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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)

## 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*.

<b>WORK PAPERS</b>	<a href="#">The Foreclosure Crisis and the Tea Party Movement: Evidence from Nationwide Campaign Finance and Real Estate Transactions</a>
	<a href="#">Inferring Issue-Specific Candidate Positions from Itemized Campaign Contributions Using Supervised Machine Learning (with Adam Bonica)</a>
	<a href="#">Economic Geography and Special Interest Entrenchment: Evidence from the Shale Boom and State Campaign Finance (with Richard DiSalvo)</a>
<b>SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS</b>	<a href="#">Lemons in the Political Marketplace: A Big-Data Approach to Detect ‘Scam PACs’</a>
<b>RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS</b>	<p>Stanford Graduate School of Business</p> <p>Research Assistant for Prof. Anat Admati on Admati, Anat R. 2017. <a href="#">“A Skeptical View of Financialized Corporate Governance.”</a> <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> 31(3): 131-50.</p> <p>Research Assistant for Prof. Anat Admati on her comment to the UK Parliament’s Treasury Committee on bank resolution and recovery (2017)</p>
<b>TEACHING</b>	<p>As instructor</p> <p>Money and Influence in Policymaking (undergraduate): 2020-2021</p> <p>Money in American Politics (undergraduate): 2021</p> <p>Graduate Reading Course (PhD): 2020</p> <p>As course assistant</p> <p>Economic Analysis of Political Institutions (PhD): 2016-2018</p> <p>Microeconomic Theory (PhD): 2015-2017</p>
<b>INVITED PRESENTATIONS</b>	<p>2021</p> <p>University of California, Berkeley (scheduled)</p> <p>2020</p> <p>University of California, Los Angeles</p> <p>“Corporate Welfare: Who Comes Out on Top” Seminar, Institute for Humane Studies and the Program in Corporate Welfare at the University of California, Irvine</p> <p>Interest Groups, Policy Outcomes, and Representation in U.S. Politics, Princeton University (discussant)</p> <p>Annual Conference on Political Institutions and Political Economy, University of Southern California (canceled due to COVID-19)</p>

<b>INVITED PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)</b>	2019
	<p>California Institute of Technology</p> <p>Annual Research Conference on Strategy and the Business Environment (discussant)</p> <p>Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability (IDEA), The Ohio State University</p>
	2017
	Center for the Study of American Politics Summer Conference, Yale University (poster)
<b>CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS</b>	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
<b>MEDIA APPEARANCES FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS</b>	<a href="#">Marketplace Public Radio (2020)</a>
	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)

<b>FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS (CONT'D)</b>	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)
<b>SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION</b>	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 <i>Economics of Governance</i> (2021-2024)
	Manuscript referee for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> (2019×2), <i>American Political Science Review</i> (2019, 2020×2), <i>Business and Politics</i> (2020), <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> (2020), <i>Journal of Politics</i> (2019×2, 2020×2), <i>Oxford University Press</i> (2020), <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> (2019), and <i>Science Advances</i> (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)
<b>SERVICE TO PRINCETON UNIVERSITY</b>	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)
<b>COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS</b>	R, SQLite, Stata, Matlab, Mathematica, Qualtrics
<b>REFERENCES</b>	Available upon request