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**Education**      **University of California, Davis**  
Ph.D., Political Science (expected June 2020).  
Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics  
M.A., Political Science, 2018.

**The Ohio State University**  
B.A., Political Science, Research Distinction in Political Science, 2013.

**Dissertation**    “Change and Choice in American Voters’ Political Discussion Networks 2000-2016”  
Committee: Robert Huckfeldt (Co-Chair), Christopher Hare (Co-Chair),  
Amber Boydstun, Anand Sokhey

**Publications**   Butters, Ross and Christopher Hare. 2017. “Three-fourths of Americans regularly  
talk politics only with members of their own political tribe” *The*  
*Washington Post*.      <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/05/01/three-fourths-of-americans-regularly-talk-politics-only-with-members-of-their-own-political-tribe> (May 1, 2017)

**Works in Progress**    “Partisan Context and Close Social Networks: Rejecting the “Other”  
Presented at 2019 MPSA and WPSA

“Polarized Networks? New Evidence on American Voters’ Political Communication Networks” Presented at 2017 MPSA, PolNet, and APSA (with Chris Hare)

“Revisiting Social Networks and Correct Voting: Extension and Mechanisms”  
Presented at 2017 APSA and 2018 MPSA (with Anand Sokhey)

“The Secret to Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds” Presented at 2013 SPSA, MPSA, and 2017 APSA (with Alison Craig and Janet Box-Steffensmeier).

**Research Experience**    **Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis**  
*Investigator*, June 2016-March 2017, (with Chris Hare and Robert Huckfeldt)  
UC-Davis Module, 2016 Cooperative Congressional Election Study

*Research Assistant*, May 2015-June 2016, (with Amber Boydstun) Data Driven, Computational Models for Discovery and Analysis of Framing” NSF Social-Computational Systems program, No. IIS-1211266

	<p><b>Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University</b>  <i>Research Assistant</i>, Dec. 2011-May 2013, (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier)</p>
Academic Experience	<p><b>University of California, Davis</b>  <i>Associate Instructor</i>  Introduction to American Politics, Sept. 2017-Dec. 2017</p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant</i>  Research Methods in Politics and Policy, Jan. 2018-Present  Policy Analysis in California, June 2017-August 2017, Jan. 2018-Present  Mass Media and Politics, March 2016-June 2016  Introduction to Comparative Politics, Jan. 2016-March 2016  American Government: The Presidency, April 2015-June 2015  West European Politics: German Politics Jan. 2015-March 2015</p> <p><i>Investigator</i>  UC Davis Module, 2016 CCES, June 2016-March 2017</p> <p><i>Graduate Student Researcher</i>  “Data Driven, Computational Models for Discovery and Analysis of Framing” with Amber Boydstun, Sept. 2015-Dec. 2015  UC-Center Sacramento Speaker Series Coordinator, May 2016-June 2017  UC-Center Sacramento Senior Editor — Land Use and Development  Lectureship and White Paper Competition, July 2016-December 2016</p> <p><i>Service and Training</i>  GAPSS (UC-Davis) Public Relations Coordinator, Fall 2016-Summer 2018  GAPSS (UC-Davis) Bulletin Board Coordinator, Fall 2015-Summer 2016  GAPSS (UC-Davis) Mentorship Program, Fall 2015-Present</p>
Invited Talks	<p>“Polarized Networks? New Evidence on American Voters’ Political Discussion Networks,” Arsalyn Youth Forum: Caught Between Red and Blue, June 2018, University of California, Davis.</p>
Awards and Fellowships	<p>UC-Davis Political Science Dept. Travel Award, PolNet 2015, MPSA 2016, MPSA 2017, APSA 2017, MPSA 2018, \$2500  Political Networks Travel Fellowship Award, Summers 2015, 2017, 2018, \$2300  UC-Davis Humanities Institute Reading Group Award, Fall 2016, \$300  UC-Davis Political Science Dept. Summer Methods Travel Award, ICPSR 2015, PolNet 2017, \$2000  Summer Research Stipend, Summer 2015, \$5000  First Year Graduate Student Fellowship, Fall 2014, \$6000  Research Distinction and Independent Study, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University. Adviser: Janet Box-Steffensmeier</p>

	Undergraduate Research Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences, “The Secret to Secret Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds”, 2013, \$1000
	Undergraduate Research Office Summer Fellow, “The Secret to Secret Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds” 2012, \$2800
	Undergraduate Research Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences, “The Secret to Secret Senate Holds: Historical Analysis and Quantification of the Impact of Holds”, 2012, \$1000
	Undergraduate Research Scholarship Arts and Sciences (OSU), 2012, \$4500
	Lyndon Baines Johnson Research Travel Grant recipient 2012, \$2060
	National Buckeye Scholar, 2009-2013, \$7200 annually
	Trustees Scholarship, 2009-2013, \$1050 annually
Work Experience	<p><b>Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</b>  Labor Market Analyst, January 2014-August 2014  Researcher 2, May 2013-January 2014</p> <p><b>Parliament of Canada</b>  Intern for Earl Dreeshen, Member of Parliament, Red Deer - Mountain View, May 2011-June 2011</p>
Additional Training	<p><b>University of Michigan</b>  Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Time-Series Analysis Course, Summer 2015</p> <p><b>Reed College, Ohio State University, and George Mason University</b>  Political Networks Conference NSF-Sponsored Workshops, Introductory and Advanced Network Analysis Courses, Spring 2015, 2016, and 2018</p>
Skills and Certificates	<p>Proficient in R, STATA, <math>\text{\LaTeX}</math>, Qualtrics, and ArcGIS</p> <p>Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Certification</p> <p>Currently learning z-tree, Python, and HTML programming</p> <p>Proficient in the Microsoft Office Suite and database programs, including Microsoft Access</p>
References	Available upon request.