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Appointment

Vanderbilt University

July 2026 -

University of Virginia

July 2025 - June 2026

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for Effective Lawmaking

Education

The University of Chicago, Ph.D. in Public Policy

2025

The University of Chicago, M.A. in Public Policy

2022

California Institute of Technology, M.Sc. in Social Science

2018

Rice University, B.A. in Economics, B.A. in Mathematics

2015

Research Interest

American politics, state and local politics, democratic institutions, political economy, legislative politics, electoral competition, democratic accountability, media politics

Publication

An Information-Based Explanation for Partisan Media Sorting (with Anthony Fowler), *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 2022

Winner of Ostrom Award given to the best article published in the journal within the previous two calendar years (2021, 2022) from the Formal Theory Section of the American Political Science Association

Working Paper

Lame Duck by Primary: Effects of Electoral Incentives on U.S. House Representatives (Job Market Paper) *R&R, Quarterly Journal of Political Science*

Winner of Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award from the Political Organizations and Parties Section of the American Political Science Association

Reaching the Unreached: Radio, Voting, and Representation in Interwar America *Under Review, American Political Science Review*

The Rigidity of Legislative Positions: Incumbents Do Not Respond to Extreme Challengers
Strategic Media Bias

Does the Electoral College Foster Polarization? Turnout and Opposition Demobilization Submitted

Television and the Majority-Party Premium in Postwar Congress

Seeing Your Representative: Which Accountability Channels Does Local Television Activate?

Inside the Majority Advantage: Chamber Cartel Power and Cross-Branch Coordination in U.S. State Legislatures

When Does Presidential Alignment Buy Federal Grants? Earmark Bans and Executive Discretion

PACs Follow the Winner: Access-Seeking Across the Donor Spectrum in U.S. House Campaign Contributions

Prices Without Rents: What an Election Delivers (and Doesn't) to Donor Firms

Selected Research in Progress

Newspapers and Legislative Effectiveness in the U.S. House (with Craig Volden and Alan Wiseman)

Empowered Freshmen, Disengaged Lame Ducks: The Offsetting Effects of Term Limits on Legislative Effectiveness (with Craig Volden and Alan Wiseman)

Disaster Types, Public Opinion, and Congressional Attention to Climate

Selected Teaching Experiences

Instructor at the University of Virginia

Politics of Public Policy 2026

Instructor at the University of Chicago

Mathematical Methods in Social Science 2022, 2021

Teaching Assistant at the University of Chicago

Statistics for Data Analysis II: Regressions Winter, 2025

Data and Programming for Public Policy Spring, 2024

Game Theory (Ph.D.) Fall, 2023, 2022, 2021

Applied Econometrics Fall, 2023

Microeconomics (Ph.D.), Professor Scott Ashworth Winter, 2022

Formal Models of Domestic Politics, Professor Scott Gehlbach Winter, 2021

Political Economy 1, 2 (Ph.D.) 2019

Microeconomics for Public Policy Spring, 2019

Conferences and Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025, 2024, 2023
American Politics Workshop, University of Chicago Department of Political Science, 2024, 2023,
2021
Political Economy Lunch, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, October 2024,
April 2024
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, July 2024
American Politics Conference, University of Chicago Center for Effective Government, June 2024
Junior Americanist Workshop Series (JAWS), April 2024
Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Annual Conference, March 2024
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2024
Science Talk, Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association Chicago, November 2023
Stigler Lunch Workshop, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, January 2023
Junior Scholar Symposium, Formal Theory Section of American Political Science Association,
October 2021

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award, Political Organizations and Parties Section of American Political Science Association	2024
Korean Honor Scholarship, The Embassy of The Republic of Korea	2024
The Woowahan Vendors' Children Scholarship, Funded by the founder of Woowa Brothers in South Korea	2024
Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association Graduate Scholarship	2024
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association	2024
Travel Funding, University of Chicago Center for Effective Government	2024
Funding for Social Science Research Using Data, Underscore	2023
Grad Council Individual Stipend, University of Chicago Graduate Council	2023
Professional Development Fund, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy	2023
Ostrom Award, Formal Theory Section of American Political Science Association	2023
Stigler Center Dissertation Award, University of Chicago Booth School of Business	2022
Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy	2019 - 2025
Merit Scholarship, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy	2018 - 2019

Graduate Fellowship, California Institute of Technology	2016 - 2017
Ando Momofuku Award, Nissin Food Products Co., Ltd.	2011
Honorable Mention, Nomura Research Institute Policy Essay Contest	2011
Japanese Ministry of Education and Technology Scholarship	2011
Suzaki Foundation Scholarship	2009

Service

Referee: *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*

Discussant: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2024

Skills and Information

R, Stata, Python, SQL, PHP, JavaScript, HTML, L^AT_EX

Served 2 years of military service in the Republic of Korea Army

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