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EMPLOYMENT **Boston University**  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2023 - Present

**Princeton University**  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, 2022 - 2023

EDUCATION **Harvard University**  
Ph.D, Government and Social Policy, 2022  
M.A., Government, 2022

**London School of Economics**  
M.S., Urban Studies, 2013

**Emory University**  
B.A., Political Science, 2012

- PUBLICATIONS
8. [“Measuring and Modeling Neighborhoods.”](#) Forthcoming. (with Cory McCartan and Kosuke Imai). *American Political Science Review*.
  7. [“The Obama Effect? Race, First-time Voting, and Future Participation.”](#) 2023. *Political Science Research and Methods*.
  6. [“How Local Partisan Context Conditions Pro-social Behaviors: Mask-Wearing During COVID-19.”](#) 2022. (with Ryan Baxter-King, Ryan Enos, and Lynn Vavrek). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
  5. [“Locked Out of College: When College Admissions Bureaucrats Do and Do Not Discriminate.”](#) 2022. (with Hanno Hilbig). *British Journal of Political Science*.
  4. [“Resisting Broken Windows: The Effect of Neighborhood Disorder on Political Behavior.”](#) 2022. (with Michael Zoorob). *Political Behavior*.
  3. [“Childhood Cross-ethnic Exposure Predicts Political Behavior Seven Decades Later.”](#) 2021. (with Ryan Enos, James Feigenbaum, and Soumyajit Mazumder). *Science Advances*.

2. [“The Measurement of Partisan Sorting for 180 Million Voters.”](#) 2021. (with Ryan Enos). Nature Human Behaviour.
1. [“Weakening Strong Black Political Empowerment: Implications from Atlanta’s 2009 Mayoral Election.”](#) 2016. (with Michael Leo Owens). Journal of Urban Affairs.
  - Best conference paper, Urban Affairs Association, 2013.

WORKING PAPERS [“Partisan Conversion Through Neighborhood Influence: How Voters Adopt the Partisanship of their Neighbors.”](#) Conditionally Accepted. Journal of Politics.

[“The Effect of Childhood Environment on Political Behavior: Evidence from Young U.S. Movers, 1992-2021.”](#) (with Enrico Cantoni, Sahil Chinoy, Martin Koenen, and Vincent Pons).

[“The Extent and Causes of Increasing Partisan Residential Segregation in the United States.”](#) (with Enrico Cantoni, Ryan Enos, Vincent Pons, and Emilie Sartre).

[“Priming Bias Versus Post-Treatment Bias in Experimental Designs.”](#) (with Matthew Blackwell, Sophie Hill, Kosuke Imai, and Teppei Yamamoto).

[“Partisan Segregation and Partisan Activation: How Geographic Polarization Increases Political Engagement.”](#)

OTHER WRITING [“Do You Live in a Political Bubble?”](#) (with Gus Wezerek and Ryan Enos). New York Times.

[“A Prescription for Change: Voter Registration in Emergency Rooms”](#) (with Alister Martin). Harvard Kennedy School Review.

SOFTWARE DirectEffects: Estimating Controlled Direct Effects for Explaining Causal Findings. (with Matthew Blackwell, Avidit Acharya, Maya Sen, and Shiro Kuriwaki).

GRANTS 2020. Cisco Research Center (with Soubhik Barari, Bryce Dietrich, Ryan Enos and Melissa Sands), \$52,278.24.  
 2018. Inequality in America Competitive Research Fund (with Ryan Enos and Soumyajit Mazumder), Harvard University, \$50,000.  
 2018. James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Fellowship in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Harvard University, \$5,000.  
 2018. Interfaculty Initiative on Medications and Society (with Michael Zoorob), Harvard University, \$1,067.  
 2018. Center for American Politics, Harvard University, \$1,000.  
 2018. Harvard Experiments Working Group (With Hanno Hilbig), \$900.  
 2017. Russell Sage Foundation, Intergenerational Mobility in the United States (with Ryan Enos and Soumyajit Mazumder), \$18,450.  
 2017. Center for American Politics (with Hanno Hilbig), Harvard University, \$1,000.

HONORS &  
AWARDS

2022. Robert Noxon Toppan prize, Harvard University Department of Government.  
Departmental prize for best dissertation.  
2021-2022. Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University.  
2020-2021. Fellowship on the Study of the American Republic, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University.  
2019. Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University.  
2018-2022. James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Fellow in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University.  
2016-2022. Presidential Scholar, Harvard University Graduate School for Arts and Sciences.  
2012. Elliot Levitas Award, Emory University.  
Awarded to top graduating senior majoring in political science.  
2012. Howard Penniman Scholarship for Graduate Study, Pi Sigma Alpha.  
2012. Center for Law and Social Science Undergraduate Fellow, Emory University.

INVITED TALKS

**Harvard University**, Center for American Political Studies Seminar, 2023.  
**Princeton University**, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Colloquim, 2023.  
**UMASS Amherst**, Polarization Emerging Scholars Research Series, 2022.  
**UCLA**, David Sears Research Group, 2021.

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

**University of Toronto**, Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop, 2019, 2022.  
**Midwest Political Science Association**, Annual Meeting, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023.  
**American Political Science Association**, Annual Meeting, 2018, 2021, 2023.  
**American Association of Geographers**, Annual Meeting, 2021.  
**Society for Political Methodology**, Annual Meeting, 2020, 2023.  
**International Society of Political Psychology**, Annual Meeting, 2019.  
**NYU-CESS**, Experimental Political Science Conference, 2019.  
**Brown University ICERM**, Data Science in Low-dimensional Spaces, 2019.  
**Russell Sage Foundation**, Intergenerational Mobility in the United States: Mechanisms and Policy Impacts, 2018.  
**Urban Affairs Association**, Annual Meeting, 2012, 2014.

TEACHING

**Boston University**

PO 502 - Political Analysis, Spring 2024.

PO 505 - The Causes and Consequences of Political Segregation in the United States, Fall 2023.

**Harvard University**

Government 97: Sophomore Tutorial - The Causes and Consequences of Rising Partisan Segregation in the United States, Spring 2021.

Government 50: Introduction to Political Science Research Methods, Spring 2020.

Government 2000: Introduction to Quantitative Methods I, Fall 2018-2019.

Government 61: Research Practice in Quantitative Methods, Spring 2019.

Government 1005: Data, Spring 2019.

SERVICE

Boston University Research in American Politics Workshop Co-Organizer, 2023-2024.

Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference Co-Organizer, 2019-2021.

American Politics Research Workshop Co-Organizer, 2018-2019.

Harvard Experiments Working Group Co-Organizer, 2018-2021.

**Reviewer for:** American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Political Behavior, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Urban Affairs Review, Nature Human Behaviour, Nature Communication, Nature Scientific Reports, Nature Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Journal of Public Economics, Social Forces, Oxford University Press