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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Columbia Business School Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Management Division	2024–present
EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley Ph.D., Political Science M.A., Political Science	2024 2021
	Middlebury College B.A., Political Science	2014
WORKING PAPERS	[6] Kagan, Max*, Justin Frake*, and Reuben Hurst*. “VRscores: A Voter Registration-Based Approach for Measuring Workforce Politics.” Minor revision at <i>Organization Science</i> . • Project website: Politics at Work website	
	[5] Frake, Justin*, Reuben Hurst*, and Max Kagan*. “Political Segregation in the U.S. Workplace.” Revise and resubmit at <i>Nature Human Behavior</i> . • 2025 Dorothy Day Award for Outstanding Labor Research (American Political Science Association) • Media coverage: <i>Niskanen Center</i> , UC Berkeley	
	[4] Hurst, Reuben*, Max Kagan*, Matthew Lee*, and Justin Frake*. “Workplaces as Engines of Democratic Participation.” Revise and resubmit at <i>Administrative Science Quarterly</i> .	
	[3] Kagan, Max. “Business on the Ballot: Employee Voting as Nonmarket Strategy.” • Job market paper	
	[2] White, James*, Reuben Hurst*, and Max Kagan*. “Corporate Political Stances and Employee Turnover.” • SMS Strategic Human Capital Interest Group Best Paper Prize (2025) • Nominated for SMS Annual Conference Best Paper Prize (2025)	
	[1] Kagan, Max, and Vanessa Burbano. “Beyond Left and Right: New Evidence on Consumer Reactions to Corporate Sociopolitical Stance-Taking.” • AOM Annual Meeting Best Paper Designation (2025)	
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EARLY-STAGE PROJECTS	[3] “City Hall Meets Woke Capital? A Field Experiment on Policymaker Reactions to Corporate Stance-Taking” (with Vanessa Burbano)	
	[2] “Corporate Sociopolitical Re-Alignment? Evidence from the Electric Vehicle Industry”	
	[1] “Remote Work and Ideological Sorting in the U.S. Labor Market” (with Cevat Aksoy, Reuben Hurst, and Justin Frake)	
PUBLICATIONS	[1] Brutger, Ryan*, Stephen Chaudoin*, and Max Kagan*, 2023. “Trade Wars and Election Interference.” <i>Review of International Organizations</i> , 18:1–25.	
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**FELLOWSHIPS
AND GRANTS**

Fellowships

- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP) #2146752, 2021–2024 (\$141,000)
- Law, Economics, and Policy (LEAP) Center, Berkeley Law, 2022–2023 (\$9,000)

Grants

- Institute for Humane Studies, 2024 (\$2,700)
- Faculty Research Grant, Bernstein Center for Leadership and Ethics, Columbia Business School, 2024–2025 (co-PI) (\$10,000)
- Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative (Hewlett Foundation), 2024 (\$2,500)
- Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), 2024 (\$10,000)
- Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), 2024 (\$11,800)
- Berkeley Graduate Division Travel Grant, 2024 (\$1,500)
- Berkeley Graduate Division Travel Grant, 2024 (\$900)
- Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative (Hewlett Foundation), 2023 (\$4,600)
- Berkeley Center for the Study of American Democracy (CSAD), 2023 (\$2,500)
- Berkeley Network for a New Political Economy (N2PE), 2022 (\$2,000)
- American Political Science Association (APSA), 2021 (\$300)
- Berkeley Political Science Departmental Award, 2021 (\$2,600)
- Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), 2021 (\$750)
- Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), 2021 (\$1,379)

**HONORS AND
AWARDS**

- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 2022
- Phi Beta Kappa, Middlebury College, 2014
- Katerina Kraus Prize in Political Science, Middlebury College, 2014

**CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS**

2026

- Berkeley Culture Connect Conference[†]

† denotes scheduled

2025

- Academy of Management (Copenhagen)
- Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability (HEC Paris)
- Columbia–Cornell Political Economy of Work Junior Scholars Workshop (Columbia)
- Non-Market Strategy Research Consortium Doctoral Conference (virtual)
- People & Organizations Conference (Wharton)
- Strategic Management Society (San Francisco)
- Strategy and the Business Environment (Wharton)

2024

- Academy of Management (Chicago)
- Bay Area Affective Polarization Workshop (Stanford)
- Consortium on the American Political Economy (virtual)
- Copenhagen Business School–Princeton Money in Politics Conference (Copenhagen)
- Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago)
- Non-Market Strategy Research Consortium Doctoral Conference (virtual)
- Polarization Research Lab Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)
- Stanford-Berkeley American Politics Conference (Stanford GSB)
- Strategic Management Society Special Conference (Washington, D.C.)

2023

- American Political Science Association (Los Angeles)
- Conference on Field Experiments in Strategy (CFXS) (Harvard Business School)
- Junior Americanist Workshop Series (JAWS) MPSA Pre-Conference (Chicago)

- Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago)

2021

- American Political Science Association (Seattle)
- Graduate Student International Political Economy (GSIPE) (virtual)

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Organizer

- “Workplace Sorting by Political Partisanship” Symposium, AOM (2024, 2025)

Invited Discussant or Participant

- Consortium on the American Political Economy–Junior Working Group (invited discussant, 2025)
- “Macro and Micro Perspectives on Political Ideology and Partisanship in Organizations,” Academy of Management (panelist, 2025)
- “Research Frontiers in Nonmarket Strategy,” Academy of Management (invited discussant, 2025)

Journal Reviewer

- Management: *Organization Science* (×6), *Strategic Management Journal* (×3)
- Political Science: *Business and Politics* (×2), *Journal of Politics* (×2), *Review of International Organizations* (×1)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley

- The Politics of Public Policy (undergraduate; TA for David Broockman)
- International Political Economy (undergraduate; TA for Ryan Brutger)
- War in the Middle East (undergraduate; TA for Ron Hassner)

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Good Jobs Institute, Cambridge, MA

Associate

2018–19

Non-profit consultancy that helps companies thrive by creating good jobs.

Long Ridge Equity Partners, New York City

Associate

2017–18

Growth equity firm investing in financial and business technology companies.

McKinsey & Company

Senior Business Analyst, Private Equity & Principal Investors Practice (PEPI),

New York City

2016–17

Business Analyst, Middle East Office, Dubai

2014–16

Served clients in banking, telecommunications, and the public sector across Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United States; conducted market due diligence for private equity firms.

LANGUAGES

Arabic (intermediate)

French (intermediate)

Turkish (upper-intermediate)

REFERENCES

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