

# LEAH UMANSKIY STEIN

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>Harvard University</b><br>Ph.D. in Government   | 2024 – Present |
| <b>New York University</b><br>M.A. in Politics   | 2022 – 2024    |
| <b>University of Chicago</b><br>B.A. in Economics (with Honors) and Fundamentals: Issues & Texts | 2016 – 2020    |

## AFFILIATIONS

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Center for American Political Studies  
Institute for Quantitative Social Science  
Weatherhead Institute Research Cluster on Business and Government  
Local Politics Lab

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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American Political Institutions, Interest Groups, Money in Politics, Federalism

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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‘Ex Post’ Campaign Contributions: Evidence from Corporate Subsidies in U.S. States  
Individual Donor Motivations and Out-of-District Contributions in House Elections (with Sanford C. Gordon and Kyle Van Rensselaer)  
Business Influence in U.S. States (with Hye Young You and Connor H. Phillips)

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Small Conferences and Workshops

2025: Harvard American Politics Workshop, Copenhagen Business School Money in Politics  
2024: NYU American Politics Workshop, Copenhagen Business School Money in Politics  
2023: NYU WINNING Summer Workshop

### Association Meetings

American Political Science Association: 2024

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| Institute for Quantitative Social Science Travel Grant (\$600)         | 2025        |
| Center for American Political Studies Seed Grant (\$500)               | 2025        |
| Weatherhead Research Cluster on Business and Government Grant (\$3000) | 2025        |
| National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship               | 2022 - 2027 |
| MacCracken Fellowship (New York University)                            | 2022 - 2027 |

## SERVICE

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| Research Assistant for Sanford Gordon (NYU)                     | 2023 - 2024 |
| Research Assistant for Alessandra Voena (University of Chicago) | 2018 - 2020 |

## RELEVANT SKILLS

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**Languages:** English (native), Russian (heritage), Spanish (conversational)  
**Computer:** R, Stata, Python, SAS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X