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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Princeton University  
Assistant Professor of Politics and Public Affairs (starting in July 2020)  
Department of Politics and Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs  
Postdoctoral Research Associate (July 2019 - June 2020)  
Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

## 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.

## OTHER PUBLICATION

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

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

The Foreclosure Crisis and the Tea Party Movement: Evidence from Nationwide Campaign Finance and Real Estate Transactions (available upon request)  
  
(with Adam Bonica) Inferring Candidates' Issue-Specific Positions from Itemized Campaign Contributions Using Supervised Machine Learning (available upon request)  
  
(with Richard DiSalvo) Economic Geography and Special Interest Entrenchment: Evidence from the Shale Boom and State Campaign Finance (available upon request)

<b>RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS</b>	Stanford Graduate School of Business
	<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>	As instructor
	Money and Influence in Policymaking (undergraduate): 2020
	As course assistant
	<p>Economic Analysis of Political Institutions (PhD): 2016-2018</p> <p>Microeconomic Theory (PhD): 2015-2017</p>
<b>INVITED PRESENTATIONS</b>	2020
	Annual Conference on Political Institutions and Political Economy, University of Southern California (postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic)
	University of California, Los Angeles (canceled due to COVID-19)
	“Corporate Welfare: Who Comes Out on Top” Seminar, Institute for Humane Studies and the Program in Corporate Welfare at the University of California, Irvine (postponed due to COVID-19)
	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)

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

Annual Strategy and the Business Environment Conference: 2020

American Political Science Association Pre-Conference on Frontiers on Money in Politics Research: 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

**FELLOWSHIPS,  
AWARDS, AND  
HONORS**

External sources

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

International Student 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)

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science* (2019×2), *American Political Science Review* (2019), *Business and Politics* (2020), *Journal of Politics* (2019×2, 2020), *Political Research Quarterly* (2019), and *Science Advances* (2019)

Poster discussant for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (2019)

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request

