

# Samuel A. Jens

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## EDUCATION

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**Stony Brook University**

August 2018 – May 2023

PhD, Political Science

**Stony Brook University**

August 2017 – August 2018

MA, Political Science

**College of William and Mary**

August 2013 – May 2017

BA, Psychology (Honors) and Political Science, *magna cum laude*

## DISSERTATION

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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

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### Research in Progress

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

“Risk Aversion and Party Relation” with Ryan Vander Wielen

## TEACHING

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

- Spring 2022
- Spring 2023

## PRESENTATIONS

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### 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

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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

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### Reviewer

Political Behavior

### Department Service

### Graduate Student Organization

Department Senator

August 2019 – May 2020

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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### PhD Career Ladder Program

Co-Leader, Stony Brook University

May 2022 – May 2023

## REFERENCES

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