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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor *From 2020* McGill University
Assistant Professor of Comparative Political Behavior · Department of Political Science

Postdoctoral *2019-2020* Brown University
Postdoctoral Fellow · Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

EDUCATION

PhD *2012-2019* Massachusetts Institute of Technology
PhD in Political Science · September 2019
Fields: Comparative Politics and Quantitative Methods · High Pass General Exams 2014
Thesis title: "Substate Nationalism in the Age of the Nation-state"

MPhil *2010-2012* Oxford University
Master of Philosophy in Comparative Government · Balliol College
Thesis title: "Strategic Choice in Anti-Imperial Nationalist Movements: Ireland, India and Egypt 1904-1914"

Bachelor of Science *2005-2009* Yale University
Double Major in Political Science and Physics · Honors in Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

Annual Review of Political Science *May 2018* State Capacity Redux: Integrating Classical and Experimental Contributions to an Enduring Debate
Presents a framework that integrates classical and experimental approaches to understanding state capacity within a common theoretical structure based on the diverse capacity challenges states face with respect to extraction, coordination, and compliance, while highlighting trends in recent research, as well as relevant differences in opportunities for and obstacles to empirical work on the subject.
Authors: Elissa BERWICK, Fotini CHRISTIA

RESEARCH

Dissertation Project *Ongoing* Substate Nationalism in the Age of the Nation-State
Examines the rise of substate nationalism in the critical cases of Spain and the United Kingdom, both modern welfare states distinguished by powerful mobilization of substate identities. Leverages the findings of original survey data, Bayesian hierarchical modeling, and a year of qualitative fieldwork across three papers, each focusing on a different facet of the causes and consequences of rising substate nationalism in Europe.

Working Paper *Ongoing* Which Side Are You On? Partition and Political Violence in Ireland 1920-1921
Analysis of the effect of partition on political violence in Ireland based on a quasi-natural experiment produced by the circumstances of the 1921 partition of Ireland using an original dataset of political violence incidents during the Irish War of Independence.

Research Assistant *Summer 2015* PROFESSOR FOTINI CHRISTIA, MIT
 Provided research assistance for analysis of experimental data from a local development project in Afghanistan.

Research Assistant *2013, 2014* PROFESSOR KATHLEEN THELEN, MIT
 Provided research assistance as Professor Thelen completed a book project on *The Varieties of Liberalization* and compiled materials for new research on legislative federalism.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

R Package *Ongoing* mdgirt PACKAGE
 Develops a multidimensional extension of the dynamic group-level IRT model first elaborated by Caughey and Warshaw (2015).

R Package *2015-2016* cjoint PACKAGE
 Allows researchers to estimate the causal effects of attributes in conjoint survey experiments by implementing the Average Marginal Component-specific Effects (AMCE) estimator presented in Hainmueller, J., Hopkins, D., and Yamamoto T. (2014).

TEACHING

Instructor *Spring 2020* NATIONALISM AND THE NATION-STATE
 Designed and led seminar for advanced undergraduates at Brown University. Through this course, students gain an appreciation of how nationalism came to be and how it continues to shape our world. Students develop familiarity with the most important theorists of nationalism and their critics, both classic and contemporary. Especially in the latter half of the course, readings draw from cutting-edge research, exposing students to current trends in empirical social science.

Teaching Assistant *2017-2018* AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY FOR WASHINGTON INTERNS
 Over two-terms, provided undergraduates with the background to select and complete an internship of their choosing in Washington DC. Alongside Professor Charles Stewart, assisted undergraduates with applying for summer internships in DC over the course of the spring term, and then on their return in the fall term with formulating and completing research projects on the US policymaking process, with special attention to policy in science and technology.

Teaching Assistant *Fall 2015* POLITICAL SCIENCE SCOPE AND METHODS
 Introduced undergraduates to the principles of empirical and theoretical analysis in political science, collaborating with Professor Roger Petersen to prepare materials and grade assignments. Led weekly discussion-based recitations and assisted students with formulating and completing a final research design project of their own.

Teaching Assistant *Fall 2014* QUANTITATIVE METHODS III
 Worked with Professor Teppei Yamamoto to prepare and grade weekly problem sets and manage materials for graduate class on model-based inference. Topics included generalized linear models for various data types and their extensions, such as discrete choice models and multilevel models, from both frequentist and Bayesian perspectives. Led weekly recitations summarizing lectures and assisted students with problem sets and final projects.

Workshop Leader *2015-2019* POLITICAL METHODOLOGY LAB WORKSHOPS
 Led optional methods workshops for graduate students introducing tools for presenting and conducting research. Workshops cover \LaTeX tools such as Beamer and Knitr, useful R packages including dplyr and ggplot, and an overview of the unix file system and how to access remote computational resources

PRESENTATIONS

APSA Boston 2018 · San Francisco 2017 · Philadelphia 2016

Polmeth Provo, UT 2018
MPSA Chicago 2018 · Chicago 2015

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2013 Ithiel de Sola Pool Award for Outstanding First Year Student
 2018-2019 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard Center for European Studies
 2016-2017 Krupp Research Fellowship
 2015, 2016 MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant

OTHER INFORMATION

Computer Skills ADVANCED · R, L^AT_EX, Emacs
 INTERMEDIATE · Unix, PYTHON, Mathematica
 BASIC · C++, STATA, SPSS

Service PEER REVIEW · *American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics*

Languages ENGLISH · Native
 SPANISH · Professional level
 FRENCH · Beginner/Intermediate

Affiliations HARVARD CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES · 2018-2019
 MIT POLITICAL METHODOLOGY LAB · 2016-2019

REFERENCES

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