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EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University *Postdoctoral Fellow* 2024 - 2025
Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance

EDUCATION

Columbia University *Ph.D.* 2019 - 2024
Political Science Department
Concentrations in International Relations and Political Economy
Dissertation: Three Essays on the International Politics of Climate Change

University of Chicago *M.A.* 2017 - 2019
Committee on International Relations
Concentration in International Political Economy
Thesis: The Effects of Economic Sanctions on Interstate Aggression

Northwestern University *B.A.* 2011 - 2015
Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
Majors in Economics and History
Thesis: Communism in the Countryside: Paradoxes of the International Revolution

RESEARCH INTERESTS

international political economy, environmental politics, methodology, international relations theory

WORKING PAPERS

“Collective Reciprocity and the Failure of Climate Change Mitigation Treaties” (*under review*)
“Climate Finance as a Principal-Agent Problem”
“Climate National Interest: Explaining Variation in Unilateral Climate Change Mitigation”
“The Effect of US-China Security Competition on Global Climate Change Cooperation”
“Environmentalism as Long-Term Good Provision: Evidence from Forest Conservation”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Networks of Power: The International Politics of Trade in Electricity”
“Environmental Advantages of Late Development”
“Lobbying Implications of Property-Based Chemical Regulation” with Kinnari M. Shah

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

European Political Science Association, Madrid	June 2025
Climate Pipeline Project Workshop, Harvard University	April 2025
International Studies Association, Chicago	March 2025
International Relations Theory Colloquium (online)	March 2025
Political Economy of International Organization, Harvard University (poster)	January 2025
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia	September 2024
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago	April 2024
American Political Science Association, Los Angeles (online poster)	September 2023
Political Economy of Climate and the Environment, UCLA (poster)	August 2023
Climate Pipeline Project Workshop, Brown University	May 2023
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago	April 2023
Junior Scholar Symposium, Cato Institute (online)	October 2021
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago	April 2019
International Studies Association, Toronto	March 2019

Internal Workshops

International Relations Faculty Colloquium, Princeton University	November 2024
International Politics Seminar, Columbia University	October 2024
Graduate Student Seminar, Columbia University	March 2024
Summer Workshop in IPE/IR (online)	August 2023
Graduate Student Seminar, Columbia University	October 2022
Graduate Student Seminar, Columbia University	May 2022
Graduate Student IPE Workshop, Columbia University	May 2022
Graduate Student Security Studies Workshop, Columbia University	December 2021
Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security, University of Chicago	March 2018

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Coordinator, Columbia University International Politics Seminar	<i>2021 - 2023</i>
Coordinator, Columbia University Graduate Student IPE Workshop	<i>2021 - 2023</i>

TEACHING

Teaching Development Pathway, Columbia Center for Teaching and Learning	<i>2022 - 2024</i>
Advanced Track Certification	Completed Summer 2024
Foundational Track Certification	Completed Summer 2022
Lead Teaching Fellow, Columbia Center for Teaching and Learning	<i>2022 - 2023</i>
Cordier Fellow Instructor, Columbia School of International and Public Affairs	<i>2022</i>
Conceptual Foundations of International Politics	Fall 2022
Teaching Assistant, Columbia University	<i>Fall 2020 - 2022</i>
Principles of Quantitative Political Research II, Prof. Andrew Gelman	Spring 2022
Principles of Quantitative Political Research I, Prof. Andrew Gelman	Fall 2021
International Political Economy, Prof. James Bisbee	Summer 2021
International Political Economy, Prof. Davit Sahakyan	Spring 2021
International Politics, Prof. Kimberly Marten	Fall 2020

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

SWAMOS Coordinator, Saltzman Institute, Columbia University *Summer 2022*
- Organized and managed the Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy

Research Assistant, Columbia University *2022*
- Data work assistance for professor of international political economy Nikhar Gaikwad
- Wrote R code and edited paper drafts across multiple projects

Summer Fellow, Trivedi Centre for Political Data, Ashoka University *Summer 2019*
- Wrote R code for a project on political party continuity in India

Research Assistant, University of Chicago *2018-2019*
- Data work assistance for professor of international political economy Robert Gulotty
- Wrote R code and conducted interviews for several early-stage projects

Deputy Data Director, Hillary for America *June - November 2016*
- Oversaw voter targeting and data analysis for communications, operations, and voter protection teams in Wisconsin

Field Organizer, Hillary for America *June 2015 - June 2016*
- Community organizing in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida
- Managed 6 fellows and over 40 volunteers

Research Assistant, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University *2013-2015*
- Data work assistance for professor of finance Efraim Benmelech