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languages

english: native speaker

bengali: oral fluency

programming

JavaScript, \LaTeX ,

Python, SQL, Julia

statistical

Stata, R, Excel,

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, Jennifer Hochschild, Matt Blackwell, and Nathan Nunn

2015–Present **Harvard University**

A.M. in Statistics

In-progress

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

B.S. in Foreign Service

Major: International Political Economy (Honors)

Awards: Leslie H. Jacobson Medal (Top Student in Major)

research interests

substantive: culture, violence, identity, intergroup relations, historical political economy, and labor economics

methodological: data integration, experimental and quasi-experimental design, causal inference in networks, and natural language processing

publications (peer-reviewed)

2. Mazumder, Soumyajit. “Autocracies and the International Sources of Cooperation.” 2017. *Journal of Peace Research* 54(3): 412-426.
1. Mazumder, Soumyajit. “Can I Stay a BIT Longer? The Effect of Bilateral Investment Treaties on Political Survival.” 2016. *The Review of International Organizations* 11(4): 477-521.

under review

3. “The Persistent Effect of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement on Political Attitudes” (*Revised & Resubmitted at the American Journal of Political Science*)
2. “Does Public Policy Make Citizens? Causal Estimates of the Impact of Welfare State Participation on Democratic Citizenship”
1. “The Slave Order in American Political Development: Evidence from the New Deal Era”

working papers

11. “War, Women, and the Violent Origins of Gender Equality”
10. “Becoming White: How Mass Warfare Turned Immigrants into Americans”
9. “From Immigrants to Americans: Race, Status and Assimilation during the First Great Migration” (with Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini)
8. “Distributive Politics, Presidential Particularism, and War” (with Jon Rogowski)

7. “The Economic Origins and Legacies of Racial Repression: Evidence from a Historical Natural Experiment in the U.S. South” (with James Feigenbaum and Cory Smith)
6. “The Economic Origins of Political Competition in the U.S. South” (with James Feigenbaum)
5. “Does Foreign Aid Work? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in International Relations” (with James Vreeland)
4. “Identification and Estimation of Causal Effects with Aggregated Regression Discontinuities with an Application to Union Certification Elections”
3. “Language and Legislation: How the Branding of Legislation Spreads throughout the Chambers” (with Mark Hill and Jaclyn Kaslovsky)
2. “How Street-Level Bureaucrats Respond to Protest” (with Ariel White)
1. “Implausibly Exogenous? Sensitivity Analysis of the Ignorability Assumption in Instrumental Variables Designs”

ongoing projects

10. War Changes Everything: How Mass Warfare Fundamentally Shapes Who We Are (Dissertation Book Project)
9. Should I Stay or Should I Go? Why Subaltern Groups Enlist to Fight for the State (Book Project)
8. The Economic and Political Legacies of the Works Progress Administration (with Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)
7. Rich Man’s War, Immigrants’ Fight? Why Immigrants Enlist to Fight, 1860-1918
6. Does Civil Conflict Erode Gender Norms? Evidence from the Peruvian Civil War
5. Losing the Monopoly on Violence: Rebellion, Local Elites, and the Downfall of Imperial China (with Yuhua Wang)
4. Patronage and Clientelism in the Age of Mass Migration (with James Snyder)
3. The Political and Industrial Origins of Convict Lease
2. Reconstruction and Structural Change in the U.S. South (with Jeffry Frieden, Richard Grossman, and Saumitra Jha)
1. A Quantitative Political and Social History of the American Revolution (with Amy Uden)

awards, grants, and fellowships

2017	From Immigrants into Americans (w/ Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini)	Russell Sage Foundation
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)	Russell Sage Foundation
	\$18,450	
2017	Research Grant	Institute for Quantitative Social Science
	\$1,280	
2016-Present	Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy Fellow	Harvard Kennedy School
2015-Present	Graduate Fellowship	Harvard University
2015	Leslie H. Jacobson Medal	Georgetown School of Foreign Service
2014	Lisa J. Raines Fellowship	Georgetown University
	\$5,000	
2011	Undergraduate Research Fellow	Georgetown School of Foreign Service
	\$20,000	

paper presentations

External

American Political Science Association: 2017
Midwest Political Science Association: 2016, 2017
International Society of Political Psychology: 2017
Politics and History Network: 2016, 2017
International Political Economy Society: 2016
Political Economy of International Organizations: 2014, 2015, 2016

Internal

Harvard Economic History Lunch: 2017
Harvard University Political Economy Workshop: 2016, 2017
Harvard University American Politics Workshop: 2016, 2017
Harvard Political Economy and Culture Workshop: 2017

service

Department: 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 Political Science Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, and Review of International Organizations

non-academic employment

Palantir Technologies: Evangelism Fellow (2015)

National Public Radio: Audience Insight and Research (2015)