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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Princeton University — 2017
Politics and Social Policy

M.A., Princeton University — 2014
Politics

B.A., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill — 2012
Political Science (highest honors) and Economics (highest distinction)
Mathematical Decision Sciences (minor)
Phi Beta Kappa

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill — July 2020 - present
Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor, University of Rochester — July 2017 - June 2020
Department of Political Science

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Academic Advisory Board, Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy — 2023 - present

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Lawmaking — 2020 - present

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Ghostwriting Legislation: How the Unelected Write State Policy
(In production with Cambridge University Press)

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

"Policymaking Institutions and Majority Party Power in the U.S. States." with Andrew Ballard and James Curry. 2025. *Legislative Studies Quarterly.*

"Legislative Capacity and Group Involvement." with Alex Garlick and Paige Pellaton. 2024. *Legislative Studies Quarterly.*

"Motivated Corporate Political Action: Using an SEC Experiment." with Maria Silfa. 2023. *The Journal of Politics.*

"Model Bills, State Imitation, and the Political Safeguards of Federalism." with Timothy Callaghan and Andrew Karch. 2022. *Legislative Studies Quarterly.*
    APSA's Deil S. Wright Best Paper Award, 2020

"Democracy by Deterrence: Strategic Self-Entrenchment in U.S. Elections." with Gretchen Helmke and Jack Paine. 2022. *American Journal of Political Science.* Pp. 434-450.

"Groups as Lawmakers: Group-Sponsored Bills in the California State Legislature." 2022. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly.*

"Model State Legislation and Intergovernmental Tensions over the Affordable Care Act, Common Core, and the Second Amendment." with Timothy Callaghan and Andrew Karch. 2020. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism.*

"Bureaucrats as Lawmakers." 2020. *Legislative Studies Quarterly.*

> **APSA Legislative Studies Section's Jewell-Loewenberg Prize in Subnational Politics, 2023**
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> **State Politics and Policy Quarterly Best Paper Award, 2019**
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> **MPSA's Kenneth J. Meier Award for 2018**
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> **MPSA's Evan Ringquist Award for 2018**

"Companion Bill Introductions as Signaling Devices: The Logic of Cross-Chamber Collaboration." with Justin Kirkland. 2017. *American Politics Research.*

"Large-scale Text Processing Pipeline with Apache Spark." with Alexey Svyatkovskiy, Kosuke Imai, and Yuki Shiraito. 2016. *IEEE International Conference on Big Data*, Washington, DC, pp. 3928-3935.

BOOK PROJECT	*Modern Federalism: How States Navigate and Shape Federal Directives.* with Maria Silfa. *In progress.*
WORKING PAPERS	"Effective Lawmaking Behind the Scenes." with Erinn Lauterbach, Kelsey Shoub, Craig Volden, and Alan Wiseman. *Submitted.*

"Partisan Commenting: Evidence from State and Local Government Involvement in Rulemaking." with Maria Silfa. *Submitted.*

"Bill Change in State Legislatures: Implications for Majority Party Power."
> **State Politics and Policy Quarterly Best Paper Award, 2018**

"Gendered Bill Change."

"Gender Differences in Bill Drafting: An Examination of State Legislative Bills." with Tessa Provins.

HONORS AND AWARDS	APSA Legislative Studies Section's Jewell-Loewenberg Prize in Subnational Politics, 2023 APSA's Deil S. Wright Best Paper Award, 2020 State Politics and Policy Quarterly Best Paper Award, 2019 MPSA's Kenneth J. Meier Award for 2018 MPSA's Evan Ringquist Award for 2018 State Politics and Policy Quarterly Best Paper Award, 2018 George Kateb Teaching Award for Best Preceptor in Princeton Politics Department, 2016
INVITED TALKS/ CONFERENCES	**2025**: Department of Political Science at Pennsylvania State University (October 2025) **2023**: University of Virginia Political Science & Batten School Faculty Speaker Series (March 2023) **2022**: University of Chicago, Harris Political Economy Seminar (November 2022) **2021**: Duke University Political Science speaker series (October 2021) **2020**: Vanderbilt Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (February 2020), Yale American Politics and Policy Workshop (September 2020) **2019**: Columbia University (February 2019), Texas A&M Conference on the Political Economic Implications of Legislative Institutions (February 2019), Conference on Institutions and Lawmaking at Emory University (*discussant* March 2019), Harvard University (March 2019), Notre Dame Rooney Center (April 2019), CSAP Annual American Politics Conference at Yale University (*discussant* June 2019), Emory-Duke-Rochester Political Economy Graduate Research Conference (*discussant* June 2019) **2018**: University of Southern California (February 2018), Conference on Institutions and Lawmaking at Emory University (February 2018), CSAP Annual American Politics Conference at Yale

University (*discussant* June 2018), Emory-Duke-Rochester Political Economy Graduate Research Conference (*discussant* July 2018)

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PRESENTATIONS</td><td>2024: Midwest Political Science Association Conference
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2020: American Political Science Association Conference
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TEACHING

University of North Carolina:

    Fall 2025: Graduate Core Institutions (2 students)

    Spring 2025: State Politics: Laboratories of Democracy (35 students); Graduate State Politics (6 students)

    Fall 2024: *Parental leave*

    Spring 2024: Bureaucratic Politics (46 students); State Politics: Laboratories of Democracy (30 students)

    Fall 2023: Honors Bureaucratic Politics (23 students); State Politics: Laboratories of Democracy (28 students)

    Spring 2023: Graduate State Politics (5 students)

    Fall 2022: Bureaucratic Politics (30 students); State Politics: Laboratories of Democracy (28 students)

    Spring 2022: *Parental leave*

    Fall 2021: *Research leave*

    Spring 2021: State Politics: Laboratories of Democracy (28 students)

    Fall 2020: Bureaucratic Politics (two sections; 29 students and 9 students)

University of Rochester: Introduction to American Politics (fall 2017, fall 2018), Policy Making in the United States (spring 2018, spring 2019), American Field Seminar (spring 2018, graduate), Bureaucratic Politics (spring 2019, graduate)

Princeton University: American Politics (Preceptor 2016), Policy Making in America (Preceptor 2015), Visualizing Data (Tutor 2015), Quantitative Analysis and Politics (Preceptor 2014)

ADVISING	Maria Silfa, University of Rochester (2022 PhD); PhD Dissertation Committee Member
	Michael Greenberger (2023 PhD), UNC; PhD Dissertation Committee Member
	Isaac Mehlhaff (2023 PhD), UNC; PhD Dissertation Committee Member
	Emily Cottle Ommundsen(2024 PhD), UNC; PhD Dissertation Committee Member
	Alexander Love (2025 PhD), UNC; PhD Dissertation Committee Member
	Allen Wilson (in progress), UNC; MA Committee Member
	Connor Knowles Choate (in progress), UNC; MA Committee Chair
	Megan Rickman Blackwood (in progress), UNC; MA Committee Member
	Elizabeth Seagroves, UNC; MA Committee Member
	Katherine Graham McCormick (in progress), UNC; MA Committee Member
	Mark Vicik (in progress), UNC; MA Committee Chair
GRANTS	National Science Foundation Collaborative Research Grant, (RAISE- 1937033), The Federalism Data and Advanced Statistical Hub. Co-PI with Jason Windett, Jeffrey Harden, Nathaniel Birkhead, Justin Kirkland, Samira Shaikh, Isaac Cho, Stephanie Moller, Gordon Hull, and Audrey Joslin, 2019-2020 ($1,000,000)
	University of Rochester Wallis Institute Program in Empirical Policy Research Grant, 2019 ($2,000)
	Tom Carsey Award for travel to the State Politics and Policy Conference, 2017 ($300)
DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE	UNC Political Science Long-Range Planning Committee (2022-2023)
	UNC International Politics Search Committee (2022)
	Rochester American Politics Search Committee (2017, 2018)
	Rochester Riker Seminar Speaker Series (2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020)
SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE	State Politics and Policy Section Career Achievement Award Committee (2023-2024)
	MPSA Section Chair Bureaucratic Politics (2023-2024)
	State Politics and Policy Quarterly Editorial Board (2020-2023)
	State Politics and Policy Best Paper Award Selection Committee (2020)
REFEREE SERVICE	*American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Journal of Public Policy, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, American Political Science Review*

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