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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Michigan, Ford School of Public Policy, Assistant Professor (2023-present)

Michigan Institute for Data and AI in Society (MIDAS) Faculty Affiliate

Harvard University, Department of Government, Postdoctoral Fellow (2021-2023)

Harvard Center for the Environment (HUCE)

Center for American Political Studies (CAPS)

## EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin–Madison, M.A. (2017) and Ph.D. (2021) in Political Science

Dissertation: *Public Pressure Campaigns and Bureaucratic Policymaking*

Committee: Susan Webb Yackee (Chair), Eleanor Powell, Alex Tahk, David Weimer, Miriam Seifter

Yale University, M.E.Sc. in Environmental Policy and Law (2013)

Thesis: *Mechanisms of Policy Feedback in U.S. Farm and Forest Policy: Interactions Among Property Rights, Regulation, and Public Investments*

Reed College, B.A. in Political Science (2009)

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

6. “The Effects of Shifting Priorities and Capacity on Policy Work and Constituency Service: Evidence from a Census of Legislator Requests to U.S. Federal Agencies” with Justin Grimmer and Eleanor Powell. *American Journal of Political Science* (Forthcoming)

Replication Data: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/LWOCWO>

5. “Mapping Literature with Networks: An Application to Redistricting” with Adeline Lo, Kyler Hudson, Kenneth R. Mayer. *Political Analysis* (2023)

4. “Campaign Contributions and Bureaucratic Oversight: A Case Study of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission” with Eleanor Powell and Justin Grimmer in *Accountability Reconsidered: Voters, Interests, and Information in U.S. Policymaking*, ed. Charles M. Cameron, Brandice Canes-Wrone, Sanford C. Gordon, Gregory A. Huber, Cambridge University Press (2022)

3. “Data and Methods for Analyzing Interest Group Influence in Rulemaking” with Daniel Carpenter, Brian Libgober, Steven Rashin. *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 9:425–435 (2020)
2. “Do Private Regulations Ratchet Up? How to Distinguish Types of Regulatory Stringency and Patterns of Change” with Benjamin Cashore and Constance McDermott in *Organization & Environment* 33:1 96–125 (2020)
1. “Non-domestic Sources of Canadian Boreal Forest Policy: Integrating Theories of Internationalization and Pathways of Policy Change” with Irene Scher and Benjamin Cashore in *Forests Under Pressure: Local Responses to Global Issues* (2015)

## WORKING PAPERS

“Words and Deeds: Evaluating How Legislators’ Constituent-Facing Communication about Federal Agencies Compares to Their Behind-the-Scenes Work with Federal Agencies” with Jessie Munson, Rochelle Snyder, Eleanor Neff Powell (MPSA 2025, under review)

“Inequality in Administrative Democracy: Methods and Evidence from Financial Rulemaking” with Steven Rashin, Brian Libgober, Jacob Waggoner, Angelo Dagonel, Christopher T. Kenny, Susan Webb Yackee, and Daniel Carpenter (APSA 2021, submitted)

*Herbert Kaufman Award for best paper in Public Administration presented at APSA 2022*

“Racialization and Perceived Institutional Ideology” with Karla Magana (MPSA 2025)

“Adoption and Cooption of the Environmental Justice Issue Frame” (APSA 2024)

“Iterative Hand-Coding and Computational Text Analysis” (PolMeth 2022)

“Making Policy About Distributive Justice: The Environmental Justice Movement’s Impact on Agency Rulemaking” (APSA 2021)

“Making Policy About Climate Change: The Climate Movement’s Impact on Agency Rulemaking” (Climate Pipeline Conference 2021)

“Who Gets Constituent Service?” with Rochelle Snyder, Justin Grimmer, and Eleanor Powell (APSA 2020)

“Why Do Agencies (Sometimes) Get So Much Mail? Lobbying Coalitions, Mass Comments, and Political Information in Bureaucratic Policymaking” (SPSA 2019)

“Measuring Change and Influence in Budget Texts” (PolMeth 2017, APSA 2017)

“Why Courts Defer to Administrative Agency Judgement” (MPSA 2016)

“Revisiting the Democratic Case for Carbon and Environmental Offset Markets” (Governance, Environment, and Markets Workshop at Yale University, 2013)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Institutional Changes Needed to Implement Ecosystem-based Plans” with John Robert Cochran, *Oregon Planners Journal* 28(1):7 (2011)

## **SOFTWARE**

**regulationsdotgov:** A package to build datasets of US federal policy documents and their metadata in R

**netlit:** A package to aid literature reviews with network analysis in R

**legislators:** A package to find legislator names in messy text

**congressionalrecord:** A package to scrape, parse, and analyze the Congressional Record

**regextable:** Faster, easier, string matching for data science

## **TEACHING**

University of Michigan, Assistant Professor

Protest, Social Movements, Art, and Policy Change (Graduate, 2026)

Climate Change and Democracy (Undergraduate, 2024, 2025)

Politics for the Anthropocene (Undergraduate, 2024, 2025)

The Politics of Public Policy (Graduate, 2023, 2024, 2025)

Independent Study - Political Science (Undergraduate, 2024-2026)

University of Wisconsin–Madison, Lecturer

Public Policy (Undergraduate, 2019, 2020)

Statistical Computing in Political Science (Graduate, 2019)

University of Wisconsin–Madison, Teaching Assistant/Grader

Public Policy (Undergraduate, 2016, 2017, 2018)

Policing in the United States (Undergraduate, 2015)

Yale University, Teaching Fellow

The Politics and Practice of Environmental Policy (Graduate, 2012)

The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (Graduate, 2011)

## **SELECTED AWARDS**

Teaching Honor Roll, University of Michigan (2024, 2025, 2026)

Best Paper in Public Administration, American Political Science Association conference: “Inequality in Administrative Democracy” (2022)

Best Dissertation in American Politics, University of Wisconsin–Madison (2021)

Levin Center Congressional Oversight Fellow (2021-2022)

National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (2020)

Exceptional Mentorship Award, Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, UW–Madison (2020)

Summer Research Initiative Research Award, UW–Madison (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

La Follette Fellowship, University of Wisconsin La Follette School of Public Affairs (2016)

Finalist, Best Student Paper, Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences (2015)

Best Master’s Thesis Research Award (runner-up), selected by faculty among all social and natural science Masters Theses (Yale School of the Environment, 2013)

Best Student Paper Award, Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (2012)

Carpenter-Sperry Research Award (2012)

Jubitz Family Foundation Research Fellowship (2012)

H. Stuart Harrison Scholarship to attend Yale University (2011–2013)

Morton O’Stafford Scholarship to attend Reed College (2006–2009)

Pell Grant (2005-2009)

## **PUBLIC POLICY AND RESEARCH POSITIONS**

Visiting Scholar, New York University, Department of Politics (2021-2022)

Affiliated Researcher, Yale Governance, Environment, and Markets (GEM) Initiative (2013–2020)

Research Consultant, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (2013–2014)

Compared forestry laws across countries with quantitative and qualitative text analysis

Wrote policy-focused portions of the State of the World’s Forests Report

Regulatory Affairs Specialist, Washington County, Oregon (2010–2011)

Convened state and federal agency staff to draft Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Guidance

Drafted text for an Oregon State Senate bill

Conducted a feasibility analysis that led to \$10 million in private conservation investment, \$1 million in public investment, and praise for the project in a speech by President Barack Obama

Ducey Fellow for Public Policy, Willamette Partnership (2009)

Research Intern, Center for Transboundary Cooperation, Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia (2008)

## SERVICE

PhD Program Committee, Ford School of Public Policy (2024-2026)

Water@Michigan Faculty Steering Committee

U.S. State Department/Weiser Diplomacy Center Diplomacy Lab, with the Department of the Treasury. (2024-2025)

Masters Program Committee, Ford School of Public Policy (2023-2024)

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Regulation & Governance*, *Current Opinion in Sustainability*, *Journal of Forest Policy and Economics*

Social Media Editor (2017-2024), American Political Science Association section on Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics (APSA STEP)

Program Committee (2014–2016), Nominations Committee (Elected, 2016-2022), Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS)

Dissertation Committees

Karla Magana (University of Michigan, Political Science and Public Policy)

Maya Khuzam (University of Michigan, Political Science)

Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), University of Michigan (2023-present)

Mentees: Antonio Isho, Lily Bourgeois, Jesse Duby, Niyatee Jain, Grace Lee, Scotten Maderal, Arvin Pandiyan, Ava Malin, Farah Kavarana, Genevieve Fettig, Meiting Xu, Mia Alderman, Samantha Lay, Shakuntala Balusu, Scotten Maderal, Summit Shaw, Jessica Rehberg, Zayn Merrick, Emma Weiss, Aya Soweidan, Naya Ramaswami, Brody Amthor, Stephanie Bouserhal, Justin Chen, Lyndon Dibble, Aamir Kapasi, Madison Knowlton, Ashanti Mirelez, Kaito Patterson, Olivia Savord, Audrey Stocker, Gia Verma, Evan Weinraub, Anna Childs, Shirlyn Dong, Isabella Gentry, Steven Kang, Anna Kendzior, Ryan Rincones, Aaron Zhao, Kaito Patterson

Supervisor, Honors Thesis (University of Michigan)

Jessica Rehberg (2025-2026)

Supervisor, Directed Study (University of Michigan)

Gavriella Solomon, Emily Laffey (2024-2025)

Co-supervisor, Undergraduate Thesis (Harvard College)

Robin Greene (2023-2024)

Mentor, Harvard University Center for the Environment (HUCE) Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (2022-2023)

Mentees: Davit Antonyan, Robin Greene, Tomoki Matsuno

Mentor, Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, UW–Madison (2015-2021)

Mentees: Kendl Kobbervig, Kyra Fox, Mikayla Sandin, Daniel Nesslein, Hope Karnopp, Julia Derzay, Samiha Bhushan, Max Linse, Hailey Patel

Mentor, Sophomore Research Fellows Program, UW–Madison (2021)

Mentee: Samiha Bhushan

Supervisor, Honors Theses and Directed Studies, UW–Madison (2020-2021)

Students: Maggie Nead, Fatima Ali, Samiha Bhushan

Diversity and Inclusion Committee, UW–Madison Department of Political Science (2019-2021)

Reading Room Committee, UW–Madison Department of Political Science (2016-2019)

Graduate School Representative, Associated Students of Madison Student Council (2016-2017)

Vice-Chair (2012–2013), Workshops Chair (2011–2012), New Directions in Environmental Law conference at Yale Law School

President, Yale Environmental Law Association Student Interest Group (2012–2013)