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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

since 2024

Syracuse University

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

2023–2024

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

2017–2023

Carlos III–Juan March Institute, Madrid

Junior Research Fellow

2015–2017

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

University of Konstanz, Cluster of Excellence “The Politics of Inequality”

Guest Researcher

Summer/Fall 2024, Summer 2026

Associated Researcher

since 2024

Senior Fellow

2021

EDUCATION

Duke University

Ph.D. Political Science

2015

University of Essex

M.A. Political Science

2009

BOOK

1. Weschle, Simon. 2022. “Money in Politics. Self-Enrichment, Campaign Spending, and Golden Parachutes.” *Cambridge University Press*.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

16. Motolinia, Lucia, Marko Klašnja, and Simon Weschle. “The Super-Rich and the Rest: Campaign Finance Permissiveness and the Wealth of Politicians.” *American Journal of Political Science*, Online First.
15. Balogh, Timea, Will Horne, James Adams, Simon Weschle, and Christopher Wlezien. 2025. “Does Political Sophistication Moderate How Citizens Use Information to Infer Left-Right Distances between Parties?” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 35(2): 308-325.
14. Weschle, Simon. 2024. “Politicians’ Private Sector Jobs and Parliamentary Behavior.” *American Journal of Political Science* 68(2): 390-407.
13. Santoso, Lie Philip, Randolph T. Stevenson, and Simon Weschle. 2024. “What Drives Perceptions of Partisan Cooperation?” *Political Science Research and Methods*, 12(4): 888-896.
12. Weschle, Simon. 2021. “Parliamentary Positions and Politicians’ Private Sector Earnings: Evidence from the UK House of Commons.” *Journal of Politics* 83(2): 706-721.

11. Weschle, Simon. 2021. "Campaign Finance Legislation and the Supply-Side of the Revolving Door." *Political Science Research and Methods* 9(2): 365-379.
10. Adams, James, Simon Weschle, and Christopher Wlezien. 2021. "Elite Interactions and Voters' Perceptions of Parties' Policy Positions." *American Journal of Political Science* 65(1): 101-114.
9. Weschle, Simon. 2019. "The Impact of Economic Crises on Political Representation in Public Communication: Evidence from the Eurozone." *British Journal of Political Science* 49(3): 1097-1116.
8. Gallop, Max and Simon Weschle. 2019. "Assessing the Impact of Non-Random Measurement Error on Inference: A Sensitivity Analysis Approach." *Political Science Research and Methods* 7(2): 367-384.
7. Weschle, Simon. 2018. "Quantifying Political Relationships." *American Political Science Review* 112(4): 1090-1095.
6. Weschle, Simon. 2016. "Punishing Personal and Electoral Corruption: Experimental Evidence from India." *Research and Politics* 3(2): 1-6.
5. Weschle, Simon. 2014. "Two Types of Economic Voting: How Economic Conditions Jointly Affect Vote Choice and Turnout." *Electoral Studies* 34: 39-53.
4. Barber, Benjamin, Jan Pierskalla, and Simon Weschle. 2014. "Lobbying and the Collective Action Problem: Comparative Evidence from Enterprise Surveys." *Business and Politics* 16(2): 221-246.
3. Metternich, Nils W., Cassy Dorff, Max Gallop, Simon Weschle, and Michael D. Ward. 2013. "Antigovernment Networks in Civil Conflicts. How Network Structures Affect Conflictual Behavior." *American Journal of Political Science* 57(4): 892-911.
2. Ward, Michael D., Nils W. Metternich, Cassy Dorff, Max Gallop, Florian M. Hollenbach, Anna Schultz, and Simon Weschle. 2013. "Learning from the Past and Stepping into the Future: Towards a New Generation of Conflict Prediction." *International Studies Review* 15(4): 473-490.
1. Busemeyer, Marius R., Achim Goerres, and Simon Weschle. 2009. "Attitudes towards Redistributive Spending in an Era of Demographic Ageing. The Rival Pressures from Age and Income in 14 OECD Countries." *Journal of European Social Policy* 19(3): 195-212.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Weschle, Simon. 2024. "Campaign Finance." In: *The Political Economy of Lobbying: Channels of Influence and their Regulation*, edited by Karsten Mause and Andreas Polk. Springer Studies in Public Choice.

WORK IN PROGRESS

3. Weschle, Simon. "Side Hustles: How Politicians' Outside Jobs Shape Our Democracies." *Book manuscript in progress*.
2. Barber, Benjamin, Gianluigi Giustiziero, and Simon Weschle. "The Political Marketplace of Regulatory Enforcement." *Revised and resubmitted*.
1. Adams, James, Simon Weschle, and Christopher Wlezien. "Cooperation and Conflict between Political Parties: An Analysis of Media Reports in Seven Western Party Systems."

AWARDS

Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award for an outstanding record of teaching, research, and service, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. 2022.

APSA Best Paper on Class and Inequality Award (with Lucia Motolinia and Marko Klašnja). 2021.

Baldanza Faculty Advisor of the Year Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. 2021.

Outstanding Dissertation Award, Department of Political Science, Duke University. 2015.

Best M.A. Student Award (joint), Department of Government, University of Essex. 2009.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Fellowship, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. 2024–2026.

Appleby-Mosher Research Fund, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. 2018, 2023.

Senior Fellowship, Cluster of Excellence “The Politics of Inequality”, University of Konstanz. 2021.

Tenth Decade Project Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. 2020.

NSF Conference Grant, Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology. 2014.

Dissertation Support/Research Travel Award, Duke University. 2013, 2014.

Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University. 2012, 2013.

LASP Program Summer Research Grant, Duke University. 2010.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Scholarship. 2008–2009.

Baden-Württemberg Foundation Scholarship. 2006–2007.

TEACHING

Comparative Political Research and the Analysis of Advanced Industrial Societies, Graduate, UNC. F2025.

Introduction to European Government, Undergraduate, UNC. S2025, S2026.

Introduction to Political Analysis, Undergraduate, Syracuse University. F2017, S2018, F2018, S2019, S2020, F2020, F2021, S2023, F2023.

Data Analytics for Political Science, Undergraduate, Syracuse University. S2021, S2022, S2024.

Money and Politics, Undergraduate, Syracuse University. F2017, F2018, F2020, S2024.

Democratic Representation and Accountability, Graduate, Syracuse University. S2020, S2022, F2023.

Research Design, Graduate, Carlos III–Juan March Institute. S2017.

Comparative Politics, Undergraduate, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. F2015 (2x).

Math for Political Science, Graduate, Duke University. 2013.

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2025: APSA

2024: “Political Inequality” Conference, Duke University • Copenhagen Business School

2023: APSA • “Money in Politics” Conference, Copenhagen Business School • “Frontiers on Money in Politics Research” Conference, University of Southern California • Centre for Governance and Public Policy, Griffith University

2022: APSA

2021: MPSA • University of Konstanz • EuroPOW

2020: MPSA (cancelled) • EPSA (cancelled) • APSA • “Frontiers on Money in Politics Research” Conference, Stanford GSB • University of Minnesota

2019: APSA • “Parliamentary Careers in Comparison” Conference, University of Leiden

2018: APSA • EPSA • “The Political Economy of Corruption and Accountability” Conference, Carlos III–Juan March Institute • Conference of Doctores Miembro and Post-Doctoral Fellows, Juan March Institute/IC3JM • University of Basel

2017: APSA • “Money and Politics” Conference, Nuffield College (Oxford University) • Duke University

2016: APSA • EPSA • MPSA • Conference of Doctores Miembro and Post-Doctoral Fellows, Juan March Institute/IC3JM • University of Konstanz

2015: MPSA • “Fat Politics, Lean Politics: Political Survival in Good and Bad Times” Conference, University of Maryland

2014: APSA • MPSA • PolMeth • Political Economy Workshop, Duke University

2013: APSA • MPSA • Annual Graduate Student Conference on Political Economy, New York University • Workshop on Frontiers in Comparative Political Economy, Duke University • Political Economy Workshop, Duke University

2012: MPSA • Political Economy Workshop, Duke University

2011: Political Economy Workshop, Duke University

2010: MPSA • Political Institutions Workshop, Duke University

2007: Meeting of the Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer Service

- Journals: *American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Comparative Political Studies; Crime, Law and Social Change; Criminal Justice Studies; Democratization; Economics & Politics; Electoral Studies; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; European Union Politics; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; Journal of Global Security Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Journal of Population Ageing; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Party Politics; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Research and Methods; Public Choice; Publius: The Journal of Federalism; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Research and Politics; Review of Development Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Social Problems; Social Science Quarterly; World Development.*

- Book Manuscripts: *Cambridge University Press*.
- Grant Proposals: *Riksbankens Jubileumsfond*.
- Other: *Harvard Peer Pre-Review Program*.

Service to the Discipline

- Communications Director, APSA Class and Inequality Section, 2023–2025.
- Division Program Co-Chair, Political Representation, EPSA Annual Meeting, 2024.
- Division Program Co-Chair, Class and Inequality Section, APSA Annual Meeting, 2022.
- Selection Committee Member, Joseph L. Bernd Best *Journal of Politics* Paper Award, 2021.
- Selection Committee Member, Kauffman Foundation Award for Best Paper on Entrepreneurship and Inclusion, APSA Class and Inequality Section, 2021.
- Conference Co-Organizer (with Pablo Fernández-Vázquez), “The Political Economy of Corruption and Accountability”, Carlos III–Juan March Institute, Madrid. 2018.

University Service

- Board Member, Trans-Atlantic Masters Program. UNC. Since 2025.
- Co-Director, Moynihan Institute Study of Global Politics Series. Syracuse University. 2020–2024.
- Shared Competencies Assessment, Scientific Inquiry and Research Skills Committee. Syracuse University. 2023–2024.
- Academic Oversight Committee, Online BPS in Policy Studies, College of Professional Studies. Syracuse University. 2023–2024.
- Award Committee Member, Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Syracuse University. 2023.

Departmental Service

- Third-Year Review Committee. UNC. 2025.
- Departmental Graduate Teaching Awards Committee. UNC. 2025.
- Comparative Politics Comprehensive Exam Committee. Syracuse University. 2023–2024.
- Mentoring Committee. Syracuse University. 2023–2024.
- Graduate Affairs Committee. Syracuse University. 2019–2020; 2022–2023.
- Director, Political Science Research Workshop. Syracuse University. 2020–2022.
- Politics of Inequality Search Committee. Syracuse University. 2021.
- Undergraduate Studies Committee. Syracuse University. 2017–2018; 2020–2021.
- Comparative Politics Search Committee. Syracuse University. 2018.

GRADUATE ADVISING

Syracuse University

- Naz Elif Ay, Committee Member, ongoing.
- Aysenur Değer, Committee Member, ongoing.
- Xiaoxia Huang, Committee Member, ongoing.
- Samantha Call, Committee Member, 2024 (Berry College, tenure-track).
- Yohannes Takele Zewale (SJD, Law School), Committee Member, 2024 (Legal Researcher and Consultant, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia).

- Beatriz Rey, Committee Member, 2021 (first: Johns Hopkins University, Post-Doc; now: Research Fellow, University of Lisbon).
- Dongshu Liu, Committee Member, 2020 (City University of Hong Kong, tenure-track).
- Ranitya Kusumadewi, Committee Member, 2018 (first: Ministry of Trade, Republic of Indonesia; now: Trade Attache of Indonesia in the United States, Embassy of Indonesia, Washington DC).

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