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CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS      **University of Pittsburgh**  
Daniel H. Wallace Professor of Political Science, *2026–present*

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS      **Yale University**  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, *2017–2026*  
Resident Fellow, Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS)  
Resident Fellow, Center for the Study of American Politics (CSAP)  
Faculty Affiliate, Leitner Program in Political Economy  
**Texas A&M University**  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, *2015–2017*  
Director, Political Behavior & Political Institutions Research Program  
Faculty Associate, Project for Equity, Representation, and Governance

EDUCATION      **Washington University in St. Louis**  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2015  
A.M., Political Science, 2012

**University of Pittsburgh**  
B.A., Political Science and Philosophy, 2010

PUBLISHED & FORTHCOMING      “Democratic Accountability with Citizen Coproduction” (with Jie Ma and Keith Schnakenberg). Forthcoming. *American Political Science Review*.  
“The Institutional Foundations of the Power to Persuade” (with Carlo Prato). 2026. *American Journal of Political Science* 70(1): 120–135.  
“Dark Money & Politician Learning” (with Keith Schnakenberg). Forthcoming. *Journal of Politics* 88(1): 177–191.  
“Presidential Leadership and Strategic Legislative Polarization” (with Benjamin S. Noble). 2026. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 56(1).

“Formal Theories of Special Interest Influence” (with Keith E. Schnakenberg). 2024. *Annual Review of Political Science* 27: 401–421.

“Motivated Reasoning and Democratic Accountability” (with Andrew T. Little and Keith E. Schnakenberg). 2022. *American Political Science Review* 116(2): 751–767.

“Reviewing Procedure vs. Judging Substance: The Scope of Review and Bureaucratic Policymaking.” 2022. *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 2(4): 569–596.

“Helping Friends or Influencing Foes: Electoral and Policy Effects of Campaign Finance Contributions” (with Keith Schnakenberg). 2021. *American Journal of Political Science* 65(1): 88–100.

“Ex Post Review and Expert Policymaking: When Does Oversight Reduce Accountability?” (with John W. Patty). 2021. *Journal of Politics* 83(1): 23–39.

“Policy Durability, Agency Capacity, and Executive Unilateralism.” 2020. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 50(1): 40–62.

“Signaling with Reform: How the Threat of Corruption Prevents Informed Policymaking” (with Keith Schnakenberg). 2019. *American Political Science Review* 113(3): 762–777.

“Political Agency, Oversight, and Bias: The Instrumental Value of Politicized Policymaking.” 2019. *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* 35(3): 544–578.

“Legislative Capacity and Credit Risk” (with David Fortunato). 2018. *American Journal of Political Science* 62(3): 623–636.

“Allies or Commitment Devices? A Model of Appointments to the Federal Reserve” (with Keith Schnakenberg and Alicia Uribe). 2017. *Economics & Politics* 29(2): 118–132.

“Working Smart *and* Hard? Agency Effort, Judicial Review, and Policy Precision.” 2017. *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 29(1): 69–96.

SELECTED  
WORK IN  
PROGRESS

*Accountable Administration: Courts, Bureaucratic Capacity, and the Paradox of Oversight* (book project)

“On Bureaucratic Embeddedness.”

“Bargaining in the Shadow of Bureaucracy: How Bureaucratic Implementation Shapes Executive-Legislative Policymaking.”

“Dark Money & Voter Learning” (with Keith Schnakenberg and Collin Schumock). *R&R*

“Strange Bedfellows: How the Need for Good Governance Shapes Budgetary Control of Bureaucracy” (with John W. Patty). *R&R*

“Managing Government Hierarchy: Electoral Turnover and Intra-Governmental Cooperation” (with Christopher Li and Greg Sasso). *R&R*

Identity, Citizen Expectations, and Representative Bureaucracy: Theory and Experimental Evidence” (with Jennifer Wu).

“Hierarchical Control” (with Christopher Li and Greg Sasso).

BOOK  
CHAPTERS

“The Role of Courts in the Policymaking Process.” In *Making Law and Courts Research Relevant: Normative Implications of Empirical Research*. Brandon Bartels and Chris W. Bonneau (eds) Routledge Press (2014).

“Does the “One Person One Vote” Principle Apply in the U.S. Electoral College Vote?” with Norman Schofield and Maria Gallego. In *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Robert A. Scott and Stephen M. Kosslyn (eds) Wiley (2014).

FELLOWSHIPS  
& AWARDS

**Poorvu Family Fund for Academic Innovation Award (2024)**  
*Yale University, awarded for excellence in undergraduate teaching*

**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship**

**Graduate Student Associate**  
*Center for Empirical Research in the Law, Washington University in St. Louis*

**Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship**  
*Washington University in St. Louis*

**University Graduate Fellowship**  
*Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science*

CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION  
& INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

**2025–2026:** APSA; MPSA; Invited discussant: Author meets Critics panel for “States Against Nations” by Nicholas Kuipers; Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting; Wallis Political Economy Conference, University of Rochester; Stanford Graduate School of Business; Binghamton University

**2024–2025:** APSA; Princeton Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Colloquium; Georgetown University (Microeconomic Theory Seminar); University of Chicago (American Politics Workshop); Purdue University Forum on American Institutional Renewal (FAIR); Emory University

**2023–2024:** APSA; APSA Pre-Conference on Bureaucratic Politics (co-organizer); Wallis Political Economy Conference, University of Rochester; Organizational and Political Economics Conference (Utah Business School); Virginia Tech (PPE Workshop); Congress & History Conference (Princeton); Yale Political Economy of Authoritarianism and Democratic Backsliding Workshop; Warwick-Princeton-Yale-CEPR Political Economy Symposium 2024; Yale Conference on Authoritarianism and Democratic Backsliding; Copenhagen Business School Conference on Money in Politics; Emory University (Quantitative Theory & Methods Seminar); University of Rochester (Wallis Political Economy Seminar); NYU Abu Dhabi (Political Economy Seminar); University of New South Wales, Sydney (Economics); Monash University Business School (Economics)

**2022–2023:** APSA; MPSA; Organizational and Political Economics Conference (Utah Business School); MIT American Politics Conference; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Political Economic Theory Conference; Princeton Political Economy Conference; Princeton Interest Group Workshop; Comparative Politics & Formal Theory Conference (University of Rochester); University of Michigan Executive Politics Conference; Vanderbilt University Executive Politics Conference (“The Evolving Executive”); Yale Conference on Crime and Punishment; University of California, San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy; Yale Democratic Innovations Workshop; Washington University in St. Louis

**2021–2022:** APSA; MPSA; EPSA; ECPR; Copenhagen Business School Money in Politics Conference; University of Washington Money in Politics Conference; Columbia/Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) Workshop on Interest Group Influence; Harris School of Public Policy (U. of Chicago); Columbia University; University of Virginia; University of California, Berkeley

**2020–2021:** MPSA; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Political Economic Theory Conference; Stanford Graduate School of Business Conference on Money in Politics; Formal Theory Virtual Workshop; Quebec Political Economy Workshop Series (QPEWS), Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)

**2019–2020:** APSA; MPSA; Comparative Politics & Formal Theory (UC, Berkeley); Wallis Institute of Political Economy Annual Conference (U. of Rochester); NYU; Conference on Institutions & Law-making (Emory); Columbia Political Economy Conference; Political Institutions & Political Economy Conference (U. of Southern California); Political Economy and Public Law (U. of Chicago Law); LSE & NYU Political Economy Conference (LSE); Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE); Princeton Money in Politics Workshop

**2018–2019:** APSA; MPSA; MIT American Politics Conference; Workshop on Organization Theory in Public Management and Public Administration (Arizona); Conference on Institutions & Law-making (Emory); Theoretical & Empirical Developments in Executive Politics Conference (Ohio State University); University of California, Berkeley; London School of Economics; University of

Michigan

**2017–2018:** APSA; MPSA; Columbia Political Economy Conference; Comparative Politics & Formal Theory Conference (Emory); Conference on Institutions & Law-making (Emory); WashU Theoretical Political Economy Conference; Vanderbilt New Developments in the Study of Executive Politics Conference; Yale CSAP; Harvard University; University of Wisconsin, Madison; University of Rochester; Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM); University of Pittsburgh; University of California, San Diego

**2016–2017:** APSA; MPSA; Yale University; Yale CSAP; Political Economy and Public Law Conference (PEPL), USC

**2015–2016:** APSA; MPSA; Washington DC Political Economy Conference (PECO)

**2014–2015:** APSA; MPSA; SPSA; EPSA; Comparative Politics & Formal Theory Conference (WashU); Conference on Institutions & Lawmaking (Emory); Washington DC Political Economy Conference (PECO); Texas A&M University

**2013–2014:** APSA; MPSA; SPSA; Behavioral Models of Politics; Normative Implications for Empirical Research on Law and Courts; Conference in Honor of Norman Schofield; Princeton University; University of Illinois

TEACHING

**Yale University**

Advanced Models of Political Economy (g)	2024
Game Theory & Political Science (ug)	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Formal Models of American Politics (g)	2020
Democracy & Bureaucracy (ug/g)	2017, 2019, 2021, 2024
Interest Groups, Money, & Influence in American Politics (ug/g)	2017
Formal Models of Accountability and Representation (g)	2018

**Texas A&M University**

Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science (ug)	2015, 2016
Formal Models of Bureaucracy (g)	2016
Political Institutions (g)	2016

**Washington University in St. Louis**

<i>Instructor</i> (ug)	2014
American Politics	
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> (g)	2013
Social Choice Theory ( <i>Instructor:</i> Maggie Penn)	
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> (ug)	2012
The Politics of the Civil Rights Movement ( <i>Instructor:</i> Gary Miller)	

ADDITIONAL  
EXPERIENCE  
& TRAINING

*Mentoring Faculty in Residence (MFR)*, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models 2017, University of California, Berkeley

*Student*, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models 2013, University of California, Berkeley.

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

**Editorial Board**, *American Journal of Political Science*: 2025–2027

**Editorial Board**, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*: 2026–2029

**Formal Theory Section, APSA**: *President* (2023–2024); *Vice President* (2022–2023); *Training Materials Committee*

**Comparative Bureaucratic Politics APSA Pre-Conference**: *Founding Organizer* (2023)

**APSA**: *2018 Formal Theory Division Chair*; *2020 Michael Wallerstein Award Committee for Best Paper in Political Economy*

**MPSA**: *2020 Bureaucratic Politics Division Chair*

**Midwest Public Administration Caucus (MPAC)**: *2024 Herbert A. Simon Award Committee*

**Referee**: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *Journal of Politics*; *The Economic Journal*; *Games and Economic Behavior*; *Journal of Economic Theory*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Theoretical Politics*; *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Social Choice & Welfare*; *Public Choice*; *Journal of Public Economic Theory*; *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*; *Public Administration Review*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *American Politics Research*; *Research & Politics*; *World Politics*; *International Interactions*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *Rationality & Society*; *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*; *Democratization*

UNIVERSITY  
SERVICE

Diversity Recruitment Initiative, Office for Graduate Student Development and Diversity; Summer Government Service Fellowships Yale Standing Committee (2024–2025)

DEPARTMENTAL  
SERVICE

**Yale University**: Graduate Admissions Committee (2018, 2020); Undergraduate Thesis Advisor; Undergraduate Academic Advisor; Percival Wood Clement Prize Committee for the best senior essay in support of the Constitution and the First Ten Amendments (2018); Frank M. Patterson Prize Committee for the best senior essay in American Politics (2018); American Politics Field Committee (2019–2020, 2021–2022); (Co-)Organizer, Leitner Political Economy Seminar (2019–2020); Organizer, American Politics & Public Policy Workshop (2019, 2020, 2022, 2024, 2025); Graduate Placement Director (2020–present); Formal

Theory Field Committee (2020–2021); Junior Search Committee Member and Diversity Representative (2022); Graduate Curriculum Reform Committee

**Texas A&M University:** Director of Political Behavior & Political Institutions Research Program (2015–2017); Formal Theory search committee member (2015); Member of the American Politics, Public Administration, and Methods Field Committees; Methods Field Examination Committee (Spring 2017)

PHD  
ADVISING

**Sam Zacher**, *Dissertation committee member, Yale*

– 1<sup>st</sup> placement: Post-doc, University of Southern California

**Collin Schumock**, *Dissertation committee member, Yale*

– 1<sup>st</sup> placement: Asst. Prof., University of Jacksonville, Public Policy Institute

**Benjamin Noble**, *Dissertation committee member, WashU*

– 1<sup>st</sup> placement: Asst. Prof., UCSD

**Jennifer Wu**, *Yale*

– 1<sup>st</sup> placement: Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania

– Current: Asst. Prof., SUNY, Binghamton

**Daniel Goldstein**, *Dissertation committee member, Yale*

– 1<sup>st</sup> Placement: Post-doc at EUI

– Current: Post-doc/Asst. Prof., University of Oslo

**Michael Goldfein**, *Yale*

– 1<sup>st</sup> Placement: Asst. Prof., U.S. Naval War College

**Miyeon Song**, *Dissertation committee member, Texas A&M*

– 1<sup>st</sup> placement: Asst. Prof., University of South Carolina

– Current: Asst. Prof., Chung-Ang University School of Public Service

**Garrett Vande Kamp**, *Dissertation committee member, Texas A&M*

– 1<sup>st</sup> Placement: Asst. Prof., University of Georgia

**Jack Greenberg**, *Dissertation committee member, Yale*

**Sophia Wang**, *Dissertation committee member, Yale*

**Hannah Leszczynski**, *Dissertation committee member, Yale*

**Amy Basu**, *Yale*

**Gabe Batista** *Yale*

REFERENCES

*Available upon request.*

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