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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Government, Harvard University, 2018
M.A. Statistics, Harvard University, 2017
J.D. University of Michigan Law School, *cum laude*, 2015
B.A. Mathematics and Philosophy, University of Chicago, *with honors*, 2010

APPOINTMENTS

- 2020– University of California, San Diego
Assistant Professor, School of Global Policy and Strategy
2018–20 Yale University
Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Political Science

RESEARCH SUMMARY

I research the political economy of American institutions, with a particular emphasis on regulation-making by executive agencies. The majority of American political scientists working on regulation focus on issues of separation of powers, political control, and oversight. By contrast, my work attends to issues of distribution and the often fraught relationship between regulators and lobbyists. More broadly, I explore themes of economic inequality, interest group power, and the design of legal and governmental institutions. Methodologically, I combine multiple approaches, including formal models, quantitative empirics, and case studies.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2020 “Strategic Proposals, Endogenous Comments, and Bias in Rulemaking.” *The Journal of Politics*. DOI: 10.1086/706891. Brian Libgober.
2020 “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Rulemaking.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*. DOI: 10.1561/100.00018135. Brian Libgober.
2020 “Data and Methods for Analyzing Special Interest Influence in Rulemaking.” *Interest Groups & Advocacy*. DOI: 10.1057/s41309-020-00094-w. Daniel P. Carpenter, Devin Judge-Lord, Brian Libgober, and Steven Rashin.

Working Papers[†]

- 2021 “Lawyers as Lobbyists.” Daniel P. Carpenter and Brian Libgober.
- 2021 “Making Regulators Reasonable: Do Procedural Rationality Requirements Fix Cognitive Biases?” Benjamin Minhao Chen and Brian Libgober.
- 2021 “Personnel, Politics, and the Trump Presidency.” Brian Libgober and Mark D. Richardson.
- 2021 “The Political Ideologies of Organized Interests & Amicus Curiae Briefs: Large-Scale, Social Network Imputation of Ideal Points.” Sahar Abi-Hassan, Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Dino P. Christenson, Aaron R. Kaufman, and Brian Libgober.
- 2021 “Linking Datasets on Organizations Using Half A Billion Open Collaborated Records.” Connor Jerzak and Brian Libgober.
- 2020 “Agency Failure and Individual Accountability.” Brian Libgober.
- 2019 “An Email Experiment to Identify the Effect of Racial Discrimination on Access to Lawyers: A Statistical Approach.” arXiv: 1908.08116. Brian Libgober and Tirthankar Dasgupta.

Work In Progress

- 2021 “Ex Post Lobbying and the Dynamics of Legislative Attention.” Brian Libgober.
- 2021 “Participatory Inequality and Rulemaking: Evidence from Financial Regulation.” Brian Libgober, Susan Webb Yackee, Daniel P. Carpenter, Steven Rashin, Devin Judge-Lord, Jacob Waggoner, and Chris Kenny.
- 2021 “Lobbying, Cheap Talk, and Norms of Aggregation.” Chris Li and Brian Libgober.
- 2021 “The Politics of Place: Evidence from Refugees to the United States.” Valentin Bolotnyy, Mayya Komisarchik, and Brian Libgober.

Other Publications

- In Press “High-Traceability Administrative Politics: Strategic Commenting upon Federal Reserve Debit Card Regulations.” Daniel P. Carpenter and Brian Libgober.
- 2020 “Getting a Lawyer While Black: A Field Experiment.” *Lewis & Clark Law Review*. DOI: 10.2139/ssrn.3389279. Brian Libgober.
- 2018 “Lobbying the Rulemakers with Lawyers: Reflections from the Volcker Rule.” *Extensions*. Daniel P. Carpenter and Brian Libgober.
- 2015 “Can the EU be a Constitutional System Without Universal Access to Judicial Review?” *Michigan Journal of International Law*. Brian Libgober.

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 Georgetown University. Department of Government. “Agency Failure and Individual Accountability,” Jan 24.
- 2020 University of Texas, Austin. McCombs School of Business. “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” Jan 8.

[†]Drafts of all working papers are available at <https://brianlibgober.com>.

- 2019 Stanford University. Hoover Institution. “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” Dec 6.
- 2019 Vanderbilt University. Department of Political Science. “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” Nov 13.
- 2019 University of California, San Diego. School of Global Policy and Strategy. “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” Nov 6.
- 2019 Harvard Law School. “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” Nov 5.
- 2019 George Mason Law School. “Agency Failure and Individual Accountability,” Sep 19.
- 2019 Washington University in St. Louis. Department of Political Science. “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” Sep 17.
- 2019 Berkeley Law School. Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program. “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” Feb 7.
- 2019 Harvard Business School. Business Government and International Economy Unit. “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” Nov 5.
- 2019 Administrative Conference of the United States. “The Gains from Lobbying Financial Regulators,” Aug 9.
- 2018 University of Texas, Austin. McCombs School of Business. “What’s at Stake in Rulemaking? Financial Market Evidence for Banks’ Influence on Administrative Agencies,” Mar 23.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conference Presentations

- 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference. “The Politics of Place: Evidence from Refugees to the US,” Oct 2.
- 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference. “Ex Post Lobbying and the Dynamics of Legislative Attention,” Oct 1.
- 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference. “Participatory Inequality and Rulemaking: Evidence from Financial Regulation,” Sep 30.
- 2021 American Political Economy Summer School. “Lawyers as Lobbyists,” Jul 1.
- 2020 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference. “One Voice: the Role of Organization in Lobbying,” Sep 10.
- 2019 Bureaucracy and Presidential Administration: Expertise and Accountability in Constitutional Government. George Mason Law School. “Agency Failure and Individual Accountability,” Dec 6.
- 2019 American Law and Economics Association (ALEA) Annual Conference. “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” May 17.
- 2019 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference. “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” Jan 18.
- 2018 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference. “What Public Comments During Rulemaking Do (and Why),” Apr 7.

- 2018 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference. “The Price of Votes,” Apr 5.
- 2018 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference. “What Public Comments During Rulemaking Do (and Why),” Jan 5.
- 2018 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference. “Participation, Inequality, and Rational Responsiveness,” Jan 4.
- 2017 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. “Lobbying with Lawyers: Financial Market Evidence for Banks’ Influence on Rulemaking,” Dec 8.
- 2017 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference. “Equities and Inequities in Financial Rulemaking,” Apr 6.
- 2017 University of Chicago Booth Business School. “Lawyering and Lobbying: Why Banks Shape Rules,” Mar 4.
- 2015 American Law and Economics Association (ALEA) Annual Meeting. “Accident Liability in Imperfectly Competitive Markets,” May 16.

Poster Sessions

- 2018 Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS). “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” Nov 9.

Other Conference Participation

- 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference. “Lobbyists and Lobbying, Strategies and Goals,” Oct 3 (discussant).
- 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference. “Politics of Rulemaking in the Administration State,” Oct 1 (discussant).
- 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference. “Legislative Productivity in the US,” Sep 29 (chair and discussant).
- 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference. “Separation of Powers and Interbranch Relationships,” Sep 30 (chair and discussant).
- 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference. “Advances in Law Enforcement Policy Research,” Sep 30 (chair).

DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2020 University of California, San Diego. School of Global Policy and Strategy Junior Faculty Brownbag. “Does Electoral Politics Explain the Distribution of CDC Test Kits? Evidence from FOIA,” Oct 28.
- 2018 Harvard University. Political Economy Workshop. “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking,” Oct 29.
- 2018 Harvard University. American Politics Research Workshop. “What Public Comments During Rulemaking Do (and Why),” Feb 13.
- 2017 Harvard University. Working Group in Political Psychology. “Getting a Lawyer While Black: A Field Experiment,” Mar 10.

- 2017 Harvard University. American Politics Research Workshop. “Lawyering and Lobbying: Why Banks Shape Rules,” Feb 7.
- 2016 Harvard University. Harvard Experiments Working Group. “Getting a Lawyer While Black: A Field Experiment,” Sep 9.
- 2016 Harvard Law School. Law and Economics Seminar. “Getting a Lawyer While Black: A Field Experiment,” Mar 3.

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016-18 Stone PhD Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Harvard Kennedy School.
- 2015 Terence M. Considine Fellowship in Law and Economics, Harvard Law School.
- 2012-15 Dean’s Scholarship, University of Michigan Law School.
- 2006-10 Viola Bower Merit Scholarship, University of Chicago.

TEACHING

University of California San Diego

- 2021 Policy Analysis and Social Welfare (MPP/MIA). Primary Instructor. Fall.
- 2021 Law and Administration (MPP/MIA). Primary Instructor. Fall.
- 2021 Law and Administration (MPP/MIA). Primary Instructor. Spring.
- 2021 Bureaucratic Politics (MPP/MIA). Primary Instructor. Spring.
- 2021 Interest Groups and the Policymaking Process (MPP/MIA). Primary Instructor. Winter.

Yale University

- 2019 American Mass Media: Law, Politics, and Policy (Undergraduate). Primary Instructor. Fall.
- 2019 Money in Politics (MPP/MIA). Primary Instructor. Spring.

Harvard University

- 2017 Formal Models of Domestic Politics (PhD). Teaching Assistant (Primary Instructor: Horacio Larreguy). Fall.
- 2016 Bureaucratic Politics (Undergraduate/Graduate). Teaching Assistant (Primary Instructor: Daniel Carpenter). Fall.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- 2015 Constitutional Law & Judicial Politics (PhD). Course Assistant (Primary Instructor: Chris Warshaw). Spring.

University of Michigan

- 2013 Mass Media and Election Politics (Undergraduate). Graduate Student Instructor (Primary Instructor: Nicholas Valentino). Fall.

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Academic Peer Review

American Political Science Review

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The Journal of Politics

American Journal of Political Science

Politics & Gender

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

University of California San Diego

2021- Law and Policy Ad Hoc Exploratory Committee.

2020- Admission's Committee.

Harvard University

2015-17 Graduate Student Coordinator, Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, Institute for Quantitative Social Science.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

American Law and Economics Association

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2014 Summer Law Clerk. UNC School of Government. Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

2014 Summer Associate. Paul Hastings LLP. New York, NY.

2013 Summer Law Clerk to Chief Judge Beryl Howell. US District Court. Washington, DC.

2011-12 Polling Analyst. Obama for America Reelection Campaign. Chicago, IL.

CONSULTING

2020 M4BL: The Movement for Black Lives. Advised on sections of the BREATHE ACT.

2019 Cleveland County, North Carolina. Advised on anti-subsidy doctrines in US Constitutional law.

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