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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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**Los Angeles Area Health Services Research Training Program**

**University of California, Los Angeles**

Postdoctoral Scholar

2019-21

**Tufts University**

Lecturer

2018-19

**Yale University**

Lecturer

2016-17

**Washington University in St. Louis**

Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science

2015-16

**EDUCATION**

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**Columbia University**

Ph.D. in Political Science

2015

- Major Subfield: American Politics (comprehensive exam in August 2012); Minor Subfield: Methodology (comprehensive exam in January 2014)
- Areas of Interest: Separation of powers, American political institutions, regulation through litigation, bureaucratic politics, environmental politics, health policy, sexual and reproductive health.
- Dissertation: “When Do Agencies Have Agency? Bureaucratic Noncompliance and Dynamic Lawmaking in United States Statutory Law, 1973-2010.”
  - Dissertation Committee: Gregory Wawro (Chair), Ira Katznelson, Michael Ting, Sean Farhang, Sanford Gordon

M.Phil. in Political Science

2014

M.A. in Political Science

2013

**University of Virginia**

Graduate coursework in American politics, public law, and methodology

2010-11

**University of California, Berkeley**

B.A. in Political Science, Honors (G.P.A. 3.89)

2009

**ADDITIONAL METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING**

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Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) program at UC Berkeley, Summer 2013.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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UCLA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Grant (\$1,000), 2019. 2020.  
APSA Travel Grant, 2014 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.  
Winner, Summer 2014 Columbia Teaching Scholar competition.  
Tobin Project Graduate Student Fellow in Democracy and Markets (\$1,500), 2013-14.  
Columbia University Department of Political Science Summer Research Grant (\$1,000), 2013.  
Nominee, CQ Press Award for Best 2012 APSA Paper on Legislative Studies.  
ISERP Fellow, Columbia University, 2011-12.  
President's Fellow, University of Virginia, 2010-11.

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Divided Government and the Fragmentation of American Law” (with Sean Farhang). 2015. *American Journal of Political Science* 60(2): 401-17.  
“Congressional Assertions of the Spending Power: Institutional Conflict and Regulatory Authority.” 2015. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. 32(2): 272-305.  
Review: *The Dynamics of Bureaucracy in the U.S. Government: How Congress and Federal Agencies Process Information and Solve Problems*, by Samuel Workman. *Perspectives on Politics* 14(2): 27-29.

## OTHER WRITING

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“Introduction” and “Conclusion,” *Political and Economic Systems: Democracy*. New York: Rosen Publishing.  
Policy briefs for Experiments in Governance and Politics (EGAP) at Columbia University

- Brief of Arceneaux et al's (2012) “A Randomized Field Experiment Testing the Effect of Mobilization in Traditional and Vote-by-Mail Precincts.”
- Brief of Barr et al's (2014) “Accountability and Collective Action in Albania.”
- Brief of Imai and Igami's (2015) “Causal Interaction in High Dimension.”
- Brief of Brown's (2014) “Research Replication.”

“This Election is Focusing on the Wrong Health Issues.” *Kevin MD*, October 19, 2016.  
“Good Luck Getting Health Care in Donald Trump's America.” *Guardian* op-ed, November 30, 2016.  
“The Potential Costs of Tom Price as HHS Secretary.” Article in *The Conversation*, December 8, 2016.  
“Tom Price, Author of Long Proposal to Replace Obamacare, Short on Specifics in Hearing.” Article in *The Conversation*, January 20, 2017.  
“States with more Planned Parenthood clinics have fewer teen births and sexually transmitted diseases.” Article in *The Washington Post, Monkey Cage Blog*, March 27, 2017.  
“Republicans' Secretive Health Care Plan.” *The New York Times* op-ed. June 9, 2017.  
“What's Next in the Health Care Debate?” *Public Seminar* op-ed. August 5, 2017.  
“If Trump Plans to End HIV Outbreak, He'll Have to Address His – and Pence's – Recent History.” *Rewire News* op-ed. February 5, 2019.  
“The ‘Pro-Life’ Response To A Stillbirth In ICE Custody Is... Nonexistent.” *Bustle*. February 27, 2019.  
“Republicans Are Working to Undermine Direct Democracy.” *Medium*. March 1, 2019.

“The New Supreme Court LGBTQ Rights Cases Are Way More Consequential Than You Think.” *Bustle*. April 24, 2019.

“The Frustration of Being Elizabeth Warren.” *Public Seminar*. March 10, 2020.

“In Some States, Coronavirus Measures Are Effectively Banning Abortion.” *The Washington Post, Monkey Cage Blog*, March 31, 2020.

“Social Justice Is More Important Than Social Distance.” *Public Seminar*. June 19, 2020.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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Guest on Arnie on the Air radio show, WNHN 94.7, on Tom Price nomination. December 13, 2016.

Guest on France 24: The Debate, discussing the Trump Administration’s unsuccessful efforts at regulatory reforms. July 19, 2017.

Guest on France 24: The Debate, discussing President Trump’s State of the Union Address and immigration policy. January 31, 2018.

Guest on France 24, discussing Brett Kavanaugh’s confirmation to Supreme Court. October 6, 2018.

Guest on France 24, discussing the Trump White House’s staffing turnover. March 7, 2018.

Guest on France 24, discussing President Trump’s State of the Union Address and presidential powers. February 6, 2019.

Guest on CBC News, discussing the Mueller Report. April 18, 2019.

Guest on France 24, discussing the Super Tuesday primary election results. March 5, 2020.

Guest on CBC News, discussing Black Lives Matter protests. June 3, 2020.

Contributor to Happs TV, discussing direct democracy and health policy (2020-present).

## **UNDER REVIEW OR ACTIVE REVISION**

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“Re-Setting the Agenda: Congressional Responses to Fire Alarms in the DC Circuit Court of Appeals.” Invited to revise and resubmit to the *Journal of Politics*.

“Selection Bias and Ideal Point Estimation on the United States Supreme Court.” *Under review at the Journal of Law and Courts*

“When Dual Incentives Become Dueling: Public Health Impact of Responsiveness to Pro-Life Opinion.” *Under review at Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*

“Evaluating Health Care Postponement Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: Survey Evidence through Amazon Mechanical Turk.” *Under review at Sociology of Health and Illness*

“Claims Denied: Utilizing Amazon Mechanical Turk Evidence to Identify the Causes and Consequences of Health Insurance Claims Denials and Appeals.” *Under review at Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*

“Accessing Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Under review at Perspectives On Sexual and Reproductive Health*

“The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Americans’ Mental Health: Survey Evidence from Amazon Mechanical Turk.” *Research note under review at JAMA*

## **OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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“Title X Impact on Maternal Mortality Rates in the U.S. States.” (with Atheendar Venkataramani)

“Democratic Responsiveness in State-Level Policy Implementation.” (with Doug Spencer) *Using MRP to evaluate states’ responsiveness to public opinion on abortion and death penalty policy implementation.*

“Impact of Reproductive Rights Legal Uncertainty on Women’s Physical and Mental Wellbeing.”

“The Limits of Health Policy Compliance: State Health Agency Non-Responsiveness to Federal Health Regulators.”

*When Do Agencies Have Agency? The Limits of Compliance in the EPA.* Book project.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

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Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2013: “Legal Fragmentation and the American State” (with Sean Farhang).

American Political Science Association Conference, 2013: “Bureaucratic Noncompliance in the United States: The Case of the EPA.”

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2013: “Divided Government and the Fragmentation of American Law” (with Sean Farhang).

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2014: “Bureaucratic Punishment in the United States.” Discussant on “Litigation and Implementation” panel.

American Political Science Association Conference, 2014: “Party and Authorship on the U.S. Court of Appeals,” (with Sean Farhang and Greg Wawro), “Estimating Policy Consequences of Bureaucratic Noncompliance in US Statutory Law, 1973-2006.”

American Political Science Association Conference, 2015: “Democratic Responsiveness in State Policy Implementation” (with Doug Spencer). Discussant on “Bureaucratic Policymaking” panel.

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2015: “Selection Bias and Ideal Point Estimation on the United States Supreme Court.”

Southern Political Science Association Conference, 2016: “Inter-Agency Learning in Policy Implementation.” Discussant on “Political Control and Agency Budgets” panel.

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2020: “Coverage Denied: Identifying the Causes and Consequences of Americans’ Denial of Health Insurance Coverage.” Discussant on “Social Welfare in the American States” panel. Participant on “Public and Engaged Scholarship During the Trump Administration” roundtable. *Conference cancelled due to coronavirus.*

Academy Health Conference, 2020. “Claims Denied: Identifying the Causes and Consequences of Americans’ Health Claims Denials.” Poster Presentation.

American Political Science Association Conference. “Claims Denied: Identifying the Causes and Consequences of Americans’ Health Claims Denials.” Discussant on “Health Equity and Democracy” and “Unilateral Power and Emergency Power” panels.

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

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Congress and History Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, June 2020.

Department of General Internal Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles, May 2020.

Political Economy and Public Law Conference, Cornell University, June 2016.

Political Economy and Public Law Conference, New York University, June 2015.

Political Economy and Public Law Conference, University of Rochester, May 2014.

Lectures on United States statutory law and policymaking for Site for Students study abroad program on law and politics, December 2013 and August 2014.

Political Economy and Public Law Conference, Washington University in St.Louis, June 2013.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Tufts University:

- Congress, Bureaucracy, and Public Policy (undergraduate lecture), Fall 2018.
- Constitutional Law (undergraduate lecture), Spring 2019.
- Law and Public Policy (undergraduate lecture), Spring 2019.

### Columbia University Summer Program for High School Students:

- U.S. Constitutional Law (high school seminar), Summer 2017, Summer 2018.
- The Best Democracy Money Can Buy?, Summer 2018.

### Yale University:

- Introduction to Statistics (undergraduate lecture), Fall 2016.
- American Politics III: Institutions (graduate seminar), Spring 2017.
- Courts, Media, and Politics (undergraduate lecture), Spring 2017.

### Washington University in St. Louis:

- Politics in Bureaucracies (undergraduate seminar), Fall 2015.

### Columbia University:

- Law and Public Policy (undergraduate lecture), Summer 2014.

## ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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Research Assistant for Sean Farhang, Michael Sobel, and Greg Wawro for project on EEOC settlements in district courts (2014).

Research Assistant for Ira Katznelson, contributing toward *Southern Nation* book project with John Lapinski (2012-13).

Research Assistant for Shigeo Hirano for project on congressional and state primary elections from 19th century to present (2011-12).

Research Assistant for Sean Farhang, contributing extensive data collection on statutory design (1887-2008) for book project *How Congress Legislates for Litigation* (2010-12).

Editorial Assistant for David Collier, providing assistance for *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, 2nd ed. and other research methods and comparative politics projects (2008-10).

## NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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### University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy, Berkeley, CA.

- **Development and Events Assistant**, 2009-10.
  - Assisted with Goldman School gift administration, tracking gifts through university-wide database and drafting numerous letters in communication with donors.
  - Coordinated logistics for the annual Rhoda Goldman Health Lecture and other high profile campus-wide events to raise awareness about the Goldman School and to cultivate new donors.

- Researched education-related grant-making organizations and donation histories.
- Provided administrative support for Assistant Dean for External Affairs and Development.
- **Public Policy and International Affairs Program Assistant, 2009.**
  - Provided high-level administrative and programmatic assistance for Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Program, a prestigious summer program for entering college seniors committed to working in historically disadvantaged communities.
  - Utilized excellent planning and organizational skills to coordinate law and policy speakers, a diversity retreat, and other key program events.
  - Coordinated travel, housing, and other arrangements for students and program panelists.

### **Political Campaigns.**

- **Field Organizer for Friends of Terry McAuliffe, McLean, VA, 2009.**
  - Recruited, trained, and managed volunteers across Fairfax County in gubernatorial primary campaign headquarters.
  - Organized house meetings to build the campaign’s grassroots network of activists. Organized nightly phone banks to raise campaign visibility and reach out to undecided voters. Identified candidate support among electorate and communicated local policy issues to voters.
  - Assisted with high-profile campaign events, including the Virginia Jefferson Jackson Dinner.
- **GOTV Organizer for Obama for America, Winston Salem, NC, 2008.**
  - Canvassed hundreds of precincts in final weeks of presidential campaign, both on the ground and through phone banking, to maximize voter turnout. Managed phone banks and volunteers for dozens of precincts on Election Day.
  - Assisted voters with election irregularities and reported suppression efforts.

### **Public Policy Intern, People for the American Way, Washington, DC. 2008.**

- Conducted legislative research on vouchers, marriage equality, and pay discrimination, and provided legislative updates and copyediting for department fact sheets on these policy issues.
- Researched state election laws on such issues as voter identification regulations, language assistance, and ex-offender voting rights.
- Updated comprehensive voting toolkits and Poll Workers for Democracy training materials for use on the ground in key states.
- Monitored voter suppression news across the nation.
- Attended numerous meetings and Capitol Hill hearings on behalf of the organization, and synthesized notes for Public Policy Department staff.

### **Intern, Voice of Witness Book Series at McSweeney’s Publishing, San Francisco, CA. 2006-07.**

- Researched grant-making foundations and numerous Letters of Inquiry for funding purposes.
- Assisted with developing human rights oral history curricula for integration into public schools.
- Researched voter disenfranchisement incidents in modern American elections. Identified individuals whose voting rights were suppressed, and conducted extensive interviews about their voting experiences. Transcribed interviews and compiled into oral history book.

### **Intern and Tutor, 826 Valencia, San Francisco, CA. 2005-06.**

- Part-time tutor at writing and tutoring center in San Francisco's Mission District, assisting low income and ESL elementary and middle school students with writing and math.
- Assisted in tracking grants supporting the organization's programs and services.
- Interviewed and selected new volunteers to assist in organization programming.
- Served as teaching assistant in college essay writing workshop for inner-city high school seniors.

## **RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL SKILLS**

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Microsoft: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access.

Statistical Analysis: STATA, R, SAS.

Database/Research Tools: Voter Activation Network (VAN); PACER; LexisNexis; Westlaw; CQ.

Other: LaTeX, FileMaker Pro, Moveable Type.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Member, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association.

- Health Politics Section, American Political Science Association: Leonard S. Robins Prize Award Committee Member (2020)

Referee, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *SSM-Population Health*.