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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political behavior, institutions, local political economy, and public policy.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

George Washington University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2020 - Present

Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs

Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics 2024 - 2025

Baruch College, City University of New York

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2018 - 2020

Oberlin College

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Politics 2017 - 2018

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D., [Government & Social Policy](#) 2017

- Winner of [Senator Charles M. Sumner Prize](#) - *best dissertation toward the establishment of universal peace*
- Doctoral Fellow, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality

University of Virginia

B.A., [Government](#) and [Environmental Thought & Practice](#) 2010

- *High Honors*, Environmental Thought & Practice
- Echols Scholar for College of Arts and Sciences

JOURNAL ARTICLES

9. [“The Policy Adjacent: How Affordable Housing Generates Policy Feedback Among Neighboring Residents”](#) (with Asya Magazinnik and Melissa Sands). *Forthcoming at the American Journal of Political Science*.

**awarded the Best Paper on American Political Economy Prize, APSA American Political Economy Section*

8. [“How Self-Interest and Symbolic Politics Shape the Effectiveness of Compensation for Nearby Housing”](#). *Journal of Public Policy*. 44(4): 785-808. October 2024. (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner).
7. [“When Do Local Interest Group Participate in the Housing Entitlement Process?”](#) *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 5(1): 47-69. September 2024. (with Asya Magazinnik and Anna Weissman).
6. [“How the Identity of Substance Users Shapes Public Opinion on Opioid Treatment Policy”](#) *Political Behavior* 46: 609-629. March 2024. (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner).

**awarded the Lupia-Metz Outstanding Publication Award from Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*

5. “Inaccuracies in Low Income Housing Geocodes: When and Why They Matter.” *Urban Affairs Review* 60(1): 217-231. January 2024. (with Nicole E. Wilson, Asya Magazinnik, and Melissa Sands).
4. “The Supply-Equity Trade-off: The Effect of Spatial Representation on the Local Housing Supply.” *The Journal of Politics* 85(3): 1033-1047. July 2023. (with Asya Magazinnik).

**awarded the Lawrence Longley Award for Best Article, APSA Representation and Electoral Systems Section*

3. “Concentrated Burdens: How Funding and Implementation Shape Opinion on Opioid Treatment Policy.” *American Political Science Review* 113(4): 1078-1084. November 2019. (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner)
2. “When Do Renters Behave Like Homeowners? High Rent, Price Anxiety, and NIMBYism.” *American Political Science Review* 112(3): 473-493. August 2018.
1. “Racial and Spatial Targeting: How Segregation Affected Subprime Lending and the Housing Crisis.” *Social Forces* 93(3): 1081-1108. 2015. March 2015. (with Jackelyn Hwang and Kreg Steven Brown)

WORKING PAPERS

“The Voters’ Veto: Local Racial Demographic Change and Exclusionary Behavior”. *Under review.*

“Districting Without Parties: How City Council Maps Increase Minority Representation” (with Asya Magazinnik). *Under review.*

“The Shape of Democracy: Jurisdiction Boundaries and the Siting of Renewable Energy Infrastructure” (with Carsten Andersen, Martin Vinæs Larsen, Asya Magazinnik, and Peter Bjerre Mortensen). *Under review.*

“Reform Drift: How Incumbent Protection Undermines Descriptive Representation in Local Government” (with Joe Loffredo and Asya Magazinnik). *Under review.*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“How opioid treatment centers can overcome bipartisan NIMBYism to build local support.” *The Conversation*. May 2024. (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner)

“Inaccuracies in Low Income Housing Geocodes: When and Why They Matter.” *Urban Affairs Review Blog*. April 2023. (with Nicole E. Wilson, Asya Magazinnik, and Melissa Sands)

“Democrats are more likely to support funding opioid treatment programs compared to Republicans, but both are opposed to building clinics nearby.” *LSE USCentre: American Politics and Policy*. October 2019. (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner)

“Segregation and subprime lending within and across metropolitan areas.” *Focus: Institute for Research on Poverty*. 34(4): 10-17. March 2019. (with Jackelyn Hwang and Kreg Steven Brown)

“Externalities or Extortion? Privatizing Social Policy through Community Benefits Agreements.” *Harvard Journal of Real Estate*. 6-13. 2013.

SELECT
CURRENT
PROJECTS

“Experimental Evidence for the Voters’ Veto over Affordable Housing” (with Ethan Porter)

“Building a National Housing Permits Database” (with Asya Magazinnik and Evan Mast)

“The Politics of Clean Energy Infrastructure” (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner, Asya Magazinnik, and Parrish Bergquist)

“Process versus Policy: Does Local Control Affect the Legitimacy of Wind Energy Siting”

GRANTS

Arnold Ventures, 2024 (with Asya Magazinnik and Evan Mast). \$62,167

GW University Facilitating Fund, 2023. \$15,000

GWIPP Shapiro Policy Research Scholar, 2022. \$11,000

Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant, 2019 (with Asya Magazinnik). \$48,159

PSC-CUNY Research Award, 2019 (with Riley Carney). \$6,000

Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), 2019 (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner).

CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Sciences, Stewart Travel Award, 2019. \$200

Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) Short Studies Program, 2018 (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner).

Graduate School of Design - Real Estate, Research Grant, 2017. \$7,500

Boston Area Research Initiative, Research Grant, 2017. \$5,000

Harvard Horizons, Professional Development Grant, 2016. \$1,000

Taubman Center for State and Local Government, Harvard Kennedy School, Taubman Center Urban Dissertation Fellowship, 2016-2017. \$5,000

Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, Research Grant, 2016. \$3,000

Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University, John R. Meyer Dissertation Fellowship, 2016-2017. \$5,000

Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative, Harvard University, Research Grant, 2015. \$5,000

Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University, Research Grant, 2015. \$10,500

Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), 2015.

Boston Area Research Initiative (with Ryan Enos, Justin de Benedictis-Kessner, and Melissa Sands), 2015. \$7,400

CAPS, Harvard University, Research Seed Grant, 2015. \$1,000

Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University, Research Travel Scholarship, 2013. \$2,500

HONORS

Clarence Stone Award, Urban and Local Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2025

Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program, Junior Nominee, George Washington University, 2024

Lawrence Longley Award for Best Article, APSA Representation and Electoral Systems Section, 2024

Best Paper on American Political Economy, APSA American Political Economy Section, 2023

Lupia-Metz Outstanding Publication Award, Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), 2023

Susan Clarke Young Scholar Award, Urban and Local Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2020

Senator Charles M. Sumner Prize, Department of Political Science, Harvard University, 2017

INVITED TALKS

2025

- Princeton University: The Politics of Clean Energy Abundance
- NYU Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy

2024

- UC-Berkeley: Research Workshop in American Politics
- UC-Berkeley: Abundance Accelerator Initiative at the Possibility Lab
- Princeton University SPIA: CSDP Colloquium
- Aarhus University: The Politics of Housing Workshop
- Aarhus University: Research Workshop
- University of Southern California: PIPE Conference on Housing

2023

- Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs
- UC-Berkeley: Berkeley Housing Politics and Policy Conference
- Local Political Economy Conference
- Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting

2022

- Consortium on American Political Economy (CAPE)
- Princeton University: CSDP Conference on Housing Politics and Policy
- Princeton University: The Spatial Dimension of Economic and Political Inequality Workshop
- Columbia University, Department of Political Science

2021

- Consortium on American Political Economy (CAPE)

- 2020
- University of Southern California: Political Institutions and Political Economy (PIPE) Workshop
 - St. Anselm College: Land-Use Regulation and Housing Affordability Research Workshop
- 2019
- UC-San Diego, School of Global Policy and Strategy
 - George Washington University, Department of Political Science
 - Emory University, Department of Political Science
 - Local Political Economy Conference
 - New York University, Furman Center for Real Estate & Urban Policy
 - Yale Law School
- 2018
- Local Political Economy Conference
- 2017
- UC-Davis, Department of Political Science
 - Baruch College, Department of Political Science
 - National Housing Conference: Solutions for Housing Communications
 - Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies
- 2016
- Yale University, Department of Political Science
 - Harvard University, Joint Center for Housing Studies
- 2015
- Harvard University: Meeting on Political Geography
 - Harvard University, Department of Sociology
 - University of San Francisco
- 2013
- Harvard University, Real Estate Academic Initiative Alumni Advisory Board
- 2011
- Drexel University: Summer of the City

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Meeting: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Urban Affairs Association, Annual Meeting: 2022

North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association: 2021

Boston Area Research Initiative, Spring Conference: 2017

REFeree SERVICE

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Sociology, British Journal of Political Science, Housing Policy Debate, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Science Research and Methods, Public Opinion Quarterly, Social Forces, Social Science Quarterly, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, Urban Affairs Review