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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
Assistant Professor, Political Science, Fall 2020 - Present

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, AY 2020

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Ph.D., Political Science, Summer 2020

- Fields: American Politics, Methodology, Political Behavior
- Dissertation Committee: Eric Schickler (chair), Rob Van Houweling, Gabe Lenz, Sarah Anzia

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

B.A., May 2011, *summa cum laude*

PEER REVIEWED BOOKS

The Roots of Polarization: From the Racial Realignment to the Culture Wars. Forthcoming, August 2024. **University of Chicago Press**.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Social Groups as the Source of Political Belief Systems: Fresh Evidence on an Old Theory.” With Elizabeth Mitchell Elder. 2022. **American Political Science Review**.

“Political Accountability and Selective Perception in the Time of COVID.” With Sean Freeder. 2022. **Public Opinion Quarterly**.

“Before Reagan: The Development of the Partisan Divide on Abortion.” 2020. **Perspectives on Politics**.

- Coverage: *The Washington Post*

“One-Party States and Legislator Extremism in the U.S. House, 1876-2012.” 2019. **The Journal of Politics**.

“Income Inequality and Congressional Republican Position Taking, 1913-2013.” 2019. **The Journal of Politics**.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Waiting for Trump: The Move to the Right of White Working-Class Men, 1968-2016.” Working Paper. With Shad Turney, Frank Levy and Jack Citrin. **The California Journal of Politics and Policy**.

WORKING PAPERS

“Media Perceptions of Group Positions: Causes and Consequences.” With Elizabeth Mitchell Elder. (Under Review.)

“Partisanship and Trust in Doctors: Causes and Consequences.” With Brad Kent. (Under Review)

“The Evolution of African Americans as a Pro-Choice Constituency.”

“Financial Incentives, Policy Participation and Political Attitudes: The Case of Obamacare.” Working Paper. Prepared for the 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

- Courses Taught: Introduction to American Politics, The U.S. Congress, Introduction to Political Analysis (Grad & Undergrad)
- Graduate Advising: Madison Schroeder (Chair), Amy Snyder, Elaina Barker, Irina Toland (Dissertation Committee); Tanner Bivens, Christine Capili (Institutional Representative)
- Undergraduate Advising (Honors Thesis): AY 2021-22 (2 students); AY 2022-23 (2 students); AY 2023-24 (7 students).

SERVICE

- Honors and Awards Committee 2022; A & A Committee 2023 (UO Political Science Dept.)
- Journal Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *International Relations*, *Research in Political Sociology*

ACADEMIC
AWARDS

- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, 2019; Harrell Rodgers Scholarship; Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship (UC Berkeley); Dean’s achievement award *for scholarship and leadership in economics (CWRU)*; Marvin J. Barloon Book Award *for outstanding performance in Economics (CWRU)*

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: Social Groups as the Source of Political Belief Systems: Fresh Evidence on an Old Theory (2021); Before Reagan: The Development of the Partisan Divide on Abortion (2019); Financial Incentives, Political Participation and Political Attitudes: The Case of Obamacare (2015)
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: Media Perceptions of Group Positions: Causes and Consequences (2022); Before Reagan: The Development of the Partisan Divide on Abortion (2019); One Party States and Legislator Extremism (2017)
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: Mass Opinion and Party Coalition Formation (2018)

PRIOR
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

8th Grade Math Instructor, Veritas College Preparatory Charter School	2013-2014
8th Grade Math Instructor, Teach for America, Memphis, TN	2011-2013