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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, Princeton University, 2018–Present

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Vanderbilt University, 2017–2018

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University, 2017
M.Phil., Political Science, Columbia University, 2014
M.A., Political Science, Columbia University, 2013

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science, Temple University, 2009

Research and Teaching Interests

US State and Local Politics & Public Policy, Representation, Political Institutions, Public Finance

Book Project

Executive Politics: Business Executives as Politicians (In Progress)

This book examines business owners and executives who serve as mayor in American cities, considering why they run for office, why voters elect them, and how they shape public policy.

Publications

“A Regression Discontinuity Design for Studying Divided Government” with Justin Phillips. Forthcoming. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*.

“Mayoral Candidates, Social Class, and Representation in American Cities” Forthcoming. *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* (Invited submission).

“Is Divided Government a Cause of Legislative Delay?” with Justin Phillips. 2018. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 13(2):173–206.

“Candidate Choice without Party Labels: New Insights from Conjoint Survey Experiments” with Alexander Coppock. 2018. *Political Behavior* 40(3):571-591.

Working Papers

“Business Owners and Executives as Politicians: The Effect on Public Policy” (Invited to revise and resubmit, *Journal of Politics*)

“Representation in American Cities: Who Runs for Mayor and Who Wins?” (Invited to revise and resubmit, *Urban Affairs Review*)

“Imposing Deadlines” with Dan Alexander and Justin Phillips

“Lobbying in Divided and Unified Government” with Sebastian Thieme

“How Constraining is Legislative Uncertainty? Evidence of Imperfect Information, Learning, and Position-Taking in a State Legislature” with Adam Zelizer and Elizabeth Dorssom

Teaching

State Politics and American Federalism, Department of Politics, Princeton University (Fall 2019)

Urban Politics and Policymaking, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University (Spring 2020, 2019)

Grants

Data-Driven Social Science Initiative, Princeton University, 2020

Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2017

Dissertation Development Grant, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, 2016

Dissertation Development Grant, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, 2015

Dissertation Development Grant, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, 2014

Awards & Fellowships

Susan Clarke Young Scholars Award, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2018

Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2015, 2016

Teaching Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2012-2015, 2016-2017

Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2012-2016

Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 2012

Faculty Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2011-2012

Conference Presentations

“Imposing Deadlines” with Dan Alexander and Justin Phillips. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2019

“Lobbying in Divided and Unified Government” with Sebastian Thieme. State Politics & Policy Conference, June 2019

“Rationalist Explanations for Legislative Impasse” with Dan Alexander and Justin Phillips, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2019

“Social Class and Representation in American Cities.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2019

“Social Class and Representation in American Cities.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2018

“A Regression Discontinuity Design for Studying Divided Government” with Justin Phillips. State Politics & Policy Conference, June 2018

“Representation in American Cities: Who Runs for Mayor and Who Wins?” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2018

“The Business of Being Mayor: Mayors and Fiscal Policy in U.S. Cities.” Local Political Economy Pre-Conference at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2017

“America’s Mayors: Descriptive Representation in U.S. Cities.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2017

“The Business of Being Mayor: Mayors and Fiscal Policy in U.S. Cities.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2016

“The Business of Being Mayor: Mayors and Fiscal Policy in U.S. Cities.” Politics and History Network Conference, June 2016

“Does Divided Government Cause Legislative Gridlock?” with Justin Phillips. State Politics & Policy Conference, May 2016

“The Business of Being Mayor: Mayors and Fiscal Policy in U.S. Cities.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2016

“Candidate Choice in the Presence and Absence of the Party Heuristic.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2016

“The Business of Being Mayor: Mayors and Fiscal Policy in U.S. Cities.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2015

“Does Divided Government Cause Legislative Gridlock?” with Justin Phillips. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2015

“Mayors and Fiscal Health.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2015

“Does Divided Government Cause Legislative Gridlock?” with Justin Phillips. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2015

“The Business of Being Mayor.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2015

Invited Talks and Presentations

“Executive Politics: Business Executives as Politicians.” American Politics Speaker Series, Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania, February 2020

“Social Class and Representation in American Cities.” Political Economy of Executive Politics Symposium, University of Southern California, October 2019

Discussant (“The Primary Electorate and Party Polarization” by David Doherty, Conor M. Dowling, and Michael G. Miller), Yale Center for the Study of American Politics Summer Workshop, June 2019

“The Business of Being Mayor: Mayors and Fiscal Policy in U.S. Cities.” Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Vanderbilt University, September 2017

“Regression Discontinuity Designs.” Columbia Political Science Methods Workshop, December 2015

“The Business of Being Mayor.” Graduate Student Seminar, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, October 2015

“Mayors with Money.” Political Economy Breakfast, Columbia University, March 2015

“Topics in Experimental Methods: Advanced Blocking.” Political Science Methods Workshop, April 2014.

“List Experiments.” Columbia Political Science Methods Workshop, November 2013

Departmental Service

Senior Thesis Research Funding Committee (Department of Politics, Princeton University (2019)

Undergraduate Advising Committee, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University (2019-2020)

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University (2018-2019)

Professional Service

Member, Conference Committee, APSA Class and Inequality Section, 2017

Co-coordinator, Political Science Graduate Student Seminar, Columbia University, 2015-2016

Manuscript Referee, *American Politics Research*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Urban Affairs Review*