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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy  
Postdoctoral Researcher (Instructor), 2022-2023

University of Rochester, Department of Political Science  
Assistant Professor, beginning July 2023

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Politics, New York University (2022)  
Committee: Sanford Gordon (chair), Anna Harvey, David Stasavage  
Additional training: Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (2019)

M.A. in Politics, New York University (2018)

B.A. in Economics, New York University Abu Dhabi (2014)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [1] “Incentive Effects of Recall Elections: Evidence from California Superior Court Judges,” with Sanford Gordon. *Journal of Politics* 84 (October 2022) [\[Link\]](#)
- [2] “Judicial Accountability and Racial Disparity in Criminal Appeals,” with Anna Harvey. *Journal of Legal Studies* 50 (June 2021) [\[Link\]](#)
- [3] “Minority Representation and Democratization by Force: Evidence from Black Enfranchisement during Reconstruction,” with Mario Chacón and Jeffrey Jensen. *Journal of Historical Political Economy* 1 (2021): 319-351 [\[Link\]](#)  
– Lee J. Alston Prize (2022) for the best article in the first volume (2021) of the Journal of Historical Political Economy.
- [4] “Democratic Reversals and the Size of Government,” with Jeffrey Jensen. *European Journal of Political Economy* 58 (2019): 21-49. [\[Link\]](#)
- [5] “Bridging the Grade Gap: Reducing Assessment Bias in a Multi-Grader Class,” with Sean Kates, Tine Paulsen and Joshua Tucker. Forthcoming, *Political Analysis*. [\[Preprint\]](#)

## WORKING PAPERS

- [1] “Does Prosecutor Partisanship Exacerbate the Racial Charging Gap? Evidence from District Attorneys in Three States.” [\[PDF\]](#)
- [2] “Partisanship, Political Geography and Criminal Sentencing in Texas.”
- [3] “Attributable Risk of Race: Detecting Partisan and Racial Gerrymandering,” with Sanford Gordon.

## TEACHING

*Instructor at Harris School of Public Policy, the University of Chicago (2022/23)*  
- The Politics of Punishment (Spring 2023)

*Teaching Assistant at New York University (2018-21)*  
- Power and Politics in America (Spring 2021)  
- Thinking, Learning, and Consciousness in Humans and Machines (Fall 2020)  
- Causal Inference at NYU’s Center for Data Science (Spring 2020)  
- Senior Honors I (Fall 2019)  
- Data Assistant for Politics Department (Spring 2019)  
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2018)

*Teaching Assistant at New York University Abu Dhabi (2014/15)*  
- Economic Development (Winter 2015, Spring 2015)  
- Principles of Microeconomics (Summer 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014)

## AWARDS & GRANTS

Dean’s Dissertation Grant (2021/22)  
Prestage-Cook Travel Award (2020)  
George Downs Grant (2018)  
Dean’s Student Travel Grant (2017, 2018)  
NYU Henry H. MacCracken Fellowship (2016-2021)  
NYU Abu Dhabi Global Academic Fellowship (2014-2015)

## INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Politics Research Workshop, University of California at Berkeley (2022)  
Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2022, 2019)  
Justice and Injustice Annual Conference (2022)  
American Political Science Association Conference (2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017)  
American Politics Workshop, University of California at Los Angeles (2022)  
Midwest Political Science Association (2022, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017)  
University of Texas at Austin Graduate Conference in Public Law (2021)  
Southern Political Science Association (2023, 2021, 2020)  
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology: poster (2020)  
Conference on Institutions and Law Making, Emory (2020)  
Race, Crime, and Policing Workshop, New York University (2019)

Princeton Political Economy and Public Law Conference (2019)  
International Studies Association Conference (2018)  
Politics and History Network Annual Conference (2017)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

*Internal:* Member of NYU Arts & Sciences standing Committee on Student Discipline (2021/22);  
Facilitator for Working Group on the Political Economy of Institutions (with Sanford Gordon, 2019/20);  
Co-organizer of Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (2019);  
Co-organizer of Graduate Political Economy Seminar (2018-2019).

*Reviewer:* *American Political Science Review*; *Electoral Studies*; *Economics and Politics*;  
*European Journal of Political Economy*; *Journal of Law and Courts*;  
*Journal of Politics*.

## **LANGUAGES & SKILLS**

*Computing:* ArcGIS, Python, R, RStan, Stata.  
*Languages:* English, Amharic.