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Education

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (2012-present):

M.A., Political Science, 2013

Ph.D., Political Science, expected May 2020

Fields: American Politics, Political Behavior (with distinction), Methodology

University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2007-2011):

B.A., Political Science, summa cum laude, with Honors in Political Science

Research Interests

Democratic Accountability, Political Psychology, Affective Polarization, Voting Behavior, Public Opinion, Crime

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

"The Importance of Knowing What Goes with What: Reinterpreting the Evidence on Policy Attitude Stability" (with Gabriel S. Lenz and Shad Turney). *Journal of Politics* 81(1), 2019.

"The More You Know: Voter Heuristics and the Information Search" (with Rachel Bernhard). *Political Behavior*, 2018.

"The Effect of Mandatory Mail Ballot Elections in California" (with Gabrielle Elul and Jake Grumbach). *Election Law Journal* 16(3), 2017.

Under Review

"Malice and Stupidity: Outgroup Attribution and Affective Polarization". Dissertation paper.

"It's No Longer the Economy, Stupid: Selective Perception and Attribution of Economic Outcomes". Dissertation paper.

"Election Cycles and Police Levels" (with Gabriel S. Lenz).

Works in Progress

"Credit (and Blame) Where Due: Party Polarization and Attribution Errors". Dissertation paper.

"Mailing In, Rolling Off: Effects of Convenience Voting on Down-ballot Participation." manuscript available.

Conference and Workshop Presentations

"It's No Longer the Economy, Stupid: Selective Perception & Attribution..."

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2019

Western Political Science Association, San Diego, April 2019

International Society of Political Psychology, Lisbon, Portugal, July 2019

"Mailing In, Rolling Off: Effects of Convenience Voting on Down-ballot Participation."

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2019

"Credit Where Due: Party Polarization and the Ultimate Attribution Error".

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2018

"Malice and Stupidity: Outgroup Motive Attribution and Affective Polarization".

Research Workshop in American Politics, UC Berkeley, October 2016 & August 2017

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2017

Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, April 2017

International Society of Political Psychology, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2017

"The More You Know: Voter Heuristics and the Information Search" (with Rachel Bernhard).

International Society of Political Psychology, Warsaw, Poland, July 2016

Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, April 2017

International Society of Political Psychology, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2017

"Elections Cycles and Police Levels" (with Gabriel Lenz).

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2016

American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016

Research Workshop in American Politics, UC Berkeley, January 2017

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2017.

"The Importance of Knowing What Goes with What: Reinterpreting the Evidence on Policy Attitude Stability" (with Gabriel S. Lenz and Shad Turney).

Research Workshop in American Politics, UC Berkeley, February 2016

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2017

"The Effect of Mandatory Mail Ballot Elections in California".

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2015.

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2015.

Research Experience

Consultant for Ezra Klein, Vox (Summer 2018).

I assisted Ezra Klein in the development of figures and content for his forthcoming book on polarization and partisan sorting.

Graduate Student Researcher for Rob Van Houweling, UC Berkeley (Summer 2014).

I provided literature review and memo writing for work on the strategic use of procedural voting in Congress.

Graduate Student Researcher for Paul Pierson, UC Berkeley (Summer 2014/15).

I helped Professor Pierson with literature review for his research on interest groups and finance networks, and provided analysis of existing campaign finance data.

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Professor John Wilkerson (2010). I assisted Professor Wilkerson with the creation of instructional materials for his LegSim teaching simulations.

Honors and Awards

Research Grants and Fellowships

International Conference Travel Grant, UC Berkeley (2017, 2016)

Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2017). Awarded to distinguished graduate students for dissertation research.

Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2016)

David M. Howard Memorial Prize in American Politics, UC Berkeley (2015). Awarded for outstanding work in public opinion, Institute of Governmental Studies.

Travers Department Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2012)

University Awards

Political Behavior Field Exam, Passage with Distinction (2015). Awarded by the Travers Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (2014-15). Awarded in recognition for exceptional undergraduate teaching, by University of California, Berkeley.

Daniel S. Lev Award for Outstanding Honors Thesis (2011). Awarded by the University of Washington Department of Political Science

Teaching

Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley

PS109S: Parties and Polarization (Spring 2018)

PSN164: Intro to Political Psychology (Summer 2018, Summer 2019)

PS1AC: Intro to American Politics (Summer 2018, Summer 2019)

Head Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley

PS1: Intro to American Politics, for Paul Pierson (Fall 2018)

Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley

PS1: Intro to American Politics, with Jake Grumbach (Summer 2016; Summer 2017)

PS1: Intro to American Politics, for Paul Pierson (Spr 2014; Spr 2018)

PS166: Latinos in the US Political System, for Rodney Hero (Fall 2016)

PS109: Democratic Accountability, for Gabriel Lenz (Fall 2015; Spr 2015)

PS164: Political Psychology, for Laura Stoker (Fall 2013)

Guest Lectures and Presentations, University of California, Berkeley

PS133: Experimental Survey Research, for Laura Stoker (March 2017)

PUBPOL290: The Modern Campaign, for Meredith Sadin (February/April 2017)

Professional Activities

Consultant, D-Lab at University of California, Berkeley (2017-present). I consult faculty and students on survey research design, survey instrument creation on Qualtrics, and data analysis in Stata, and regularly run workshops on the use of Qualtrics and Mechanical Turk. I am also compiling a database of information for UC-Berkeley to help new Qualtrics users.

Co-Founder and organizer, Political Behavior Workshop, Institute of Governmental Studies (2016-17). I created and managed (with Rachel Bernhard) a weekly dedicated workshop for political behavior, now standard in the department.

Graduate student coordinator for undergraduate research, with Gabriel Lenz and Rachel Bernhard, UC Berkeley (2015-2018). Over a number of semesters, I oversaw high-achieving undergraduates who helped faculty collect and code data for their ongoing research.

Campaign Manager, Congressman Jim McDermott, Seattle, Washington (2010). I managed the Congressman's 2010 reelection campaign for the duration of the general election.

Technical Skills

Languages: R; Python; Javascript

Applications: Qualtrics; Stata; SPSS; Adobe Creative Suite

Media

Grossman, Matt. July 2019. "Will a Good Economy Save Trump?" *The Science of Politics Podcast*. <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/political-research-digest/e/62920943>

Gailmard, Sean. November 2018. "For progress on big issues, learn to love the other side." *The Hill*. <https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/415711-for-progress-on-big-issues-learn-to-love-the-other-side>

Matthews, Dylan. July 2018. "The 'do what you want theory of politics': why embracing 'abolish ICE' and Medicare-for-all won't doom the Democrats." *Vox*. <https://www.vox.com/2018/7/18/17501310/abolish-ice-single-payer-swing-voters-political-science-ideology>

Membership

American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Western Political Science Association; International Society of Political Psychology

References (*in alphabetical order*)

Jack Citrin, Professor Emeritus, UC Berkeley; 1-510-642-4692; gojack@berkeley.edu

Gabriel Lenz, Associate Professor, UC Berkeley; 1-510-575-9971; glenz@berkeley.edu

Paul Pierson, Professor, UC Berkeley; 1-510-643-6424; pierson@berkeley.edu

Laura Stoker, Associate Professor, UC Berkeley; 1-510-642-3396; stoker@berkeley.edu