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Academic Appointments

University of North Texas

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2023-

Louisiana State University

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2021-2023

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2021

B.A., Political Science, American University, 2016

Research

Journal Articles

2025. "District Size and Proximity to the Pork Barrel in Congressional Elections." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 50 (4): e70039 (with Lanie Richards)

2025. "Traceability and Mass Policy Feedback Effects." *American Political Science Review* 119 (2): 778-793

2025. "Inequality in the Classroom: Electoral Incentives and the Distribution of Local Education Spending." *Journal of Politics* 87 (2): 527-543

2024. "Gender, Issue Stereotypes, and the Electoral Returns to Distributive Politics in the United States." *Politics & Gender* 20 (4): 858-878 (with Nichole M. Bauer)

2024. "Macropartisanship Revisited." *Perspectives on Politics* 22 (3): 599-608 (with Donald P. Green and Michael G. Miller)

2024. "Unequal Responsiveness in City Service Delivery: Evidence from 42 Million 311 Calls." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 19 (3): 243-274 (with Derek E. Holliday)

2024. "Why Making Voting Easier Isn't Enough: Early Voting, Campaigns, and Voter Turnout." *American Politics Research* 52 (4): 343-354 (with Jan Leighley and Robert M. Stein)

2023. "Can Government Investment in Food Pantries Decrease Food Insecurity?" *Food Policy* 121: 102541 (with Moriah Harman)

2022. "Black Workers in White Places: Daytime Racial Diversity and White Public Opinion." *Journal of Politics* 84 (3): 1828-1833 (with Bryan Wilcox-Archuleta)

2020. "Corruption, Party Leaders, and Candidate Selection: Evidence from Italy." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 45 (2): 291-395 (with Raffaele Asquer and Miriam A. Golden)

★ Winner of the Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best Comparative Politics article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2020

2020. "Fit for the Job: Candidate Qualifications and Vote Choice in Low Information Elections." *Political Behavior* 42 (1): 59-82 (with Lonna Rae Atkeson)

2020. "Who Donates to Party Switchers?" *American Politics Research* 48 (2): 295-307 (with Antoine Yoshinaka)

2019. "How Voters Punish and Donors Protect Legislators Embroiled in Scandal." *Political Research Quarterly* 72 (1): 117-131 (with Michael G. Miller)

2018. "Gerrymandering Incumbency: Does Nonpartisan Redistricting Increase Electoral Competition?" *Journal of Politics* 80 (3): 1011-1016 (with John A. Henderson and Aaron M. Goldzimer)

2017. "Are Voters Mobilized by a 'Friend-and-Neighbor' on the Ballot? Evidence from a Field Experiment." *Political Behavior* 39 (4): 865-882 (with Costas Panagopoulos and Jan E. Leighley)

Working Papers

"Beyond Relief: The Lasting Legacy of New Deal Spending on the Geography of Government" (with Michael E. Shepherd). Revised and Resubmitted, *Journal of Politics*

Projects in Progress

"Polity Size and Representation"

"Federal Grants and Local State Capacity"

"State Preemption Laws and Local Democracy" (with Tyler Simko)

"Public Opinion and LGBTQ+ Policy" (with Michael V. Elwell)

“Public Policy and Trust in Government” (with Michael V. Elwell)

“Place Attachment and Electoral Accountability” (with Ryan Baxter-King and Moriah Harman)

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Excellence in Research Award, UNT Department of Political Science, 2025

Junior Faculty Summer Research Support Award, UNT, 2023

Manship Summer Research Fellowship, LSU, 2022

Jewell-Loewenberg Award, APSA Legislative Studies Section, 2021

Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA, 2020-2021

Graduate Research Mentorship Program, UCLA, 2019-2020

New Initiatives in Election Science Grant, MIT Election Science and Data Lab, \$10,000, 2017-2019 (with Jan Leighley and Robert Stein)

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2016-2019

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association: 2016-2019 and 2022-2024

Midwest Political Science Association: 2015, 2017-2019, and 2022-2025

Southern Political Science Association: 2016, 2023, and 2026

Society for Political Methodology: 2016 (poster)

State Politics and Policy: 2022

Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration: 2018

Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop: 2017

Invited Talks

University of North Texas, 2023

CUNY-Baruch College, 2023

Columbia University, 2022 (cancelled)

Florida State University, 2022 (x2)

Louisiana State University, 2021

University of Utah, 2021

Stanford University, 2021

European University Institute, 2020

Teaching

University of North Texas

U.S. Political Behavior and Policy (U)

The Legislative Process (U)

Urban Politics (U)

Voting Rights and Election Law (U)

Causal Inference (G)

Louisiana State University

American Government (U)

Urban Politics and Public Policy (U)

The Legislative Process (U)

Ph.D. Advising and Placement

University of North Texas

Ahmed Hamza

Michael Elwell

Lanie Richards

Louisiana State University

Sean Whyard (2025; Visiting Assistant Professor, Western Carolina University)

Moriah Harman (2023; Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University)

Academic Service

Hahn-Sigelman Best Article Prize Committee, *American Politics Research*, 2025

Susan Clarke Young Scholar Award Committee, APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2025

Chair, Best Dissertation Award Committee, APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2024

Executive Council, APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2023-2025

Co-Chair, Jewell-Loewenberg Award Committee, APSA Legislative Studies Section, 2022

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science* (x4), *American Political Science Review* (x3), *American Politics Research* (x4), *Election Law Journal* (x4), *Electoral Studies* (x4), *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion and Parties* (x2), *Journal of Politics* (x6), *Party Politics* (x2), *Policy Studies Journal*, *Political Behavior* (x6), *Political Communication*, *Political Geography*, *Political Research Quarterly* (x6), *Politics & Gender*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Public Choice*, *Social Science Quarterly* (x2), *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *Urban Affairs Review*

Panel Chair or Discussant at APSA (2017-2019, 2022-2024), MPSA (2017, 2019, 2022-2025), Ole Miss American Politics Conference (2025), and JAWS (2025)

University of North Texas

Department

Professionalization Seminars Committee, 2025-2026

Legal Studies Lecturer Search Committee, 2025

Executive Committee, 2024-2025

Library Committee, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 (chair)

Workbook Committee, 2023-2024

Computing Committee, 2023-2024 and 2025-2026 (chair)

Election Judge, 2023-2024

Louisiana State University

Department

Assistant to the Chair Search Committee, 2023

Advisory Committee, 2022-2023

Chair, Research Committee, 2022-2023

Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2021-2022