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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Princeton University

Assistant Professor of Politics and Public Affairs (July 2020 - present)

Postdoctoral Research Associate (July 2019 - June 2020)

EDUCATION

Stanford University Graduate School of Business

Ph.D. in Business Administration (Political Economics) (September 2014 - June 2019)

University of Rochester

B.A. *magna cum laude* in Economics, Political Science, and Russian Studies with minor in Mathematics (September 2010 - May 2014)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics, Political Economy, Money in Politics, Interest Groups, Corporate Political Strategy

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATION

Li, Zhao. 2018. "How Internal Constraints Shape Interest Group Activities: Evidence from Access-Seeking PACs." *American Political Science Review* 112(4): 792–808.

- Co-winner of the 2020 Jack Walker Award from the Political Organizations and Parties section of the American Political Science Association.

INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

Li, Zhao. 2019. "Looking Inside the Black Box of Firms: A Proposal for A Research Agenda." *The Political Economist* 15(2): 17–19.

Li, Zhao. "Analyzing the Evidence: Who's Funding Google's PAC?" Forthcoming in *American Politics: Power and Purpose*, 16th edition, Theodore J. Lowi, Benjamin Ginsburg, Ken Shepsle, and Stephen Ansolabehere. New York: W.W. Norton.

Li, Zhao. Review of *Game Changer: How Dark Money and Super PACs Are Transforming U.S. Campaigns*, Henrik M. Schatzinger and Steven E. Martin, forthcoming at *Political Science Quarterly*.

WORK PAPERS	How Economic Crises Shape Political Extremism in the United States: the Role of Campaign Donors
	Inferring Issue-Specific Candidate Positions from Itemized Campaign Contributions Using Supervised Machine Learning (with Adam Bonica)
	Economic Geography and Special Interest Entrenchment: Evidence from the Shale Boom and State Campaign Finance (with Richard DiSalvo)
SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS	Lemons in the Political Marketplace: A Big-Data Approach to Detect 'Scam PACs'
	Media and Ideological Movements: How Fox News Built the Tea Party (with Greg Martin)
TEACHING	Money and Influence in Policymaking (undergraduate): 2020-2021
	Money in American Politics (undergraduate): 2021
	Graduate Reading Course (PhD): 2020
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	2021
	American Politics and Political Economy Workshop, New York University (scheduled)
	Political Economics Seminar, University of California, Berkeley (scheduled)
	Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics, New York University
	2020
	American Politics Workshop, University of California, Los Angeles
	"Corporate Welfare: Who Comes Out on Top" Seminar, Institute for Humane Studies and the Program in Corporate Welfare at the University of California, Irvine
	Interest Groups, Policy Outcomes, and Representation in U.S. Politics, Princeton University (discussant)
	Annual Conference on Political Institutions and Political Economy, University of Southern California (canceled due to COVID-19)
	2019
	Bray Social Science Seminar, California Institute of Technology
	Annual Research Conference on Strategy and the Business Environment (discussant)
	Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability (IDEA), The Ohio State University

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)	2017 Center for the Study of American Politics Summer Conference, Yale University (poster)
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	American Political Science Association Pre-conference on Frontiers on Money in Politics Research: 2020 Annual Summer School on American Political Economy in Comparative Perspective: 2020 Annual Strategy and the Business Environment Conference: 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2018-2020 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2018-2019, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19) Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology: 2017-2018 (poster), 2019
MEDIA APPEARANCES	Marketplace Public Radio (2020)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS	American Political Science Association
	
	    Jack Walker Award (2020)
	
	National Science Foundation
	
	    Travel Grant for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (2017-2018)
	
	Stanford University
	
	    Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship (2017-2019)
	
	Stanford Graduate School of Business
	
	    GSB PhD Tuition Fellowship (2014-2019)
	
	    GSB PhD Stipend Fellowship (2014-2019)
	
	University of Rochester
	
	    Rochester International Scholarship (2010-2014)
	
	    Phi Beta Kappa (2014)
	
	    Omicron Delta Epsilon (2014)
	
	    James D. McGill Memorial Prize (2014)
	
	    Book Award (2012)
	
	    Burton Fellowship (2011)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION	Founding co-organizer for the American Political Science Association Pre-conference on Frontiers on Money in Politics Research (2020-2021)
	Member of the Editorial Board for *Economics of Governance* (2021-2024)
	Manuscript referee for *American Journal of Political Science* (2019×2), *American Political Science Review* (2019, 2020×2), *Business and Politics* (2020), *Journal of Experimental Political Science* (2020), *Journal of Politics* (2019×2, 2020×2), *Oxford University Press* (2020), *Political Research Quarterly* (2019), and *Science Advances* (2019)
	Jack Walker Award Selection Committee for the Political Organizations and Parties of the American Political Science Association (2021)
	Panel chair for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2020)
	Panel discussant for the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (2020) and the Midwest Political Science Association (2020; canceled due to COVID-19)
	Poster discussant for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (2019, 2020)
SERVICE TO PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	Senior Thesis Second Reader for the Department of Politics (2021)
	Co-organizer of the Political Economy Workshop (2020-2021)
	Senior Thesis Research Funding Committee for the Department of Politics (2020-2021)
	Undergraduate Academic Advising Committee for the School of Public and International Affairs (2020-2021)
COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS	R, SQLite, Stata, Matlab, Mathematica, Qualtrics
REFERENCES	Available upon request