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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

network analysis

Gephi

NetworkX

Cytoscape

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

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: violence, identity, intergroup relations, economic history, labor markets, and culture

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. “A Change is Gonna’ Come: The Persistent Effect of the US Civil Rights Movement on Political Attitudes” (*Revise & Resubmit 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

3. “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)
8. “The Economic Origins of Political Competition in the U.S. South” (with James Feigenbaum)
7. “Does Foreign Aid Work? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in International Relations” (with James Vreeland)
6. “Identification and Estimation of Causal Effects with Aggregated Regression Discontinuities with an Application to Union Certification Elections”

5. "Language and Legislation: How the Branding of Legislation Spreads throughout the Chambers" (with Mark Hill and Jaclyn Kaslovsky)
4. "War, Women, and the Violent Origins of Gender Equality"
3. "The Violent Construction of American Identity: How Mass Warfare Turned Immigrants into Americans"
2. "How Street-Level Bureaucrats Respond to Protest" (with Ariel White)
1. "The Distributive Politics of War" (with Jon Rogowski)

ongoing projects

8. *Bullets into Ballots: War, Women, and the Violent Origins of Gender Empowerment* (Proposed Book Project–2/4 Chapters Complete)
 - "War, What is it Good for? A Gendered Theory of the Political Legacies of Mass Warfare"
 - "Was Rosie Already a Riveter? WWI and the Rise of the Working Woman"
 - "War, Women, and the Violent Origins of Gender Equality: A Natural Experiment from the First Great War"
 - "Rosie the Senator? The Impact of World War II on Gender Equality in the United States"
7. *Should I Stay or Should I Go? Why Subaltern Groups Choose to Fight for their States and How it Matters for Nations* (Proposed Book Project–2/5 Chapters Complete)
 - "Why Do Subaltern Groups Choose to Fight? A Social Theory of Military Participation"
 - "Why the Irish Chose to Fight: Evidence from the U.S. Civil War"
 - "Why African Americans Chose to Fight: Evidence from World War II"
 - "Why South Asians Chose to Fight: A Comparative Case from Colonial India"
 - "The Violent Construction of American Identity: How Mass Warfare Turned Immigrants into Americans"
6. "From Immigrants to Americans: Race, Status and Assimilation during the First Great Migration" (with Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini)
5. "Was Hobsbawm Right? Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Compulsory Schooling Laws during the Age of Mass Migration"
4. "The Political Legacies of Public Health Interventions: Evidence from Two Historical, Natural Experiments"
3. "Tracking the Diffusion of Legal Precedent in the US Supreme Court" (with Albert Rivero)
2. "A Direct Measure of Patronage"
1. "Sensitivity Analysis of the Ignorability Assumption in Instrumental Variables Designs"

original datasets

8. A Direct Measure of Patronage
 7. The Spatial Distribution of the Ku Klux Klan, 1965
 6. Administrative Data on Incarceration and Convict Leasing, 1880-1910
 5. Participation in the Works Progress Administration, 1933-1943 (with Ryan Enos and Jacob Brown)
- Supported by the Russell Sage Foundation*

4. The Frontier in American Political Development
3. Digitizing the Colonial Indian Census, 1911-1941
2. The Geography of the American Revolution (with Amy Uden)
Supported by the Center for American Political Studies
1. The Geography of the American Civil War

awards, grants, and fellowships

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
2017	Research Grant \$1,280	Institute for Quantitative Social Science
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 \$5,000	Georgetown University
2011	Undergraduate Research Fellow \$20,000	Georgetown School of Foreign Service

paper presentations

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
Harvard Economic History Lunch: 2017
Harvard University Political Economy Workshop: 2016, 2017
Harvard University American Politics Workshop: 2016, 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: Journal of Conflict Resolution and Review of International Organizations