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languages

english: native speaker

bengali: oral fluency

programming

JavaScript, \LaTeX ,

Python, SQL, Julia

statistical

Stata, R,

Matlab/Octave

mapping

ArcGIS, RSpatial

web development

HTML, CSS, Jekyll,

Markdown, SASS,

RShiny

education

2015-2020

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

Dissertation: Race, Coercion, and Liberation in American Political Development

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: American political development, coercion, 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

7. "From Immigrants to Americans: Race, Status and Assimilation during the First Great Migration" (with Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini) (invited to revise and resubmit at the *Review of Economic Studies*)
6. "Changing In-Group Boundaries: The Effect of Immigration on Race Relations in the US" (with Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini) (invited to revise and resubmit at the *American Political Science Review*)
5. "A Brief Moment in the Sun: The Racialized (Re)Construction of Punishment in the American South"

4. “Old South, New Deal: How the Legacy of Slavery Undermined the New Deal”
3. “When Coercive Economies Fail: The Political Economy of the US South After the Boll Weevil” (with James Feigenbaum and Cory Smith)
2. “Childhood Cross-ethnic Exposure Predicts Political Behavior Seven Decades Later: Evidence from Linked Administrative Data” (with Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)
1. “The Persistent Effect of Economic Shocks on Female Empowerment: Evidence Using War and Industrial Policy in the United States” (with Benjamin Newman)

working papers

5. “What Do Americans Want from (Private) Government? Experimental Evidence Demonstrates that Americans Want Workplace Democracy” (with Alan Yan)
4. “Making Economic Democracy Work: Mass Preferences Regarding Workplace Democracy”
3. “Black Lives Matter for Whites’ Racial Prejudice: Assessing the Role of Social Movements in Shaping Racial Attitudes in the United States”
2. “No Nation Left Behind? Assessing the Impact of Compulsory Schooling Laws on Immigrant Assimilation”
1. “Becoming White: How Military Service Turned Immigrants into Americans”

popular writing

6. *Jacobin*. 2020. Long Live the Post Office
5. *FiveThirtyEight*. 2020. What Happened In Portland Shows Just How Fragile Our Democracy Is
4. *FiveThirtyEight*. 2020. What Protests Can (And Can’t) Do
3. *FiveThirtyEight*. 2020. Why The Progressive Left Fits So Uncomfortably Within The Democratic Party
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	frank Prize for Research in Public Interest Communications University of Florida Center for Public Interest Communications Finalist	
2018	Long-Term Effects of Racial Diversity: Evidence from Linked Census and Voter File Data (w/ Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum) \$50,000	Inequality in America
2017	From Immigrants into Americans (w/ Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini) Foundation \$30,000	Russell Sage
2017-Present	James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar Dissertation Fellowship	Harvard Kennedy School
2017	Historical Sources of Intergenerational Mobility (w/ Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum) \$18,450	Russell Sage Foundation
2015	Leslie H. Jacobson Medal	Georgetown School of Foreign Service
2014	Lisa J. Raines Fellowship \$5,000	Georgetown University
2011	Undergraduate Research Fellow \$20,000	Georgetown School of Foreign Service

presentations

Invited

2020

Identity Politics Research Group (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

2019

Tobin Project on Inequality in Decision-Making, Emory University

2018

Russell Sage Foundation, University of Zurich, UCLA

Conferences and Workshops

2020

Summer Workshop in American Political Economy

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