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Employment

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2017-Current

Education

Duke University

Ph.D Political Science, 2017

Dissertation: *Using Ideas as my Maps: Tracing the Flow of Ideas Through the Legislative Process*

Committee: Mathew McCubbins (Co-Chair), John Aldrich (Co-Chair), David Rohde, Michael Munger, and Justin Grimmer

MA Political Science, 2014

The University of Chicago

BA Political Science, 2012

Research Interests

American Politics, Congressional Politics, Text-as-Data, Political Ideology, Machine Learning, Causal Inference

Publications

- “Does the Gift Keep on Giving? House Leadership PAC Donations Before and After Majority Status” with John Aldrich, Andrew Ballard, and David Rohde *Forthcoming, Journal of Politics*

Papers Under Review/Working Papers

- “Getting the Message Across: Evaluating Think Tank Influence in Congress” (Invited to Revise and Resubmit at *Public Choice*)
- “Mapping Agendas: Applying Text Analysis to Congressional Rhetoric” with Andrew Ballard and Shahryar Minhas (Under Review)
- “Using Ideas as my Maps: Tracing the Flow of Ideas from Hearings to Legislation” (Under Review)
- “Influence of Institutions on Behavior: an Inverse Propensity Weighting Approach to Overcome for Selection Bias” with John Aldrich, Victoria Dounoucos and Haohan Chen
- “Contemporary Dynamics among Industrialized and Developing Countries: Textual Analysis Using Machine-Learning” with Tana Johnson

Works In Progress

- Congressional Influence and Oversight of FTC Actions with Tim Buthe
- Using Machine Learning Models to Predict Congressional Delegations of Authority to Administrative Agencies with Mathew D. McCubbins, Greg Spell and Xuejun Liao
- Estimating an Ideal Point Topic Model for Justices using Votes and Text with Mathew D. McCubbins, Kristen Renberg, Greg Spell and Xuejun Liao
- Creating a Topic Network of Citation for the Courts with Mathew D. McCubbins, Kristen Renberg, and Stuart Benjamin

Non-Academic Publications

- Lerner, Josh "Spin Class: A Review of Left Turn by Timothy Groseclose" *Commentary*, November 2011
- Lerner, Josh and Jeremy Rozansky "The Political Science of James Q. Wilson" *The New Atlantis*, Number 35, Spring 2012, pp. 84-98.

Honors and Awards

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention (2013)
- Program in the Study of Democracy, Institutions, and Political Economy (DIPE) Research Grant (2013) [\$1500]
- Political Institutions and Public Choice (PIPC) Summer Fellowship (2013-2016) [\$1000]
- Duke University Graduate Summer Research Fellowship (2014-2016) [\$5400]
- Dissertation Support Award (2015) [\$5000]

Conference Presentations

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014-2016)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014-2016)
- Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting (2016)
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Meeting (2016)
- Northwestern-Duke Causal Inference Workshop (2016)

Teaching Experience

- Teaching Assistant: POL130 Introduction to Political Inquiry (2014)
- Teaching Assistant: POL201 Public Opinion (2015)
- Teaching Assistant: POL709S Seminar in Behavior and Identities (2015)
- Teaching Assistant: POL899 Research Design and Causal Inference (2016)
- Instructor: "Introduction to R" and "Using R for Causal Inference" at Northwestern-Duke Causal Inference Workshop (2016)