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Education

Ph.D. Department of Government, Harvard University, Expected May 2025
M.A. Department of Government, Harvard University, March 2022
B.A. Political Science, Carleton College, June 2019
Magna Cum Laude and Departmental Honors in Political Science

Research Interests

Political parties, social movements, subnational politics, American political development, American political economy

Publications

“Citizen Organizing and Partisan Polarization from the Tea Party to the Anti-Trump Resistance,” with Theda Skocpol and Caroline Tervo. In *Democratic Resilience: Can the United States Withstand Rising Polarization?*, Eds. Robert Lieberman, Suzanne Mettler, and Kenneth Roberts: Cambridge University Press, 2021.

“Social Justice Campaigns and Democratic Party Gains: How Georgia’s Partisan Reformers Overtook North Carolina’s Moral Advocates,” with Theda Skocpol and Caroline Tervo. Forthcoming at *Studies in American Political Development*.

Ongoing Research

“How Immigration Flashpoints Have Fueled Party Polarization and Republican Radicalization: Evidence from National and State Party Platforms, 1980 to 2016,” with Theda Skocpol.

“US Party Organizations in a Polarizing Era: State Party Chairs, 1980-2022,” with Theda Skocpol and Ben TerMaat.

Grants, Honors, and Awards

Graduate Seed Grant, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, 2022
James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, 2020-2025
Lee Sigelman Prize in Political Science, Carleton College, 2018

Research Assistance

Theda Skocpol, November 2020-present

Jennifer Hochschild, March 2020-May 2022

Teaching

Teaching Fellow, American Society and Public Policy (Undergraduate Level), Fall 2021

Head Teaching Fellow, Race in a Polarized America (Undergraduate Level), Spring 2022

Service

Co-Coordinator, Harvard University American Politics Research Workshop, 2021-2022

Co-President, Harvard Government Graduate Student Association, 2021-2022

Co-Coordinator, Harvard University Graduate Student Political Economy Workshop, 2020-2021

Treasurer, Harvard Government Graduate Student Association, 2019-2020

Skills

R, Python, STATA, Qualtrics, SQL, NVivo, LaTeX

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