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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Yale University

Assistant Professor of Political Science	July 2023-Present
Resident Fellow, Institution of Social and Policy Studies (ISPS)	
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of American Politics (CSAP)	

Visiting Assistant Professor, MIT	Fall 2025-Spring 2026
Department of Political Science	
Faculty Affiliate, MIT Election Data and Science Lab (MEDSL)	

## EDUCATION

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government	2017-2023
Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government	
The University of Texas at Austin	
M.A. in Economics	2014-2015
B.A. in Economics; B.S. in Psychology	2010-2014
Liberal Arts Honors Program	

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

American politics, elections and election law, historical political economy, media and newspapers

## PUBLICATIONS

6. "A Drag On The Ticket? Estimating Top-of-the-Ticket Effects on Down-Ballot Races (with Daniel J. Moskowitz and Benjamin Schneer). 2025. *American Journal of Political Science*
5. "Editor's Choice: Measuring Candidate Quality using Local Newspaper Endorsements" 2025. *Journal of Politics*
4. "The Power of Characters: Evaluating Machine Learning Modified Bayesian Improved Surname Geocoding Inference of Race in Redistricting" (with John A. Curiel). 2024. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*.
3. "A Partisan Solution to Partisan Gerrymandering: The Define Combine Procedure" (with Maxwell Palmer and Benjamin Schneer). 2024. *Political Analysis*  
Winner of Society for Political Methodology's 2025 Miller Prize  
Media Coverage: [The Conversation](#), [TIME Ideas](#)
2. "Validating the Applicability of Bayesian Inference with Surname and Geocoding to Congressional Redistricting" (with John A. Curiel). 2023. *Political Analysis*.
1. "American Election Results at the Precinct Level" (with Baltz, Samuel, Alexander Agadjanian, Declan Chin, John Curiel, James Dunham, Jennifer Miranda, Connor Phillips, Annabel Uhlman, Cameron Wimpy, Marcos Zárate, and Charles Stewart). 2022. *Scientific Data*.

## SELECT WORKING PAPERS

2. "Local News in the Crosshairs: Audience Perceptions of Algorithmic News Sites" (with David A. Beavers). [R&R, *Political Communication*]

1. The Influence of Biased Local Newspaper Endorsements. 2023. *APSA Preprints*. Presented at the 94th Annual SPSA Meeting, January 2023.  
Honorable Mention for the Pi Sigma Alpha – Malcolm Jewell Award

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

5. "Optimal Media Bias for Political Accountability"
4. "Reading Between the Headlines: Candidate Coverage and Electoral Accountability in Presidential Elections" (with Zoe Kava)
3. "Reverse Media Capture: Editorial Blackmail and the Newspaper Preservation Act of 1970" (with Marina Legoretta and Andrew Beingessner)
2. "Publicity-as-Lobbying: Newsies, "Little Merchants", and Newspapers' Fight for Labor Exemptions"
1. "The Decline of Evening Newspapers: Partisan Slant's Impact on Election Results" (with Tyler Simko, James M. Snyder, Jr., and B.K. Song)

**OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS**

- ["Could this mysterious California news site influence the 2026 election?"](#), in *CalMatters*, reprinted in [Los Angeles Times](#), 01/05/2026
- ["Media in Trump's Second Presidency"](#) CQ Researcher Report, by Gregory Perreault, 09/19/2025
- ["The Political Pulse: Why Polling Persists in American Politics"](#) *The Politic*, 01/18/2025
- ["San Francisco politics are about to get crazy. Here's what to look out for"](#) *The San Francisco Standard*, 09/02/2024
- ["Could These Unconventional Voices Determine the 2024 Election?"](#) *Deseret News*, 08/19/2024.
- ["Who Cares What Taylor Swift Thinks?"](#) *Harvard Gazette*, 02/08/2024.
- ["Newspaper Endorsements and the Importance of Candidate Quality in Politics"](#) IQSS Blog. 08/14/2023.

**PRESENTATIONS****INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Stanford Media Conference (Scheduled)	2026
George Washington University	2025
NYU American Politics Workshop	2025
NYC Media Economics Seminar	2024
UCLA Department of Political Science: American Politics Workshop	2022
The University of Texas at Austin: Graduate Conference on Public Law	2021
Tobin Project Inequality and Decision-Making Conference	2020

**ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES**

American Political Science Association Meeting	2022, 2025
Southern Political Science Association Meeting	2023
Midwest Political Science Association Meeting	2021, 2024

**TEACHING****YALE POLITICAL SCIENCE**

PLSC 2291: Election Fundamentals and Forecasting	Fall 2024
PLSC 3241: Data Analytics for Redistricting and Voting Rights	Spring 2024
PLSC 831: American Politics III: Institutions (Graduate)	Spring 2024
PLSC 218: Regulating Elections: Voting Rights and the Practice of Election Law	Fall 2023

**SELECT AWARDS AND GRANTS**

Winner of Society for Political Methodology's 2025 Miller Prize	2025
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SPSA - Honorable Mention for the Pi Sigma Alpha - Malcolm Jewell Award	2023
Harvard GSAS Division of Social Sciences Fund	2022
Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences Grant	2022
Tobin Project Graduate Fellowship	2020
Harvard Summer Predissertation Fellowship	2020

**SERVICE**

**YALE POLITICAL SCIENCE**

American Politics and Policy Workshop Coordinator	2023-2024
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**UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING**

Victoria Chung (Political Science, Yale '24), Nat Markey (Statistics and Data Science, Yale '25), Edward Bohannon (History and Political Science, Yale '25), Samad Hakini (Dahl Scholar, Political Science, Yale '26), Khuan-Yu Hall (Ethics, Politics, and Economics, Yale '25), Karen Yang (Political Science, Yale '26), Natalie Miller (Political Science, Yale '26)

**REFEREE SERVICE**

*Election Law Journal* (1), *Review of Economics and Statistics* (1), *Political Analysis* (2), *Electoral Studies* (1), *Political Science Research and Methods* (1), *Social Science History* (1)

**DISCUSSANT/CHAIR SERVICE**

Midwest Political Science Association (2024; Discussant), Southern Political Science Association (2023; Chair, Discussant), American Political Science Association (2025,2022; Discussant)

**PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

MIT Election Data Science Lab (MEDSL) <i>Graduate Student Research Assistant</i> U.S. Precinct-Level Election Returns Project Stanford-MIT Healthy Elections Project	2020-2021
Princeton University, Department of Economics <i>Senior Research Specialist, Industrial Relations Section</i>	2015-2017