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PROFILE

Political scientist with extensive expertise in research and statistical analysis of inter-branch conflict in US law and policy regulation, including health policy, judicial politics, lawmaking, and environmental regulation. Since earning a PhD in Political Science (American Politics and Quantitative Methods) from Columbia University, completing policy regulation book manuscript, taught on American politics at Yale and Washington University in St. Louis. Op-Eds published in *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *The Conversation*, and others. TV appearances as a policy commentator.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PART-TIME LECTURER

2018 – 2019

Tufts University, Medford, MA

- Developed and taught undergraduate lecture course on Congress, Bureaucracy, and Public Policy, addressing such topics as polarization and gridlock in Congress, bureaucratic rulemaking, and health and education policy implementation. Teaching US Constitutional Law and Law & Public Policy lecture courses in spring semester.

INSTRUCTOR

Summer 2017, 2018

Columbia University Summer Program for High School Students, New York City, NY

- Developed and taught course on U.S. Constitutional Law, emphasizing First Amendment, privacy, Commerce Clause regulation, Equal Protection, and voting rights law. Engaged students in class activities on constitutional interpretation and supervised moot court. Provided additional lunchtime lectures on the role of money in politics.

LECTURER

2016 – 2017

Yale University, New Haven, CT

- Introduction to Statistics (undergraduate lecture): Introduced students to such topics as polling methodology, multivariate regression, experiments, and natural experiments.
- American Politics III: Institutions (graduate seminar): Course addressed institutional topics such as congressional committees, bureaucracy, the presidency, courts, interest groups, and state legislatures.
- Courts, Media, and Politics (undergraduate lecture): Upper division course addressing the politics of the Supreme Court and its media coverage. Supervised students' original research on landmark Court cases.

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

2015-2016

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

- Politics in Bureaucracies (undergraduate seminar): Upper division course addressing such topics as rulemaking, bureaucratic appointments, and judicial review of agency actions. Culminated in students conducting original research on a significant rule promulgated, and judicial and interest group responses to it.

SUMMMER LECTURER

Summer 2014

Columbia University, New York City, NY

- Law and Public Policy (undergraduate lecture): Upper division lecture on constitutional law, statutory law, administrative law, and direct democracy. Culminated in students applying statutory interpretation rules to analyzing a statute and analyzing how it might be interpreted and applied by other institutional actors.

RESEARCH / EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

2011-2014

Columbia University, New York City, NY

- Researched EEOC settlements in district courts for Sean Farhang, Michael Sobel, and Greg Wawro (2014).
- Research Assistant for Ira Katznelson's *Southern Nation* book, relying on Congressional Record (2012-13).
- Researched congressional and state primary elections from 19th century to present for Shigeo Hirano (2011-12)

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

2008-2012

- Research Assistant for Sean Farhang, contributing extensive data collection on statutory design (1887- 2008) for book project *How Congress Legislates for Litigation* (2010-12). Trained and helped supervise a team of research assistants in the reading and coding of significant legislation.
- Editorial Assistant for David Collier, providing assistance on *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards, 2nd ed.* and other research projects (2008-10).

University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy, Berkeley, CA 2009 – 2010

DEVELOPMENT AND EVENTS ASSISTANT

2009 – 2010

- Tracked gifts through university-wide database and drafted donor communications.
- 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.

PUBLIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ASSISTANT

2009

- Provided high-level administrative and programmatic support 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 graduate school fair, and other key program events.

FIELD ORGANIZER

2009

Friends of Terry McAuliffe, McLean, VA

- Recruited, trained, and managed volunteers across Fairfax County in gubernatorial primary election.
- Organized house meetings to build a grassroots network of activists and discuss candidate policies.
- Assisted with high-profile campaign events including the Virginia Jefferson Jackson Dinner.

PUBLIC POLICY INTERN

Fall 2008

People for the American Way, Washington, DC

- Conducted extensive 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 and state and local efforts at voter suppression.
- Updated comprehensive voting toolkits and voting Q&A for use on the ground in key states.

WRITER AND MEDIA COMMENTATOR

- *Book-length doctoral dissertation*: “When Do Agencies Have Agency? Bureaucratic Noncompliance and Dynamic Lawmaking in United States. Statutory Law, 1973-2010.”
- *Journal of Law, Economics & Organization* article, 2015. “Congressional Assertions of the Spending Power: Institutional Conflict and Regulatory Authority.”
- *American Journal of Political Science* article (with Sean Farhang), 2015. “Divided Government and the Fragmentation of American Law.”
- Policy briefs for Experiments in Governance and Politics (EGAP) project at Columbia University.
- *The Guardian* Op-Ed, Nov. 30, 2016 “Good Luck Getting Health Care in Donald Trump’s America.”
- Guest, Arnie on the Air radio show, WNHN 94.7, on Tom Price nomination. December 13, 2016
- *The Conversation*, Jan. 20, 2017 article “Tom Price, Author of Long Proposal to Replace Obamacare, Short on Specifics in Hearing.”
- *Washington Post Monkey Cage* Op-Ed, March 27, 2017. “States with More Planned Parenthood Clinics Have Fewer Teen Births and STD’s.”
- *New York Times* Op-Ed, June 9, 2017 “The Republicans’ Secretive Health Care Plan.”
- TV Guest, France 24: The Debate, Trump Administration’s regulatory reforms. July 19, 2017
- *Public Seminar* Op-Ed, Aug. 5, 2017 “What’s Next in Health Care Debate?”
- TV Guest, France 24: The Debate, President Trump’s State of the Union Address. Jan. 31, 2018

EDUCATION

- **Columbia University**, Ph.D. in Political Science, 2015.
- **University of California, Berkeley**, B.A. with honors in Political Science (G.P.A. 3.89), 2009.

SKILLS

- Teaching • Writing • Blogging and Social Media • Research Methods • Policy Research • Data Collection & Statistical Analysis Software: Stata, R, SAS • Microsoft Office • Database/Research Software: Vote Activation Network (VAN), PACER, LexisNexis, Westlaw, CQ • LaTeX • Moveable Type • Filemaker Pro • Stand-up Comedy