Mail Elections." Paper presented at the 2018 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2018.

"Voting Restrictions and Representation in Congress." Paper presented at the 2018 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2018.

"The Effects of Community Income Inequality on Political Participation." with Melody Crowder-Meyer. Paper presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2016.

### *Invited Presentation*

"The Effects of Community Income Inequality on Political Participation." with Melody Crowder-Meyer. Paper presented at Pi Sigma Alpha Initiation, University of the South, Sewanee, TN. April 2016.

## Grants

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

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