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Employment

University of Chicago | Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2016-present

Harvard University | Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research, 2014-2016

Education

University of California, Berkeley | Ph.D. in Political Science, 2014

Brandeis University | B.A./M.A. in Politics (*summa cum laude*), 2008

Book & Book Projects

Building the Bloc: Intraparty Organization in the U.S. Congress. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017

- Awarded the 31st D.B. Hardeman Prize by the Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation for the best book on Congress by a political scientist, historian, journalist, or biographer
- Awarded the 2018 Alan Rosenthal Prize by the APSA Legislative Studies Section
- Reviewed in *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *The Forum*, *R-Street* and *LegBranch*
- Subject of roundtables at Western Political Science Association (2018) and Midwest Political Science Association (2018)

Divided Parties, Strong Leaders (in progress)

The Longest Walk: Congress and the fight for Native American Rights (in progress)

Articles

“Organizing at the Extreme: Hardline Strategy and Institutional Design,” accepted at *Congress & the Presidency*

“State Preventive Medicine: Public Health, Indian Removal, and the Growth of State Capacity, 1780-1850,” *Studies in American Political Development* 34:1 (2020): 24-43

“Anatomy of Judicial Backlash: Southern Leaders, Massive Resistance and the Supreme Court, 1954-1958,” *Law & Social Inquiry* 43:3 (2018): 944-980 (with Gregory Elinson)

“Organizing for Insurgency: Intraparty Organization and the Development of the House Insurgency, 1908-1910,” *Studies in American Political Development* 27:2 (2013): 86-110

Book Chapters

“House Parties, Divided: Intraparty Organization in the Contemporary Congress,” in *Congress Reconsidered*, eds. Lawrence C. Dodd, Bruce I. Oppenheimer, and C. Lawrence Evans. Washington D.C.: CQ Press (forthcoming)

“Lessons from the History of Reform” in *Congress Overwhelmed: The Decline in Congressional Capacity and Prospects for Reform*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2020

“Congress and American Political Development” in *The Oxford University Handbook of American Political Development*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016 (with Eric Schickler)

Ongoing Projects

“Sam Ervin and the Indian Civil Rights Act”

“Staking a Claim: Native American Petitioning and the U.S. Court of Claims” (with Gregory Elinson)

Other Writing

Review of Brian T. Gervais and Irwin L. Morris, *Reactionary Republicanism: How the Tea Party in the House Paved the Way for Trump’s Victory*, in *Congress & the Presidency* (Spring 2020)

Review of Matthew N. Green and Douglas B. Harris, *Choosing the Leader: Leadership Elections in the U.S. House of Representatives*, in *The Forum* (Spring 2020)

Review of Eric J. Engstrom and Samuel Kernell, *Party Ballots, Reform, and the Transformation of America’s Electoral System*, in *The Journal of Politics* 78:4 (2016)

“Will Nancy Pelosi be the next speaker of the House? Here are 4 lessons for her challengers,” November 27, 2018, *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*

“This is why the Freedom Caucus called the shots on Trump’s health-care bill,” March 27, 2017, *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*

Selected Fellowships and Grants

Faculty Research Grant, “The Infrastructures of American Hegemony” | University of Chicago Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society (with Austin Carson, 2020-2022)

Congressional Research Award | Dirksen Congressional Center (with Danielle Thomsen, 2019)

Negotiating Agreement in Congress Grant | Social Science Research Council (2018)

American Political Economy and Democracy Program Research Grant (\$5,000) | University of California, Berkeley (2012)

Congressional Research Award | Dirksen Congressional Center (2011)

Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship | Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley (2011)

Graduate Research Fellowship | National Science Foundation (2010-2013)

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award | University of California, Berkeley (2010)

Fechtor Family Prize in Political Science | Brandeis University (2008)

Invited Talks

University of California - Berkeley, March 2021. Columbia University, February 2021.
University of Chicago, History and Social Sciences Forum, February 2021. House Select
Committee on the Reorganization of Congress, June 2020. University of Chicago, Center for
Health Administration Studies, April 2020. University of North Carolina, March 2020.
University of Texas - Austin, March 2019. University of Illinois - Chicago, November 2018.
Yale University, November 2018. Northwestern University, November 2017. University of
Wisconsin, Madison, September 2017. Brandeis University, February 2016.

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2017

Congress and History Conference: 2012, 2014, 2018

Midwest Political Science Association: 2010, 2018, 2019

Policy History Conference: 2016, 2018

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meeting: 2014,
2015, 2016

Yale University Workshop on Party Discipline: 2019

University of Georgia Conference on American Political History: 2021

Teaching Experience (University of Chicago)

Undergraduate Classes

Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2020)

Political Parties in the United States (Winter 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2020)

Southern Politics in State and Nation (Winter 2018)

America in World Civilization (Winter 2019)

Graduate Seminars

American Political Development (Fall 2016, Spring 2019)

U.S. Congress (Winter 2017, Winter 2019, Fall 2020)

American Field Seminar (Fall 2017)

Race and the American State (Winter 2018)

Professional Service

Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Studies in American Political Development*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Political Research Quarterly*, and Cambridge University Press

Member: American Academy of Arts and Sciences Working Group on Enlarging the U.S. House of Representatives (2020-2021); APSA Presidential Task Force on Congressional Reform (2019); APSA Legislative Studies Section Alan Rosenthal Prize Committee (2019)

University Service

University of Chicago, Department of Political Science: Graduate Placement Committee (2017-2018); Research Workshop in American Politics (2018-2019); Graduate Admissions Committee (2018-2019, 2020-2021)