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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.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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.

## SELECTED WORK PAPERS

[The Foreclosure Crisis and the Tea Party Movement: Evidence from Nationwide Campaign Finance and Real Estate Transactions](#)

[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)

<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
	Graduate Reading Course (PhD): 2020
	As course assistant
<b>INVITED PRESENTATIONS</b>	Economic Analysis of Political Institutions (PhD): 2016-2018
	Microeconomic Theory (PhD): 2015-2017
	2020
	“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 the COVID-19 pandemic)
	University of California, Los Angeles (canceled due to COVID-19)
	2019
	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
	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

**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)

<b>SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION</b>	<p>Founding co-organizer for the American Political Science Association Pre-conference on Frontiers on Money in Politics Research (2020)</p> <p>Referee for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> (2019×2), <i>American Political Science Review</i> (2019, 2020), <i>Business and Politics</i> (2020), <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> (2020), <i>Journal of Politics</i> (2019×2, 2020×2), <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> (2019), and <i>Science Advances</i> (2019)</p> <p>Panel chair for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2020)</p> <p>Panel discussant for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2020)</p> <p>Poster discussant for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (2019, 2020)</p>
<b>COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS</b>	R, SQLite, Stata, Matlab, Mathematica, Qualtrics
<b>REFERENCES</b>	Available upon request