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APPOINTMENTS	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED Assistant Professor of Political Science	2017 -
	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS Associate Faculty	2010
EDUCATION	HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA Ph.D., Government Fields: American Politics, Quantitative Methodology	2011 - 2017
	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, NEW YORK, NY M.P.A., Advanced Policy and Economic Analysis	2008 - 2010
	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, MADISON, WI B.A., Sociology with Integrated Liberal Studies certificate <i>Graduated with distinction (top 4% of class)</i>	2001 - 2005
PUBLICATIONS	“Can violent protest change local policy support? Evidence from the aftermath of the 1992 Los Angeles Riot.” With Ryan Enos and Aaron Kaufman. <i>Forthcoming at American Political Science Review</i> “Segregation drives racial voting: New evidence from South Africa.” With Daniel de Kadt. <i>Forthcoming at Political Behavior</i> “Exposure to inequality affects support for redistribution” (2017). <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 114(4), 663-668. ☆ Winner, Best Paper Award, Public Policy Section, APSA 2016 ☆ Winner, Best Paper Award, Political Psychology Section, APSA 2016 “Uncharted territoriality in coproduction: The motivations for 311 reporting” (2016). With Daniel Tumminelli O’Brien, Dietmar Offenhuber, Jesse Baldwin-Philippi, and Eric Gordon. <i>Journal of Public Administration, Research &amp; Theory</i> , 27 (2), 320-335. ☆ Honorable Mention, Beryl Radin Award for Best Paper Published in <i>JPART</i>	
PAPERS	“Exposure to inequality among the poor increases support for taxing the rich” (with Daniel de Kadt). <i>Under review</i> “Using public video feeds to identify racial avoidance” (with Bryce Dietrich). “Field experimental evidence on smart city technology and voter registration” (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner). “‘Eyes’ on the street: What public camera feed data can teach us about civic and political behavior” “How human subjects research rules mislead you and your university, and what to do about it” (with Gary King). “Neighborhood stability and non-voting participation” (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner, Ryan Enos, and Michael Hankinson). “The distributive politics of education policy: Party control of state government and transfers to localities.” “Potential for contact in Boston: A geographic database” “Crises and threats in context: The Boston Marathon bombings as a natural experiment”	

IN PROGRESS	<p>“The effects of residential stability on civic attitudes via housing lottery” (with Michael Hankinson and Yamil Velez).</p> <p>“Partyism in the wild.” (with Alex Theodoridis).</p> <p>“Exposure to inequality via Instagram” (with Adam Thal)</p> <p>“Exposure to inequality and political participation.” (with Kris-Stella Trump)</p> <p>“State violence decreases incumbent support in a democracy: The political legacy of the Marikana massacre.” (with Daniel de Kadt and Ada Johnson-Kanu)</p>	
AWARDS	<p>Honorable Mention, Beryl Radin Award for Best Paper published in <i>JPART</i> 2018 <i>Public Management Research Association</i></p> <p>Best Paper Award 2017 <i>Political Psychology Section, American Political Science Association</i></p> <p>Best Paper on Public Policy Award 2017 <i>Public Policy Section, American Political Science Association</i></p> <p>Center for American Political Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship 2015 - 2016 <i>Harvard University</i></p> <p>Norton Long Young Scholar Award 2014 <i>Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association</i></p> <p>Joanne Toor Cummings Fellowship 2009 - 2010 <i>Columbia University</i></p> <p>Phi Beta Kappa 2005 <i>University of Wisconsin</i></p>	
GRANTS	<p>Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant (\$10,000) 2019 (joint with Alex Theodoridis) <i>UC-Merced</i></p> <p>Graduate Student Council Conference Grant 2016 <i>Harvard University</i></p> <p>Boston Area Research Initiative Grant (\$7,400) 2015 (joint with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner, Ryan Enos, and Michael Hankinson) <i>Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University</i></p> <p>Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative Research Grant (\$5,000) 2014 <i>Harvard University</i></p> <p>Boston Area Research Initiative Seed Grant (\$5,000) 2014 <i>Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University</i></p> <p>Institute for Quantitative Social Science Research Grant (\$2,000) 2014 <i>Harvard University</i></p> <p>Center for American Political Studies Research Seed Grant (\$1,000) 2013 <i>Harvard University</i></p>	
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	<p>Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Seminar, University of Pennsylvania (<i>scheduled</i>, 2020)</p> <p>Institute for Personality and Social Research Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley (<i>scheduled</i>, 2020)</p> <p>Comparative Politics and Global Metropolitan Studies Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley (<i>scheduled</i>, 2019)</p> <p>Stanford Political Methodology Workshop, Stanford University (2019)</p> <p>Tobin Project Conference on Inequality and Decision Making, Cambridge, MA (2019)</p> <p>Department of Political Science and School of Public Policy Research Seminar, University of California, Riverside (2018)</p> <p>Research Workshop in American Politics, University of California, Berkeley (2017)</p> <p>Urban Space and Democratic Citizenship Seminar, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University (2017)</p>	

	Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-conference Plenary Session, Harvard University (2017)	
	International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Warsaw, Poland (2016)	
	Yale CSAP American Politics Conference, poster presentation (2016)	
	American University Department of Government Research Seminar Series (2016)	
	Neurostatistics Working Group Seminar, Harvard School of Public Health (2016)	
	Harvard Meeting on Political Geography, Harvard University (2015)	
	Political Methodology Graduate Workshop: "Spatial Data & Analysis in R", UCLA (2014)	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	New York University CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (2018), poster presentation (2017)	
	International Society of Political Psychology Annual Conference (2016, 2017)	
	Tobin Project Doctoral Student Workshop on Inequality and Decision Making, Harvard University (2016)	
	Identity Politics Research Group Spring Meeting, Columbia University (2016)	
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016, 2017)	
	Harvard Experiments Working Group Graduate Student Conference (2016)	
	American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco (2016)	
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019)	
	Boston Working Group on African Political Economy, MIT (2014)	
	American Politics Research Workshop, Harvard University (2013, 2015, 2016)	
TEACHING	University of California, Merced	2017-
	Advanced Causal Inference (graduate)	
	Advanced Analysis of Political Data (undergraduate)	
	Harvard University, Cambridge, MA	2013 - 2016
	Empirical Methods II - accelerated section (graduate-level econometrics course), Prof. Amitabh Chandra, Harvard Kennedy School (Teaching Fellow in 2015, 2016)	
	Department Teaching Fellow in Quantitative Methods (2015 - 2017)	
	Senior Thesis Advisor (2015-2016)	
	Introduction to Political Science Research Methods, Prof. Arthur Spirling (Teaching Fellow in 2013; Head Teaching Fellow in 2014)	
	Senior Thesis Writers' Workshop (Teaching Fellow in 2013)	
	Undergraduate Research Mentor, Center for American Political Studies (2011-2014)	
	Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, New York, NY	2010
	The Politics of Policymaking (graduate-level core course), Profs. Kenneth Prewitt and Robert Lieberman (Teaching Assistant in 2009; Associate Faculty in 2010)	
SERVICE	Co-organizer, California Workshop in Empirical Political Science (CaliWEPS) II	2019
	Treasurer, Political Psychology Section, American Political Science Association	2017 -
	Reviewer for <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Electoral Studies</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Journal of Public Policy</i> , <i>Political Behavior</i> , <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> , <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i> , <i>Public Health</i> , <i>Quarterly Journal of Political Science</i>	

CONSULTING	National Research Council. (2012). <i>Using Science as Evidence in Public Policy</i> . <i>Committee on the Use of Social Science Knowledge in Public Policy</i> , K. Prewitt, T.A. Schwandt, & M.L. Straf, Editors. Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.	
	Congressional Research Service, Washington, DC (2009)	
	“Risk Management and Stress Testing at Financial Institutions” (with M.P. Carvajal, E. Casado, L. Dmitrieva, J. Rush, and A.A. Shafar) <i>unpublished</i>	
	FATE Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria (Summer, 2009)	
OTHER EXPERIENCE	The Jewish Home & Hospital Lifecare System, New York, NY <i>Senior Development Associate</i>	2007 - 2008
	University of Wisconsin-Madison Hillel Foundation, Madison, WI <i>Program Associate</i>	2005 - 2006
	NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin, Madison, WI <i>Public Policy Assistant</i>	2005
	Joe Parisi for Wisconsin State Assembly, Madison, WI <i>Volunteer Coordinator</i>	2004
	Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton, Madison, WI <i>Special Assistant</i>	2004
	Wisconsin Citizen Action, Madison, WI <i>Health Care Campaign Intern</i>	2003