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APPOINTMENTS

University of Michigan

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor (by Courtesy), Ford School of Public Policy
Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research

Princeton University

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics

Washington University in St. Louis

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

University of Virginia 2012-2016
Ph.D., Government
M.A., Government

Baylor University 2008-2011
B.A., Political Science

RESEARCH

Peer Reviewed Articles

Forthcoming. "Where is Presidential Power? Actions, Expectations, and Executive Discretion," *British Journal of Political Science*. (with Charles Shipan)

Forthcoming. "Executive Power in Crisis," American Political Science Review. (with Jon Rogowski)

2021. "Congressional Oversight Revisited: Politics and Procedure in Agency Rulemaking," *The Journal of Politics*, 83 (1): 401–408. (with Rachel Potter)

2021. "Police Demilitarization and Violent Crime," Nature Human Behaviour, 5: 205-211.

2021. "Presidents and the Status Quo," Quarterly Journal of Political Science, 16(2): 215-244.

2020. "Bureaucratic Responsiveness to LGBT Americans," *American Journal of Political Science* 64 (3): 664-681. (with Andrew Proctor)

2019. "Descriptive and Substantive Representation in Congress: Evidence from 80,000 Congressional Inquiries," *American Journal of Political Science* 63 (3): 644-659. (with Melinda Ritchie and Erinn Lauterbach)

2019. "Politicization and Responsiveness in Executive Agencies," The Journal of Politics 81 (1): 33-48.

2018. "Who Polices the Administrative State?" American Political Science Review 112 (4): 874-890.

2018. "Presidential Particularism and U.S. Trade Politics," *Political Science Research & Methods* 6 (2): 265-281. (with Jeff Jenkins and Andrew Clarke)

2018. "Delegation or Unilateral Action?" Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization 34 (1): 54-78.

2017. "Tariff Politics and Congressional Elections: Exploring the Cannon Thesis," *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 29 (3): 382-414. (with Jeff Jenkins and Andrew Clarke)

2017. "Congressional Investigations and the Electoral Connection," *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 33 (1): 1-27. (with Justin Peck)

2016. "Informal Consequences of Budget Institutions in the U.S. Congress," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 41 (4): 965-996. (with Andrew Clarke)

2014. "After the Orders: Presidential Memoranda and Unilateral Action," *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 44 (4): 724-741.

Editor Reviewed Articles

2021. "Presidential Unilateral Power," Annual Review of Political Science 24: 21-43. (with Jon Rogowski)

2018. "Causal Inference from Pivotal Politics Theories," Symposium on Pivotal Politics, *The Journal of Politics* 80 (3): 1082-1087. (with Andrew Clarke and Thomas Gray)

2017. "Public Perception of the Presidential Toolkit," Symposium on Experiments and the Study of the Presidency, *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 47 (3): 432-447. (with Thomas Gray)

2014. "'We Can't Wait': Barack Obama, Partisan Polarization and the Administrative Presidency," *The Forum* 12 (1): 3-27. (with Sidney M. Milkis)

Working Papers

"Executive Action that Lasts" (with Michael Poznansky)

"The Presidency for Nihilists"

"Behavioral Foundations of Presidential Accountability" (with Benjamin Goehring)

Selected Work in Progress

False Front: The Failed Promise of Presidential Power in a Polarized Age (book project)

"Executive Action in the News" (with Benjamin Goehring)

"Expertise Acquisition in Congress" (with Christian Fong)

"Measuring the Quality of Legislative Oversight" (with Christian Fong)

"Bureaucratic Politics: New Insights from the United States and the Developing World" (with Sarah Brierley, Rachel Potter, and Guillermo Toral)

Invited contribution, Annual Review of Political Science

Commentary

"Does the Presidency want to be a Dictatorship?," Democracy and Autocracy, Democracy and Autocracy Section, *American Political Science Association*, Vol 19(1): April 2021.

"The Trump administration says that militarizing the police reduces crime. Is that true?," Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, February 26, 2020; re-published June 1, 2020. (with Ayse Eldes)

"Having the most diverse Congress ever will affect more than just legislation," Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, January 9, 2019. (with Melinda Ritchie and Erinn Lauterbach)

"Who polices the administrative state?" Legislative Branch Working Group, October 30, 2018.

"Will Trump's tariffs help him with his voters?" Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, January 30, 2018. (with Jeff Jenkins and Andrew Clarke)

Grants

2021. Levin Center Oversight Fellowship, "Scoring the Quality of Oversight Questions," \$22,000.

2019. Center for Effective Lawmaking, "Measuring the Quality of Legislative Oversight," \$2,000.

AWARDS

2021 Nominee, Outstanding Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, University of Michigan.

2020 Martha Joynt Kumar Founders Award for Best Paper, Presidency and Executive Politics Section, *American Political Science Association*.

2020 Kenneth J. Meier Award for Best Paper in Bureaucratic Politics, Public Administration, or Public Policy, *Midwest Political Science Association*.

2019 American Journal of Political Science Best Article Award, Midwest Political Science Association.

2017 Malcolm Jewell Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Southern Political Science Association.

2016 Stephen Wayne Founders Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Presidency and Executive Politics Section, *American Political Science Association*.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

American University, April 2021.

George Washington University, March 2021.

University of Toledo, February 2020.

Harvard University, October 2019.

Small Conferences and Workshops

Conference on Effective Lawmaking (participant): Vanderbilt University, June 2018, November 2021 (planned).

New Developments in the Study of Executive Politics: Vanderbilt University, June 2018.

Presidents and the Administrative State (organizer): Princeton University, May 2018.

U.S. Presidency in Crisis? (moderator): Princeton University, May 2018.

Symposium on *Pivotal Politics*: University of Southern California, November 2017.

Political Economy & Public Law Conference: University of Southern California, June 2017.

CSAP Annual American Politics Conference (poster): Yale University, June 2017.

Conference on Legislative Oversight: Wayne State Law School, June 2017.

Congress & History Conference: University of Maryland, May 2014; Vanderbilt University, May 2015.

Southern California Law & Social Science Forum: University of Southern California, March 2015.

Conference on Executive Politics: Washington University in St. Louis, May 2014.

Association Meetings

American Political Science Association: 2015-2018, 2021 (planned).

Midwest Political Science Association: 2014-2017, 2019.

Southern Political Science Association: 2014-2016, 2019-2020.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

University of Michigan

American Presidency (UG, Fall 2018, Winter 2019, Fall 2020, Winter 2021)

Executive Politics (G, Fall 2018)

American Political Institutions (G, Winter 2021)

Dissertation Committees: Jared Cory (current), Jacob Walden (current).

Washington University in St. Louis

American Presidency (UG, Spring 2017)

Politics in Bureaucracies (UG, Spring 2017)

University of Virginia

American Presidency (UG, Summer 2016)

SERVICE

University of Michigan

Planning Committee, Center for Political Institutions, 2020-2021

Planning Committee, 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, 2019-2020

Prelim Exam Committee, American Politics, 2019

Discipline

Chair, Patrick J. Fett Award Committee, MPSA, 2020

Best Poster Award Committee, Public Policy Section, APSA, 2019

Best Paper Award Committee, Presidency and Executive Politics Section, APSA, 2017

Reviewer: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; British Journal of Political Science, Congress and the Presidency; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Homosexuality; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy; Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory; Journal of Theoretical Politics; Legislative Studies Quarterly; National Science Foundation; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Quarterly; Presidential Studies Quarterly; Princeton University Press, PS: Political Science and Politics; Public Choice; Publius: The Journal of Federalism; Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Research and Politics; Regulation and Governance; Studies in American Political Development; The Journal of Politics.

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