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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The University of Texas at Austin

Professor

2023-Present

Associate Professor

2013-2023

Assistant Professor

2007-2013

EDUCATION

Stanford University

PhD, Political Science (2007)

The University of Texas at Austin

BS, Mathematics (2002)

BA, Government (2002)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics, Ideology, Voting Behavior, Congressional and Judicial Politics, Latent Traits Modeling

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

A Liberal Education: The Social and Political Impact of the Modern University. (with Brendan Apfeld, Emanuel Coman and John Gerring). 2024. Cambridge University Press.

Ideology and Spatial Voting in American Elections. Cambridge University Press. 2012.

PUBLICATIONS: PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Generalizing Toward Nonrespondents: Effect Estimates in Survey Experiments are Broadly Similar for Eager and Reluctant Participants.” (with Philip Moniz, Rodrigo Ramirez-Perez, and Erin Hartman) *Political Analysis*. Conditionally Accepted Pending Replication.

“Asking About Complex Policies.” (with Neil Malhotra and Maya Sen) *Public Opinion Quarterly*. Forthcoming.

“Effects of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling to restrict abortion rights.” (with Chelsey Clark, Elizabeth Levy Paluck, Sean Westwood, Maya Sen and Neil Malhotra). *Nature Human Behavior*. Forthcoming.

“Higher Education and Cultural Liberalism.” (with Brendan Apfeld, Emanuel Coman and John Gerring). *Journal of Politics*. 2023. 85(1): 34-48.

“The Impact of University Attendance on Partisanship.” (with Brendan Apfeld, Emanuel Coman and John Gerring). *Political Science Research and Methods*. Forthcoming.

“Moderator Placement in Survey Experiments: Racial Resentment and the ‘Welfare’ vs. ‘Assistance to the Poor’ Question Wording Experiment,” (with Bethany Albertson). *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. Forthcoming.

“Education and Social Capital.” (with Brendan Apfeld, Emanuel Coman and John Gerring). *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 2022. 9(2): 162-188.
[Winner of the JEPS “Best Pre-Registered Report” for 2022]

“A decade-long longitudinal survey shows that the Supreme Court is now much more conservative than the public.” (with Neil Malhotra and Maya Sen) *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 2022, 119(24).

“Estimating Individuals’ Political Perceptions While Adjusting for Differential Item Functioning.” *Political Analysis*. 2021, 29(1): 1-18.

“Demographic Moderation of Spatial Voting in Presidential Elections.” (with Lindsay Dun) *American Politics Research*. 2020, 48:750-762.

“Modeling Spending Preferences and Public Policy.” (with Alexander Branham) *Electoral Studies*. 2017, 49:155-172.

“‘Don’t Know’ Responses, Personality and the Measurement of Political Knowledge.” *Political Science Research and Methods*. 2017, 5(4):711-731.

“(How) Can We Estimate the Ideology of Citizens and Political Elites on the Same Scale?” *American Journal of Political Science*. 2016, 60(4):1108-1124.

“Ideological Proximity and Support for the Supreme Court.” (with Neil Malhotra) *Political Behavior*. 2014, 36:817-846.

“The Two Faces of Congressional Roll Call Voting.” (with Sean Theriault) *Party Politics*. 2014. 20(6):836-848.

“Public (Mis)Perceptions of Supreme Court Ideology: A Method for Directly Comparing Citizens and Justices.” (with Neil Malhotra) *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 2013, 77(2):619-634.

“What Can We Learn About the Ideology of New Supreme Court Justices?” (with Alexander Tahk) *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 2011, 44(3): 524-529.

“Are Congressional Leaders Middlepersons or Extremists? Yes.” (with Neil Malhotra) *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 2010, XXXV(3): 361-392.

“Partisan Bias, Political Information and Spatial Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election,” *Journal of Politics*. 2010, 72(2):327-340.

“Voter Ideology and Candidate Positioning in the 2008 Presidential Election,” *American Politics Research*. 2010, 38(2):195-210.

“Spatial Voting in the 2004 Presidential Election,” *American Political Science Review*. 2009, 103(1):59-81.

RESEARCH
IN PROGRESS

“Generalizing Experimental Results to Non-Responders: Recruitment Intensity and Effect Estimates in Online Survey Experiments” (with Erin Hartman, Philip Moniz, and Rodrigo Ramirez). Research in Progress.

“Higher Education and Political Corruption,” (with John Gerring, Emanuel Coman and Brendan Apfeld) Working Paper.

PUBLICATIONS:
POPULAR
WRITING

“The Supreme Court said LGBT discrimination in the workplace should be illegal. Roughly 70% of Republicans agree.” (with Neil Malhotra and Maya Sen). Washington Post (The Monkey Cage). June 16, 2020.

“Kavanaugh will Move the Court to the Right of Even Most Republicans,” *The New York Times*. (Opinion) 2018.

“What is the Effect of Disclosing the Sponsors Behind Attack Ads?” *YouGov Today*. (Blog) 2010.

MISCELLANEOUS

SCOTUSpoll: The Supreme Court Public Opinion Project (with Neil Malhotra and Maya Sen). <https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/scotus-poll>

Conference on Ideal-Point Models (co-organized with Devin Caughey, Bret Hanlon, Alex Tahk, Chris Warshaw, and Teppei Yamamoto).
Thematic Methodology Meeting held May 1-2, 2015.

Supreme Court Ideology Project (with Alex Tahk). <http://sct.tahk.us/>

GRANTS AND
AWARDS

Reviewer of the Month (October, 2023). *Political Analysis*.

Best Pre-Registered Report Award (2022). *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

Littlefield Fellowship (2022-2024). University of Texas College of Liberal Arts.

Special Research Grant (2019-2020). The University of Texas Vice President for Research.

University of Texas Subvention Grant, President William C. Powers, Jr. October 2011.

Research Grant. “Testing Spatial Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election.” (Office of the Dean, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin), November 2008.

INVITED
TALKS

Stanford University Graduate School of Business “What are We Measuring When We Measure Ideology?” April, 2017.

Washington University, St. Louis “Don’t Know, Responses and the Measurement of Political Knowledge.” September, 2013.

University of California, San Diego “Issues in Common Scale Ideology Estimation.” April, 2013.

University of California, Davis “Ideology and Spatial Voting in American Elections.” May, 2011.

University of California, Los Angeles “Testing Spatial Voting Theory in the 2008 Presidential Election.” April, 2009.

Southern Methodist University, “Party and Policy in Presidential Voting.” October, 2007.

JOURNAL
REFEREE

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Congress and the Presidency, American Politics Research, PS: Political Science and Politics

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology