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EDUCATION

Stony Brook University

Ph.D., Political Science

August 2018 – Anticipated May 2023

Stony Brook University

M.A., Political Science

August 2017 – August 2018

College of William and Mary

B.A., Psychology (Honors) and Political Science, *magna cum laude*

August 2013 – May 2017

DISSERTATION

Three Chapters on Risk Aversion in the U.S. House of Representatives

Committee: Ryan Vander Wielen, Michael Peress, Stanley Feldman, and Kerri Milita

- “Measuring Risk Aversion as a Latent Trait of Members of Congress”
- “Higher Office and Risk Aversion: Re-Examining the Progressive Ambition of Members of Congress”
- “Risk Aversion and Legislative Styles in the U.S. House of Representatives”

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Papers Under Review

“Their Economic Pain, Our Emotional Gain: Can Schadenfreude Motivate Responses to Redistributive Policies?” with H. Hannah Nam and Yanna Krupnikov

Research in Progress

“Risk Aversion and Party Relation” with Ryan Vander Wielen

TEACHING

POL 322: The President in the American Political System

- Fall 2020
- Winter 2021, Spring 2021
- Winter 2022, Fall 2022

POL 323: The U.S. Congress

- Fall 2021

POL 369/ISE 369: Introduction to Political Informatics (Co-taught with Professor Robert Kelly, Computer Science)

- Spring 2022

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2020): “Their Economic Pain, Our Emotional Gain? How Punishing the Rich Motivates Concerns about Inequality” Paper with H. Hannah Nam and Yanna Krupnikov

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2021): “Higher Office and Risk Aversion: Re-Examining the Progressive Ambition of Members of Congress” Dissertation Chapter

Conference Discussant

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2021)

AWARDS & HONORS

Best Paper, American Politics, presented at MPSA 2019 (“Their Economic Pain, Our Emotional Gain? How Punishing the Rich Motivates Concerns about Inequality” with H. Hannah Nam and Yanna Krupnikov)

Best Paper, Political Behavior, presented at MPSA 2019 (“Their Economic Pain, Our Emotional Gain? How Punishing the Rich Motivates Concerns about Inequality” with H. Hannah Nam and Yanna Krupnikov)

SERVICE

Reviewer

Political Behavior

Department Service

OTHER EXPERIENCE

PhD Career Ladder Program

Co-Leader, Stony Brook University

Summer 2022 – Present

REFERENCE

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