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Research Interests: Congress, Political Communication, Statistical Methods

Education

Stanford University	2022 – 2027 (expected)
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science	
Subfields: American Politics and Political Methodology	
Stanford University	2025 – 2026
M.S. in Statistics	
Georgetown University	2018 – 2022
B.S. in Foreign Service (with honors), <i>Cum Laude</i>	

Working Papers

- 3. Donor Networks and the Incentive to Defect in Congress.** *Under Review.* [\[link to paper\]](#)
Presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (Poster), 2025 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, and 2025 Stanford-Vienna Joint Conference on Polarization and Parties.
- 2. Does User Engagement Shape Congressional Candidates' Issue Agendas on Twitter?** (with Michael A. Bailey) *Revise and Resubmit* [\[link to paper\]](#)
Presented at the 2023 Western Political Science Association Meeting.
- 1. An Evaluation of Fraud Claims from the 2020 Trump Election Contests.** (with Justin Grimmer) [\[link to paper\]](#)
Coverage: [Not Another Politics Podcast](#), [Cato Institute](#)

Works in Progress

- 3. Phantom Pre-Trends Under Compositional Changes in Difference-in-Differences** (with Nico Studen)
Accepted to present at the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (Poster)
- 2. Does the Message Hurt the Messenger? Investigating the Decline in Public Trust in the News Media** (with Shanto Iyengar)
Accepted to present at the 2026 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
- 1. Reinforcement Learning: Do Politicians Optimize for Engagement on Twitter?**
Presented at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology [\[poster link\]](#) and the 2025 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2025
Stanford-Vienna Joint Conference on Polarization and Parties	2025
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (Poster)	2024, 2025
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2023
Georgetown Massive Data Institute Scholars Showcase	2021, 2022

Professional Membership and Service

American Political Science Association (APSA), <i>Member</i>	
Society for Political Methodology, <i>Member</i>	
APSA Panel on “Political Campaigns and Advertising”, <i>Chair and Discussant</i>	2025

Teaching

Stanford University, Teaching Assistant

American Politics and Policy: In Defense of Democracy	Spring 2026
Political Methodology II: Causal Inference (Graduate-Level)	Winter 2025
The American West	Spring 2025
Controversies in American Public Policy	Winter 2024
Political Methodology I: Regression (Graduate-Level)	Fall 2024

Awards and Fellowships

Hoover Institution Center for Revitalizing American Institutions Seed Grant (\$24,800)	2026
George P. Shultz Dissertation Fund (\$1,400)	2024
Fritz Family Fellowship: Georgetown Initiative on Tech & Society (Georgetown University)	2022
Massive Data Institute Scholar (Georgetown University)	2020–2022

Additional Research Experience

Research Assistant, Georgetown University: Massive Data Institute PI: Michael A. Bailey	2020 – 2022
Research Assistant, Georgetown University: Institute for the Study of Migration PI: Elizabeth Ferris	2020–2021
Research Assistant, Ohio State University: Department of Political Science PI: Brice Acree	2017–2018

Skills

Programming: R, \LaTeX

Languages: English (native), Chinese (working proficiency)