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[www.brianlibgober.com](http://www.brianlibgober.com)**EDUCATION****HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

PhD, Government, 2018

MA, Statistics, 2017

Committee: Daniel Carpenter (Chair), Kenneth Shepsle, Jon Rogowski

Research Interests: American Institutions, Quantitative Methods, Race and Law

Dissertation: "Persuading the State: Public Participation and Influence Over Regulation"

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL**

JD, with honors, 2015

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

BA, with honors, Mathematics and Philosophy, 2010

**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS****UC SAN DIEGO – SCHOOL OF GLOBAL POLICY AND STRATEGY**

Assistant Professor, 2020-

**PENN PROGRAM ON REGULATION**

Research Affiliate, 2020-

**PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS****YALE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer, 2018-2020

**PUBLICATIONS****JOURNAL ARTICLES**

"Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking."  
*Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 15, no. 4 (2020): 449-481.

"Strategic Proposals, Endogenous Comments, and Bias in Rulemaking."  
*Journal of Politics* 82, no. 2 (2020): 642-656.



“Data and Methods for Analyzing Special Interest Influence in Rulemaking,” *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 9 (2020): 425-435 (with Daniel Carpenter, Devin Judge Lord, and Steven Rashin).

“Getting a Lawyer While Black: A Field Experiment.” *Lewis and Clark Law Review* 24, no. 1 (2020): 53-108.

“Can the EU be a constitutional system without universal access to judicial review?” *Michigan Journal of International Law* 36, no. (2015): 353-373.

### INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

“High-Traceability Administrative Politics: Strategic Commenting upon Federal Reserve Debit Card Regulations,” Festschrift for Douglas Arnold (with Daniel Carpenter).

### WORKING PAPERS

“Large Scale Estimation of Interest Group Ideal Points,” with Sahar Abi-Hassan, Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Dino Christenson, and Aaron Kaufman

“What’s at Stake in Rulemaking? Financial Market Evidence for Banks’ Influence on Administrative Agencies,” with Dan Carpenter

“What Public Comments During Rulemaking Do (And Why)” (with Steven Rashin)

“An Email Experiment to Identify the Effect of Racial Discrimination on Access to Lawyers: A Statistical Approach” (with Tirthankar Dasgupta)

“Agency Failure and Individual Accountability: An Investigation into Long-Term Employment Trends for Employees of Disestablished Agencies, 1973-2016”

“Linking Datasets Using Half A Billion Open Collaborated Records” (with Connor Jerzak)

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### YALE UNIVERSITY

*American Mass Media: Law, Politics, and Policy* (primary instructor).  
Undergraduate seminar offered Fall 2019.

*Money in Politics* (primary instructor)  
Undergraduate seminar offered Spring 2019.

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

*Formal Models of Domestic Politics* (teaching assistant)  
Graduate seminar offered Spring 2017.

*Bureaucratic Politics* (teaching assistant)  
Undergraduate seminar offered Fall 2016.

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

*Mass Media and Election Politics* (graduate student instructor)  
Undergraduate lecture offered Fall 2013.

**FELLOWSHIPS**

**HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL - PROGRAM IN INEQUALITY AND SOCIAL POLICY**  
Inequality and Wealth Concentration Ph.D. Scholar, 2018

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL - OLIN CENTER FOR LAW, ECONOMICS, AND BUSINESS**  
Terence M. Considine Fellowship in Law and Economics, 2015

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**  
Viola Bower Merit Scholar (Full Tuition)

**PRESENTATIONS****INVITED LECTURES**

“Agency Failure and Individual Accountability” January 24, 2020  
Department of Political Science  
Georgetown University

“Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of January 8, 2020  
Administrative Policymaking”  
University of Texas, Austin

“Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of December 6, 2019  
Administrative Policymaking”  
Hoover Institution at Stanford University

“Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of November 13, 2019  
Administrative Policymaking”  
Vanderbilt University, Department of Political Science



- “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking”  
UC San Diego, School of Global Policy and Strategy  
November 6, 2019
- “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking”  
Harvard Law School  
November 5, 2019
- “Agency Failure and Individual Accountability”  
George Mason Law School  
September 19-20, 2019
- “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking”  
Washington University in St. Louis  
September 17, 2019
- “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking”  
Berkeley Law School  
February 7, 2019
- “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking”  
Harvard Business School  
November 6, 2018
- “The Gains from Lobbying Financial Regulators”  
Administrative Conference of the United States  
August 9, 2018
- “What’s at Stake in Rulemaking? Financial Market Evidence for Banks’ Influence on Administrative Agencies.”  
University of Texas, Austin  
March 23, 2018

### CONFERENCE LECTURES

- “Agency Failure and Individual Accountability”  
George Mason Law School  
December 6, 2019
- “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking”  
Berkeley Law School  
February 7, 2019
- “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking”  
American Law and Economics Association (ALEA) Annual Conference  
May 17, 2019
- “Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of  
January 18, 2019



Administrative Policymaking” Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference	
“What Public Comments During Rulemaking Do (and Why)” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference	April 7, 2018
“The Price of Votes” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference	April 5, 2018
“What Public Comments During Rulemaking Do (and Why)” Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference	January 5, 2018
“Participation, Inequality, and Rational Responsiveness” Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference	January 4, 2018
“Lobbying with Lawyers: Financial Market Evidence for Banks’ Influence on Rulemaking” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study	December 8, 2017
“Equities and Inequities in Financial Rulemaking” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference	April 6, 2017
“Lawyering and Lobbying: Why Banks Shape Rules” University of Chicago Booth Business School	March 4, 2017
“Accident Liability in Imperfectly Competitive Markets” American Law and Economics Association (ALEA) Annual Meeting	May 16, 2015

**POSTER SESSIONS**

“Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking” Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS)	November 9, 2018
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**DEPARTMENT LECTURES**

“Meetings, Comments, and the Distributive Politics of Administrative Policymaking” Political Economy Workshop, Harvard University	October 29, 2018
“What Public Comments During Rulemaking Do (and Why)” American Politics Research Workshop, Harvard University	February 13, 2018
“Getting a Lawyer While Black: A Field Experiment,”	March 10, 2017



Working Group in Political Psychology, Harvard University

“Lawyering and Lobbying: Why Banks Shape Rules”  
American Politics Research Workshop, Harvard Government

February 7, 2017

“Getting a Lawyer While Black: A Field Experiment”  
Harvard Experiments Working Group, Harvard Government

September 9, 2016

“Getting a Lawyer While Black: A Field Experiment”  
Law and Economics Seminar, Harvard Law School

March 3, 2016

## NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**Summer Associate**  
Paul Hastings LLP, New York, NY

May 2014 – July 2014

**Summer Law Clerk**  
Chief Judge Beryl Howell, U.S. District Court, Washington, DC

May 2013 – August 2013

**Polling Analyst**  
Obama for America, Chicago, IL

October 2011 – May 2012

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Reviewer**  
American Political Science Review, JPART

**Graduate Student Coordinator**  
Undergraduate Research Scholars Program  
Institute for Quantitative Social Science  
Harvard University

2015-2017

## MEMBERSHIPS

American, Midwest, and Southern Political Science Associations, the American Law and Economics Association



## REFERENCES

### Academic

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### Teaching

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