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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **University of Virginia**
Associate Professor, Department of Politics, 2022 - present
Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 2023-present
Senior Fellow, Miller Center for Public Affairs, 2022 - present
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, 2016 - 2022

University of Texas, Austin
Harrington Faculty Fellow, Department of Government, 2021-2022

New York University
Visiting Scholar, Department of Politics, Spring 2020

University of Chicago
Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, Fall 2019

EDUCATION **University of California, Berkeley**
Ph.D., Political Science, 2016
M.A., Economics, 2014
M.A., Political Science, 2010
B.A., Political Science, 2009

RESEARCH

BOOK *Constraining Dictatorship: From Personalized Rule to Institutionalized Regimes*
Cambridge University Press, 2020.
Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series.
Awards: 2021 APSA William H. Riker Prize for the best book on political economy published during the past three years, 2021 Best Book List by *Foreign Affairs*
Reviewed in: APSA *Democracy and Autocracy* section newsletter, *Democratization*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Governance*, *International Public Management Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *The Journal of Modern African Studies*
Coverage in: New Books Network podcast, Scope Conditions podcast, Ufahamu Africa podcast, UW Political Economy Forum podcast

ARTICLES

“Measuring Democratic Backsliding.” 2024. Lead article in a special issue of *PS: Political Science & Politics*. (with Andrew Little)

- Coverage in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Economist*, *Progress Network*, *Salon*, *Morgenbladet*, *Folha de S. Paulo*, *Estado*, *Positive News*, *Real Clear Science*, *Ufuhamu Africa* podcast, *Not Another Politics* podcast, *The Good Fight* podcast.
- “What We Do and Do Not Know about Democratic Backsliding.” 2024. (with Andrew Little) Response article in *PS* special issue.

“Authoritarian Power Sharing: Concepts, Mechanisms, and Strategies.” 2023. *Annual Review of Political Science*. (with Jack Paine and Robert Powell).

“Power Sharing and Authoritarian Stability: How Rebel Regimes Solve the Guardianship Dilemma.” 2022. *American Political Science Review* 116(4):1208 - 1225. (with Jack Paine).

“Democratic Subversion: Elite Cooptation and Opposition Fragmentation.” 2021. *American Political Science Review* 115(4): 1358-1372. (with Leonardo Arriola and Jed DeVaro).

“Winning the Game of Thrones: Leadership Succession in Modern Autocracies.” 2021. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(5): 950-981.

- 2021 Best Article Award, African Politics Conference Group Section of the American Political Science Association

“Ruling Parties in Authoritarian Regimes: Rethinking Institutional Strength.” 2021. *British Journal of Political Science* 51(2): 526-540.

“The Law and Politics of Presidential Term Limit Evasion.” 2020. *Columbia Law Review* 120(1): 1-77. (with Mila Versteeg, Tim Horley*, Mauricio Guim*, and Marilyn Guirguis*)

“Accessing the State: Executive Constraints and Credible Commitment in Dictatorship.” 2019. *The Journal of Theoretical Politics* 33(4): 568-599.

- 2016 Best Paper Award, Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association

“Gerrymandering Opposition: Minority-Concentrated Districts and Electoral Competition in Mexico.” 2017. *Studies in Comparative International Development* 52:64-86. (with Brian Palmer-Rubin)

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

“Violent Rebellion and Political Order.” (with Killian Clarke and Jack Paine)

“Quantitative Approaches.” (Chapter in forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of Authoritarian Politics*)

“Autocratization.” (with Jack Paine)

OTHER WRITING

Book review of *Spin Dictators: The Changing Face of Tyranny in the 21st Century* by Sergei Guriev and Daniel Treisman. 2022. *Perspectives on Politics* 20(4): 1500-1502.

*Denotes student co-author

“The Targaryens struggle with a ‘crown prince problem,’ like all authoritarians.” *Washington Post*, The Monkey Cage. August 28, 2022. (with Andrej Kokkonen, Jorgen Moller, and Anders Sundell).

“In Memoriam: Robert L. Powell.” *International Organization*. 2022. (with James Fearon, David Lake, and Jack Paine).

“*Democratisation* and dictatorship revisited.” Book review of *Shock to the System: Coups, Elections, and War on the Road to Democratization* by Michael K. Miller. 2022. *European Political Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41304-021-00359-1>

Author Exchange with Ken Opalo for *Constraining Dictatorship*. 2021. *Democracy and Autocracy*. 19(1): 16-22.

“The World Is Experiencing a New Form of Autocracy.” *The Atlantic*. March 1, 2020. (with Tim Horley and Mila Versteeg)

“A Case for Case Studies: A Multi-Method Strategy for Ecological Inference.” 2012. *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research* 10(2): 21-26. (with Brian Palmer-Rubin)

RESEARCH
GRANTS AND
AWARDS

University of Virginia Research Award, 2022

Best Article Award, African Politics Conference Group Section of the American Political Science Association, 2021

APSA William H. Riker Prize for the best book on political economy published during the past three years, 2021

Harrington Faculty Fellowship, UT Austin, 2021-2022

University of Virginia Democracy Initiative Lab, 2019-2022 (Co-PI with Todd Sechser, David Leblang, and Mila Versteeg, \$1,414,000)

University of Virginia Quantitative Collaborative Seed Grant, 2019 (\$10,000)

University of Virginia Summer Research Funding, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 (\$5,000)

Best Paper Award, Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association, 2016

Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, 2014-2015

John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, 2013-2014

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2012-2013

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), Summer 2012

UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies Summer Research Grant, 2011

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, 2010-2014

UC Berkeley Political Science Departmental Citation Recipient, 2009

INVITED TALKS

- IE University (Madrid), School of Political Science, Economics & Global Affairs, May 2024
- Princeton, Democratic “Frontsliding” Conference, April 2024
- University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative Workshop, March 2024
- Cornell, Research Frontiers on Democratic Threats and Resilience Conference, March 2024
- Yale, Comparative Politics Workshop, December 2023
- MIT, Comparative Politics Speaker Series, April 2023
- King’s College London, Comparative Politics Seminar, March 2023
- Columbia University, Political Economy of Democratic Backsliding conference, March 2023
- Georgetown University, Comparative Politics Seminar, February 2023
- UNC Chapel Hill, Public Policy Research Seminar, January 2023
- Vanderbilt University, Comparative Politics Workshop, December 2022
- Washington State University, Department of Political Science, November 2022
- University of Houston, Political Economy Seminar, April 2022
- US Navel Academy, Africa Forum, April 2022
- Columbia University, Comparative Politics and Political Economy (co-sponsored) Seminar, March 2022
- WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Institutions and Political Inequality Group, March 2022
- Texas A&M, Department of Political Science, February 2022
- UT Austin, Department of Government, January 2022
- University of Minnesota, Comparative Politics Colloquium, November 2021
- London School of Economics, African Political Economy Seminar, November 2021
- GIGA Institute(Hamburg), Research Program on Accountability and Participation, November 2021
- Boston University, Comparative Politics Workshop, October 2021
- Princeton University, Comparative Politics Speaker Series, October 2021
- Catholic University of Portugal (Lisbon), Political Science Department, June 2021
- University of Chicago, Graduate Game Theory Seminar, May 2021
- Gettysburg College, Comparative Politics Series, April 2021
- UC Berkeley, Comparative Politics Colloquium, March 2021
- Stanford, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, February 2021
- University of Rochester, Comparative Institutions Graduate Seminar, February 2021
- University of Pennsylvania, Comparative Politics Workshop, January 2021
- CIDE (Mexico City), Comparative Politics Seminar, November 2020
- University of Michigan, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, November 2020
- NYU Law School, Constitutional Interpretation Seminar, October 2020
- Penn State, Department of Political Science, October 2020
- ITAM (Mexico City), Comparative Politics Seminar, September 2020
- Columbia University, Political Economy Graduate Seminar, April 2020
- UT Austin, Comparative Politics Seminar, February 2020
- Stanford, Comparative Politics Seminar, January 2020
- Emory, Political Institutions and Methodology Colloquium, December 2019
- University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, November 2019
- College of William and Mary, Department of Political Science, November 2019
- University of Chicago, Comparative Politics Seminar, October 2019

- NYU, Comparative Politics Seminar, September 2019
- University of Michigan, Politics and Historical Legacies Mini-Conference, April 2019
- Washington University in St Louis, Comparative Politics Conference, April 2019
- University of Virginia Law School, Law and Economics Workshop, April 2019
- University of Gothenburg, V-Dem Institute, April 2019
- University of Rochester, Department of Political Science, February 2019
- University of Virginia, LLB Seminar in Global Politics, November 2018
- University of Michigan, Department of Political Science, October 2018
- Cornell, Symposium on Democratic Backsliding in Africa, April 2018
- Higher School of Economics (Moscow), Political Economy Group, September 2017
- University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics, March 2017
- University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative Workshop, November 2016
- University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, October 2016
- Ohio State University, Comparative Dimensions of Colonialism Workshop, May 2016
- University of Virginia, Department of Politics, November 2015

MANUSCRIPT
DISCUSSANT

- Discussant, Daniel Tavana Book Conference, Penn State, January 2024
- Chair, Author Meets Critic panel for Monika Nalepa, APSA 2023
- Discussant, Darin Self Book Conference, Brigham Young University, June 2023
- Chair and Discussant, Author Meets Critic panel for Masaaki Higashijima and Elvin Ong, APSA 2022
- Discussant, Scott Williamson Book Conference, George Washington University, December 2021
- Discussant, Adam Chilton and Mila Versteeg Book Conference, University of Virginia, January 2018

SELECT
CONFERENCE AND
WORKSHOP
PARTICIPATION

- APSA: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- MPSA: 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- SPSA: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2024
- African Politics Conference Group (APCG): 2020, 2021
- African Studies Association: 2016, 2018, 2022
- Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (VWAR): 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2024

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF
VIRGINIA

Graduate

- Comparative Politics Core seminar: Fall 2022, Fall 2023
- Authoritarian Regimes: Spring 2024
- Game Theory: Spring 2018, Spring 2021, Spring 2023
- Institutions in the Developing World: Spring 2017

Undergraduate

Democratic Erosion: Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Authoritarian Regimes: Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2020

Political Violence and Revolution: Fall 2016

UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA,
BERKELEY

Graduate

Math Camp (*Instructor*): Summer 2015

Math Camp (*Graduate Student Instructor for Robert Powell*): Summer 2014, Summer 2013

Undergraduate

Game Theory in the Social Sciences (*Graduate Student Instructor for Robert Powell*):
Fall 2012, Fall 2013

Awarded the Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2012-2013

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF
VIRGINIA

Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (2023-present)

Comparative Politics Subfield Co-chair (2022 - 2023)

International Relations Faculty Search Committee (2023)

American Politics Faculty Search Committee (2023)

Chair's Advisory Board (2018-2020, 2022 - present)

Graduate Admissions (2021, 2023)

Methods General Faculty Search Committee (2021)

Gender and Diversity Committee (2020-2021)

Digital Pedagogy Instructional Partner (Summer 2020)

Co-director, Lansing B. Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics (2016-2018)

Steering Committee member, Quantitative Collaborative (2016 - present)

DISCIPLINE

Chair, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section (2023-2025)

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science* (2023-present)

Editorial Board, *European Political Science Review* (2023-present)

NSF Accountable Institutions and Behavior Advisor Panel (Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section Emerging Scholars Workshop Discussant
(2022)

Riker Best Book Award Committee, APSA Political Economy Section (2022)
Best Article Award Committee Chair, APSA Formal Theory Section (2022)
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS) Program Committee (2022)
Co-founder and Vice President, APSA Formal Theory Section (2020-2021)
Co-founder and Co-organizer, Formal Theory Virtual Workshop (2020-2021)
Section Chair for Formal Modeling, MPSA Annual Meeting (2020)
Malcolm Jewell Award committee, SPSA (2019)
Secretary, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section (2018-2020)
Co-organizer of “Undemocratic Political Economy” mini-conference, Western Political Science Association Meeting (2018)
Best Paper Award Committee Chair, APSA Comparative Democratization Section (2017)
Reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Government and Opposition*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *National Science Foundation*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Oxford University Press*, *Party Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Choice*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, *The Journal of Politics*, *World Politics*