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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 (revise and resubmit at *Political Science Research and Methods*)

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

"How Electoral Institutions Affect Political Accountability: Evidence from All-Mail Elections"

"Voting Restrictions and Representation in Congress"

"Community Income Inequality and the Economic Gap in Participation" with Melody Crowder-Meyer (*Under Review*)

## 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

## 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)