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APPOINTMENTS

University of Houston

Assistant Professor of Political Science, incoming fall 2026

Brown University, Taubman Center for American Politics and Policy

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2025-2026

EDUCATION

Columbia University

Ph.D., Political Science, spring 2025

Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics

Dissertation: “The Political Behavior of Elites and Voters in U.S. Primary Elections”

Committee: Don Green (chair), Shigeo Hirano, Yamil Velez, Rachel Porter, Seth Masket

M.Phil., Political Science, 2022

M.A., Political Science, 2020

Tufts University

B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude*, 2017

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political behavior, primary elections, electoral institutions, parties, partisanship, elite behavior, voting behavior, local politics, housing policy, federalism, field experiments

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“[Encouraging Black and Latinx Radio Audiences to Register to Vote: A Field Experiment](#)” 2023. With Jose Gomez, Donald Green, Gregory Huber, Joseph Sutherland and Michelle Zee. *American Politics Research* 51(5): 559-569.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“[Running Scared in the Primary: Campaign behavior of safe incumbents in a partisan era.](#)” In *The Future of American Primary Elections: Voters, Parties, and Election Reform* eds. Robert G. Boatright and Richard Barton. De Gruyter. *Forthcoming*.

UNDER REVIEW

“[Encouraging Crossover Voting in the 2024 Presidential Primary.](#)” With Daniel Markovits. *Conditionally Accepted at American Journal of Political Science.* [Appendix](#)

“[Primary Concerns: The Lack of Forward-Looking Strategic Voting in Primary Elections.](#)” [Appendix](#)

WORKING PAPERS

[“Connecting the Vote: Evaluating the effect of Peer Encouragement on Turnout in the 2020 Election”](#) With Donald Green

[“Who you gonna call? How Primary Campaigns Conduct Voter Outreach”](#)

“Encouraging Crossover Voting in Congressional Primaries” With Daniel Markovits.

“Homevoters on the statewide stage: Does homeownership change participation in state elections?”

Winner: Best Graduate Student Poster at State Politics and Policy Conference 2024

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“How stable is the primary electorate?”

“What do voters know about primary candidates?”

“The mobilizing effect of bad polling in primaries”

“Legislator Inexperience and the Cessation of Legislative Authority” with Sarah Treul

“Campaign Staffer Networks and Career Paths” with Daniel Markovits and Kevin Angell

OTHER WRITING

Cohen, Hayley, Meredith Conroy, and Alexander Agadjanian. 2018. [“data for politics #20: A #MeToo Effect? Attitudes about Gender Equality and Workplace Harassment.”](#) *Data for Progress*.

Cohen, Hayley, Peter Levin, Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, Jodi Benenson, and Noorya Haya. 2018. [“The Impact of National Service on Employment Outcomes.”](#) *Corporation for National and Community Service*. March 2018.

TEACHING

Columbia University

Center for Teaching and Learning

Lead Teaching Fellow, 2023-2024

Teaching Development Program, summer 2022

Political Science Department

Race and the U.S. Carceral System, fall 2024 (TA for Andrew McCall)

Racial and Ethnic Politics, spring 2023 (TA for Yamil Velez)

Experimental Research Methods, fall 2022 (TA for Yamil Velez)

Public Opinion and Political Behavior, spring 2022 (TA for Oliver McClellan)

Guest Lecturer “Political Parties and Interest Groups”
U.S. Congress, fall 2021 (TA for Gregory Wawro)
State Politics, spring 2021 (TA for Justin Phillips)
Introduction to American Politics, fall 2020 (TA for Michael Miller)

Tufts University

Public Opinion and US Democracy, spring 2019 (TA for Brian Schaffner)
Introduction to Comparative Politics, spring 2019 (TA for Oxana Shevel)

RESEARCH GRANTS

Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University 2024 \$5,000
Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University 2023 \$3,000
Columbia Experimental Lab for Social Sciences Dissertation Grant 2023 \$4,000
Columbia Political Science Dissertation Development Grant 2022 \$3,000
Rapoport Family Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Survey Research Grant 2022 \$14,950

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Best Graduate Student Poster, State Politics and Policy Conference 2024
State Politics and Policy Conference Travel Grant 2024
Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Conference Travel Grant 2023
Columbia Political Science Conference Travel Grant 2023-2024
Thomas S. Barclay Graduate Fellowship 2023
Columbia University Dean’s Fellowship 2019 – 2025

CONFERENCES

“Who you gonna call? How primary campaigns conduct voter outreach.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2025.

“Primary Concerns: The Lack of Forward-Looking Strategic Voting in Primary Elections” American Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2024.

“Homevoters on a larger stage: Does homeownership change participation in national and state elections?” State Politics and Policy Conference. 2024.

Winner of Best Graduate Student Poster.

“Running Scared in the Primary: Campaign behavior of safe incumbents in a partisan era” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2024.

“Running Scared in the Primary: Campaign behavior of safe incumbents in a partisan era” Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Conference. 2024.

“General concerns of primary voters: strategic voting in primary elections” American Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2024.

“Who you gonna call? How primary campaigns conduct voter outreach.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2023.

“Connecting the Vote: The Effect of Peer-to-Peer Encouragement on Turnout in the 2020 Election.” With Donald Green. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2021.

“Women on the Front Lines: Women, Identity, and the Fight for Unionization in the Brookside Mine.” Pi Sigma Alpha National Conference, Washington, DC. 2017.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Donald Green (Columbia University); Alexander Hertel Fernandez (Columbia University); Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg (Tisch College of Civic Life, Tufts University).

SERVICE

Referee: American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics
Co-Graduate Student Coordinator, Columbia American Politics Speaker Series. 2023 – 2024

Co-Founder and Organizer, American Politics Graduate Student Workshop. 2020 – 2022.

Syllabus Developer: “[Survey and Polling Methodology](#),” Department of Political Science for Masters in Political Analytics. 2022.

Student Research Advisor, Laidlaw Undergraduate Research and Leadership Scholarship Program. 2022

Discussant, Pi Sigma Alpha Annual Conference. 2021.