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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **University of Virginia**
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, 2016 -

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

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

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

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
Reviewed in: APSA *Democracy and Autocracy* section newsletter, *Foreign Affairs*, *Governance*, *Perspectives on Politics*
Featured in: Scope Conditions podcast, Ufahamu Africa podcast, UW Political Economy Forum podcast

ARTICLES “Democratic Subversion: Elite Cooptation and Opposition Fragmentation.” 2021. *American Political Science Review*. First View. DOI:10.1017/S0003055421000629. (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.

“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)

WORKING PAPERS “Power Sharing and Authoritarian Stability: Evidence from Rebel Regimes.” (with Jack Paine). Revise & Resubmit at the *American Political Science Review*.

“Autocratization.” (with Jack Paine) *In revision*.

WORK IN
PROGRESS

Autocratic Backsliding: The Politics of Executive Aggrandizement in Non-Democracies (book project). *Data collection stage*.

“Authoritarian Power Sharing: Concepts, Mechanisms, and Strategies” (commissioned by the *Annual Review of Political Science*, with Jack Paine and Robert Powell). *Draft in progress*.

“Highway Through the Danger Zone: Thresholds of Democratic Survival and Breakdown.” (with Benjamin Helms*, Jonathan Kropko, and David Leblang) *In revision*.

“Authoritarian Leaders, Defense Ministers and Inter-State Conflict.” (with Simonas Cepenas*) *Data analysis stage*.

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

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

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

*Denotes student co-author

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 (\$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

- University of Minnesota, Comparative Politics Colloquium, November 2021 (planned)
- London School of Economics, African Political Economy Seminar, November 2021 (planned)
- GIGA Institute(Hamburg), Research Program on Accountability and Participation, November 2021 (planned)
- Boston University, Comparative Politics Workshop, October 2021 (planned)
- Princeton University, Comparative Politics Speaker Series, October 2021 (planned)
- 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
CONFERENCE
DISCUSSANT

- Scott Williamson, George Washington University, December 2021 (planned)
- Adam Chilton and Mila Versteeg, University of Virginia, January 2018

CONFERENCE AND
WORKSHOP
PARTICIPATION

- APSA: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- MPSA: 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- SPSA: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- WPSA: 2018
- African Politics Conference Group (APCG): 2020, 2021
- African Studies Association: 2016, 2018
- Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics: 2018
- Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (VWAR): 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021
- D.C. Area Comparative Politics Workshop: 2017
- D.C. Area Economic History Workshop: 2017
- Visions in Methodology: 2015
- Conflict and Development Conference: 2016

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF
VIRGINIA

Graduate

- Game Theory: Spring 2018, Spring 2021
- Institutions in the Developing World: Spring 2017

Undergraduate

- Democratic Erosion: Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

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

Methods General Faculty Search Committee (2021)

Graduate Admissions (2020-2021)

Gender and Diversity Committee (2020-2021)

Digital Pedagogy Instructional Partner (Summer 2020)

Chair's Advisory Board (2018-2020)

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

Steering Committee member, Quantitative Collaborative (2016-)

DISCIPLINE

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 (formally known as the
Comparative Democratization 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*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Government and Opposition*, *International Organization*, *National Science Foundation*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Oxford University Press*, *Party Politics*, *Perspectives on*

Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Studies in Comparative International Development, The Journal of Modern African Studies, The Journal of Politics, World Politics