

## Julia Bitz Christensen

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EDUCATION	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> , Berkeley, CA Ph.D. <i>Political Science</i> , Expected: May 2026 - Fields: American Politics, Political Behavior, Methodology and Formal Theory  <b>Georgetown University</b> , Washington, DC B.S. <i>Political Science, Economics</i> (Magna Cum Laude), May 2015 - Minor: Mathematics - Thesis: “Examining Private Prisons and Misaligned Incentives: Contracts and the Challenge of Minimizing Short-term and Long-term Costs” - Advisors: <a href="#">Daniel Hopkins, Ph.D</a> and <a href="#">Hans Noel, Ph.D</a>	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	News media and public policy - Developing theory of elite learning from media coverage - Identifying racial, class, and geographic patterns of media bias - Determining sources of media bias - Tracing media bias to policy outcomes	
WORKING PAPERS	Christensen, Julia, “Bureaucratic News Consumption and the Supply of Political Information”  Christensen, Julia, “Gatekeeping Bias in Local Media Coverage of Pedestrian and Cyclist Fatalities”  Christensen, Julia, “Contextual Effects, Social Pressure, and Misreported Turnout: Assessing the effect of presidential approval on self-reported turnout and vote choice”  Christensen, Julia, “Elite News Consumption: Evidence from White House Clipbooks”	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	Christensen, Julia, “The national implications of local news decline”  Christensen, Julia, “Unequal funding: Direct payments by the federal government to news media”  Christensen, Julia, “What news gets read by public officials? Using public information requests to evaluate news consumption by government elites”  Christensen, Julia, “Using News Pressure to Identify the Effect of News Coverage on Local Public Policy”  Christensen, Julia, “The moderating effect of expertise: assessing the effects of partisan media bias on policy school graduates”  Christensen, Julia, “Bureaucratic Eavesdropping: How Federal Agencies Monitor the Political Environment Through News Media”	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	“What News Matters? Exploring Elite News Consumption and Its Political Consequences” Presented at 82nd Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference April 3-6, 2025, Chicago 2025.	

“Local Media & Agenda Setting” (panel).  
Presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia 2024.

“Contextual Effects, Social Pressure, and Misreported Turnout” (poster).  
Presented at the Political Methodology Summer Meeting, Rochester 2015.

SERVICE [ADD WIPS chair]

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

Spring 2025, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “Introduction to American Politics” ([course description](#))

Fall 2024, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “Public Opinion, Voting and Participation” ([course description](#))

Summer 2024, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “Special Topics in International Relations: Ethics and War” ([course description](#))

Spring 2024, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “Introduction to American Politics” ([course description](#))

Fall 2023, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “Introduction to American Politics” ([course description](#))

Spring 2020, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “An Introduction to Computational Tools and Techniques for Social Science Research” ([course description](#), [github repository](#))

Fall 2019, *Lead Instructor*, “An Introduction to Computational Tools and Techniques for Social Science Research” ([course description](#), [github repository](#))

Spring 2019, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “An Introduction to Computational Tools and Techniques for Social Science Research” ([course description](#), [github repository](#))

Fall 2018, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “Selected Topics in American Politics: Crime and Democracy” ([course description](#))

AWARDS,  
FELLOWSHIPS,  
AND GRANTS

**Aarhus-Berkeley Initiative Scholar**, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, May 2025 to June 2025. Flights and housing provided.

**Synar Graduate Research Fellow**, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley, January 2025 to December 2025: \$3,000

**Social Sciences Research Pathways**, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley, August 2024 to May 2025: \$1,000

**Doctoral Completion Fellowship**, Graduate Division and Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2022 to 2025: \$28,000

**Department Fellowship**, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2017 to 2021

**Advanced Empirical Research on Politics for Undergraduates Program**, January 2015 to July 2015

TECHNICAL  
SKILLS

Software and Programming skills  
R, Tidyverse, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS	<p><b>2025:</b> Research Workshop in American Politics (UC Berkeley), Political Behavior Workshop (UC Berkeley), Political Institutions Workshop (UC Berkeley), Polisci Workshop of Grad Students (UC Berkeley), IGS Synar award ceremony (UC Berkeley)</p> <p><b>2024:</b> Research Workshop in American Politics (UC Berkeley), Political Behavior Workshop (UC Berkeley), Political Institutions Workshop (UC Berkeley), Polisci Workshop of Grad Students (UC Berkeley)</p>	
OTHER EMPLOYMENT	<p>Analyst, Stout Risius Ross <i>June 2014 to June 2017</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wrote expert reports for patent infringement, trademark infringement, trade secret misappropriation, and breach of contract disputes.</li> <li>- Independently developed economic and financial models. Quantified royalty base and profitability in cases with damages up to \$10 million.</li> <li>- Supervised team of interns.</li> </ul> <p>Research Assistant, Georgetown University <i>January 2013 to May 2015</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assisted Hans Noel from January 2013 to December 2013.</li> <li>- Assisted Daniel Hopkins from January 2014 to May 2015.</li> <li>- Collected, cleaned and analyzed data sets related to state and national politics. Performed background research and edited draft publications.</li> </ul>	
REFERENCES	<p>Gabriel Lenz Associate Professor Department of Political Science University of California, Berkeley <a href="mailto:glenz@berkeley.edu">glenz@berkeley.edu</a></p> <p>Eric Schickler Professor Department of Political Science University of California, Berkeley <a href="mailto:eschickler@berkeley.edu">eschickler@berkeley.edu</a></p>	<p>David Broockman Associate Professor Department of Political Science University of California, Berkeley <a href="mailto:dbroockman@berkeley.edu">dbroockman@berkeley.edu</a></p> <p>Paul Pierson Professor Department of Political Science University of California, Berkeley <a href="mailto:pierson@berkeley.edu">pierson@berkeley.edu</a></p>