

# Soumyajit Mazumder


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## languages

english: native speaker

bengali: oral fluency

## programming

JavaScript,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ ,

Python, SQL, Julia

## statistical

Stata, R,

Matlab/Octave

## mapping

ArcGIS, RSpatial

## web development

HTML, CSS, Jekyll,

Markdown, SASS,

RShiny

## education

2015–Present **Harvard University**

Ph.D. Candidate in Government

**fields:** Historical Political Economy, American Politics, and Political Methodology  
*James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration Institute for Quantitative Social Science Affiliate*

**Advisors:** Dan Carpenter (Chair), Jennifer Hochschild, Ryan Enos, Matt Blackwell, and Nathan Nunn

2011–2015 **Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service**

B.S. in Foreign Service

**Major:** International Political Economy (Honors)

**Awards:** Leslie H. Jacobson Medal

**Thesis:** Autocracies and the International Sources of Cooperation

## Additional Training

2018

**Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models**

## research interests

**substantive:** violence, identity, intergroup relations, historical political economy, and inequality

**methodological:** record linkage, causal inference, machine learning, applied formal theory

**teaching:** race and ethnic politics, American political development, historical political economy, and causal inference/program evaluation

## publications (peer-reviewed)

3. Mazumder, Soumyajit. 2018. "The Persistent Effect of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement on Political Attitudes". *American Journal of Political Science* 62(4): 922-935.
2. Mazumder, Soumyajit. 2017. "Autocracies and the International Sources of Cooperation". *Journal of Peace Research* 54(3): 412-426.
1. Mazumder, Soumyajit. 2016. "Can I Stay a BIT Longer? The Effect of Bilateral Investment Treaties on Political Survival". *The Review of International Organizations* 11(4): 477-521.

## under review

4. "No Nation Left Behind? Assessing the Impact of Compulsory Schooling Laws on Immigrant Assimilation"
3. "Becoming White: How Military Service Turned Immigrants into Americans"
2. "From Immigrants to Americans: Race, Status and Assimilation during the First Great Migration" (with Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini)
1. "Black Lives Matter for Whites' Racial Prejudice: Assessing the Role of Social Movements in Shaping Racial Attitudes in the United States"

## working papers

7. "A Brief Moment in the Sun: Politics, Race, Punishment, and the Rise of the Proto-Carceral State"
6. "Rich Man's War, Immigrants' Fight? The Social Dimensions of Military Service in the U.S. Civil War, 1850-1865"
5. "When Coercive Economies Fail: The Political Economy of the US South After the Boll Weevil" (with James Feigenbaum and Cory Smith)
4. "Long-Term Causes of Partisanship: Evidence from Linked Census and Voter File Data" (with Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)
3. "The Persistent Effect of Economic Shocks on Female Empowerment: Evidence Using War and Industrial Policy in the United States" (with Benjamin Newman)
2. "Black Lives Matter in the Courtroom" (with Allison Harris and Ariel White)
1. "Changing In-group Boundaries: The Effect of Immigration on Race Relations in the US" (with Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini)

## popular writing

2. *The Washington Post*. 2018. "The census has always been political. Especially when it comes to race, ethnicity, and national origin."
1. *The Washington Post*. 2017. "Yes Marches Can Really Matter: These Three Factors Make the Difference."

## awards, grants, and fellowships

2019	<b>frank Prize for Research in Public Interest Communications</b> University of Florida Center for Public Interest Communications Finalist	
2018	<b>Long-Term Effects of Racial Diversity: Evidence from Linked Census and Voter File Data (w/ Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)</b> \$50,000	Inequality in America
2017	<b>From Immigrants into Americans (w/ Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini)</b> Foundation \$30,000	Russell Sage
2017-Present	<b>James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar</b> Dissertation Fellowship	Harvard Kennedy School
2017	<b>Historical Sources of Intergenerational Mobility (w/ Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)</b> \$18,450	Russell Sage Foundation
2015	<b>Leslie H. Jacobson Medal</b>	Georgetown School of Foreign Service
2014	<b>Lisa J. Raines Fellowship</b> \$5,000	Georgetown University
2011	<b>Undergraduate Research Fellow</b> \$20,000	Georgetown School of Foreign Service

## presentations

## Invited

### 2019

Tobin Project on Inequality in Decision-Making, Emory University (*scheduled*)

### 2018

Russell Sage Foundation, University of Zurich, UCLA

## Conferences and Workshops

### 2019

Midwest Political Science Association, Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference, American Political Science Association, Yale Conference on Political and Economic Development, University of Pennsylvania Conference on Immigration: Research Frontiers & Policy Challenges

### 2018

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Chicago Area Comparative Historical Conference, Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference, Politics and History Network, Toronto Political Behavior Workshop

### 2017

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Society of Political Psychology, Politics and History Network

### 2016

Midwest Political Science Association, Politics and History Network, International Political Economy Society, Political Economy of International Organizations

## service

**Department:** Co-Organizer of the Harvard Government Migration Reading Group (2018-2019); Co-Organizer of the Harvard University American Politics Workshop (2016-2017), Co-Organizer of the Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference (2016-2017, 2017-2018)

**Reviewer:** American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Economic Journal, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics, Review of International Organizations, and Social Forces