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WORK EXPERIENCE

Center for News, Technology & Innovation
Research Associate

November 2023 – Present

Stony Brook University
Adjunct Lecturer

January 2024 – Present

EDUCATION

Stony Brook University
PhD, Political Science

August 2018 – May 2023

Stony Brook University
MA, Political Science

August 2017 – August 2018

College of William and Mary

BA, 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”

TEACHING

POL 322: The President in the American Political System

- Fall 2020
- Winter 2021, Spring 2021
- Winter 2022, Fall 2022
- Winter 2023

POL 323: The U.S. Congress

- Fall 2021

POL 352: Current Political Events

- Spring 2024

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

Updated: September 2023

- Spring 2022
- Spring 2023

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

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2022): “Risk Aversion and Legislative Styles in the U.S. House of Representatives” Dissertation Chapter

Conference Discussant

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2021)

AWARDS & HONORS

Frank Meyers Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award at Stony Brook University Spring 2024

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

Graduate Student Organization
Department Senator

August 2019 – May 2020

OTHER EXPERIENCE

PhD Career Ladder Program
Co-Leader, Stony Brook University

May 2022 – May 2023

REFERENCES

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