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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. Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*. [\[Preprint\]](#)
- [2] “Judicial Accountability and Racial Disparity in Criminal Appeals,” with Anna Harvey. Forthcoming, *Journal of Legal Studies*. [\[Preprint\]](#)
- [3] “Minority Representation and Democratization by Force: Evidence from Black Enfranchisement during Reconstruction,” with Mario Chacón and Jeffrey Jensen. Forthcoming, *Journal of Historical Political Economy*. [\[Preprint\]](#)
  - 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. [\[Paper\]](#)

## CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED

- [1] “Bridging the Grade Gap: Reducing Assessment Bias in a Multi-Grader Class,” with Sean Kates, Tine Paulsen and Joshua Tucker. *Political Analysis*. [\[PDF\]](#)

## WORKING PAPERS

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

## TEACHING

*New York University (2018-21)*

- Power and Politics in America (Spring 2021)
- Thinking, Learning, and Consciousness in Humans and Machines (Fall 2020)
- Causal Inference (Spring 2020) at NYU’s Center for Data Science
- Senior Honors (Fall 2019)
- Data Assistant for Politics Department (Spring 2019)
- Comparative Politics (Fall 2018)

*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 (2016-21)
- NYU Abu Dhabi Global Academic Fellowship (2014 -15)

## INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

*2021:* Southern Political Science Association (SPSA); UT Public Law Conference; Slavery and Its Legacies Symposium, USC Bedrosian Center; American Political Science Association (APSA).

*2020:* SPSA; Conference on Institutions and Law Making, Emory; Western Political Science Association (WPSA); Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA).

*2019:* APSA; MPSA; NYU Race, Crime, and Policing Workshop; Princeton Political Economy and Public Law; 14th Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies.

*2018:* APSA; MPSA; International Studies Association (ISA).

*2017:* APSA; Politics and History Network Annual Conference; MPSA; ISA; European Political Science Association.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

*Internal:* Member of NYU Arts & Sciences standing Committee on Student Discipline (2021-), Facilitator for Working Group on the Political Economy of Institutions (with Sanford Gordon, 2019-2020); Co-organizer of Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (2019); Co-organizer of Graduate Political Economy Seminar (2018-2019).

*Reviewer:* *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.