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Academic Position

Stanford University

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2023-current.

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ph.D., Political Science, 2023.

Fields: Quantitative Methods, American Politics

M.A., Political Science, 2019.

Rice University

B.A., Political Science, Policy Studies, and Statistics 2017.

Journal Publications

“Audits of the 2020 American election”

with Samuel Baltz

Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, 2025

“Trust in the Count: Improving Voter Confidence with Post-Election Audits”

with Joseph R. Loffredo

Public Opinion Quarterly, 2024

Conference Publications

“Using Information Retrieval and Deep Learning to Improve Survey Research Literature Review”

Political Methodology Association, 2025

“Party ID is Mutable: A Big Data Approach”

with Doug Rivers

Midwest Political Science Association, 2025

“Are multilingual Twitter users more likely to self-select into information ecosystems based on factors other than partisanship?”

with Alejandro Flores

Midwest Political Science Association, 2023

“How Accurate is Vote Tabulation? Using Trinomial Trees”

Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference, 2022

“Analyzing Time to Vote Using a 2-Phase Coxian Distribution”

Political Methodology Association, 2022

“Converting Voters to Mail with Email”

Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference, 2022

“Modeling Voting Service Times with Machine Logs”

with Charles Stewart III

Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference, 2018
“A Direct Test for Consistency of Random Effects Models that Outperforms
the Hausman Test”
with Justin Esaray
Methods Meeting at the University of Houston, 2017

Selective Awards and Fellowships

Kaufman Teaching Certificate, MIT
Teaching + Learning Lab, 2022

Walter A. Rosenblith Presidential Graduate Fellow
MIT Presidential Fellowship, 2017

Best Undergraduate Research Award
Rice University, 2015

Professional Experience

Expert Witness Research and Support
Analyzed mail ballot use on Arizona American Indian Reservation, 2019 - 2020.
With Stephen Ansolabehere

Expert Witness Research and Support
Analyzed mail ballot fraud in NC-9 congressional race, 2018.

Researcher, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division
United States Department of Justice, 2016

Teaching

Political Science, MIT
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Political Science, 2019
(Professor: Devin Caughey)

Teaching Assistant, American Elections, 2020
(Professor: Charles Stewart III)

Political Science, Columbia University and Barnard College
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics, 2021
(Professor: Michael Miller)

Teaching Assistant, Reforming American Elections, 2021
(Professor: Michael Miller)

Teaching Assistant, Empirical Research Methods in Political Science, 2021
(Professor: Michael Miller)

Programming

Python, R, Rust, ArcGIS, Visual Basic, Java, Javascript, \LaTeX , html, css