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I teach and do research at the intersection of race and ethnic politics and American political economy with a focus on the institution of personal bankruptcy. My book project *Personal Bankruptcy, Racial Capitalism, and Public-Private Welfare in America* combines American political development of personal bankruptcy with contemporary multi-site ethnography and draws on critical race theory to push the burgeoning field of American political economy to consider race in a more central and theoretically-grounded manner.

Current Employment

Visiting Professor 2019-2021, Amherst College, Department of Political Science

Courses: Race and U.S. Politics (Fall 2019 & 2020), The Politics of Consumer Finance (Fall 2019 & 2020), Identity Politics (Spring 2020 & 2021), Political Ethnography (Spring 2020), Intro to American Politics: White Supremacy as a Political System (Fall 2020)

Education

Ph.D., Department of Government, Harvard University 2019

Dissertation: *Economic Insecurity and American Political Culture*

Advisors: Jennifer Hochschild (chair), Daniel Carpenter, Andrea Campbell (MIT)

B.S. Political Science, French, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2011

Thesis: *How Direct Democracy Affects Local Naturalization Rates: Evidence from Switzerland.*

Winner of the Stephen M. Meyer Outstanding Undergraduate Political Science Thesis Award

Publications

"Criminal Justice or Public Health: A Comparison of the Representation of the Crack Cocaine and Opioid Epidemics in the Media," in *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* (February 2020) with Carmel Sachar, Gali Katznelson, and Andrea Campbell

"Gender, Diversity, and Methods in Political Science: A Theory of Selection and Survival Biases," in *PS: Political Science & Politics* (July 2017) with Shauna Shames

"Personal Bankruptcy in America: Racialized Social Insurance through the Public-Private Welfare State" Under Review at *American Journal of Political Science Review*

Working Papers and Conference Papers

“Personal Bankruptcy and Race: When the Public-Private Welfare State is Predatory” Working Paper.
Presented at the first American Political Economy (APE) Summer School (August 2020)

To be presented at Tulane’s Bankruptcy Workshop hosted by the Center on Law and the Economy
October 6, 2020

Draft available at SSRN: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3630278

“When States Fill the Void: How “Mini-CFPBs” Affect State-Level Credit Markets”
with Jacob Kiryk (Amherst College).

Presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference.

September 13, 2020

Available as part of conference proceedings

“The Dogwhistle Politics of Personal Responsibility, Credit, and the American Welfare State”
with Andreas Wiedemann (Princeton)

Draft available at SSRN: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3579128

Fellowships, Awards, Honors

Participant in the first annual American Political Economy (APE) Summer School — Summer 2020

Received Gregory S. Call Fellowship at Amherst College to hire undergraduate research assistants —
Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Fall 2020

Received scholarship for the 2017 Political Psychology Pre-Conference — Fall 2017

Joint Center for Housing Studies Student Research Assistance Support — Spring 2017

Tobin Project Graduate Fellow — Spring 2017

Recipient of Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize — Spring 2015

Center For American Politics (CAPS) Research Fellow — Fall 2015

Graduate Student Teaching and Course Assisting

Spring 2019

Course Assistant for *The American Presidency (DPI 115)*
Harvard Kennedy School, Professor Roger Porter

Teaching Fellow for *Senior Thesis Writers’ Workshop (Gov 99)*
Harvard Government Department, Course does not have evaluations

Fall 2018

Course Assistant for *The Business-Government Relationship in the United States (BGP 100)*
Harvard Kennedy School, Professor Roger Porter

Teaching Fellow for *Senior Thesis Writers’ Workshop (Gov 99)*
Harvard Government Department, Course does not have evaluations

Spring 2017

Teaching Fellow for *Senior Thesis Writers’ Workshop (Gov 99)*
Harvard Government Department, Course does not have evaluations

Course Assistant for *Political Institutions and Public Policy: American Politics (DPI 101)*
Harvard Kennedy School, Professor Matt Baum

Fall 2016

Teaching Fellow for *The American Presidency (Gov 1350)*
Harvard Government Department, Professor Roger Porter
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Spring 2016

Teaching Fellow for *The Road to the White House (Gov 1359)*
Harvard Government Department, Professor Carlos Díaz Rosillo, **Q-score: 4.6/5**

Course Assistant for *Political Institutions and Public Policy: American Politics (DPI 101)*
Harvard Kennedy School, Professor Matt Baum

Spring 2015

Teaching Fellow for *Mass Media, Public Opinion, and Foreign Policy (Gov E- 1793/GOV 1793)*
Harvard Government Department and Harvard Extension School, Professor Matt Baum
Q-score: 4.4/5 (Gov 1793), Q-score 4.9/5 (Gov E-1793)

Teaching Fellow for *Research Practice in Quantitative Methods (Gov 61)*
Harvard Government Department, Professor Arthur Spirling, **Q-score: 5/5**
Recipient of Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize

Teaching Fellow for *Government Sophomore Tutorial (Gov 97)*
Harvard Government Department, Professors Nancy Rosenblum and Stephen Ansolabehere
Q-score: 4.4/5

Teaching Fellow for *Senior Thesis Writers' Workshop (Gov 99)*
Harvard Government Department, Course does not have evaluations

Fall 2014

Teaching Fellow for *Political Communication (Govt E- 1362)*
Harvard Extension School, Professor Matt Baum, **Q-score: 4.4/5**

Teaching Fellow for *Is the American Racial Order Being Transformed? (USW-15)*
Harvard Government Department, Professor Jennifer Hochschild, **Q-score: 4.3/5**

Teaching Fellow for *Survey Research Methods (Gov 1010)*
Harvard Government Department, Professor Chase Harrison, **Q-score: 4.2/5**

Teaching Fellow for *Senior Thesis Writers' Workshop (Gov 99)*
Harvard Government Department, Course does not have evaluations

Spring 2014

Adjunct Faculty at Brandeis University teaching *Quantitative Methods for Social Science (POL 200B)*

Teaching Fellow for *Political Psychology (Gov 1372)*
Harvard Government Department, Professor Kris-Stella Trump, **Q-score: 4.81/5**
Gave guest lecture on "Obedience and Authority."
Nominated for Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize

Fall 2013

Teaching Fellow for *Introduction to Quantitative Methods I (Gov 2000)*
Harvard Government Department, Professor Adam Glynn
Q-scores: 4.73/5 (for graduate version), 5/5 (for undergraduate version)

Other Academic

Graduate student coordinator for the *Applied Statistics Workshop* at Harvard University
Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 — Initiated effort to have equal numbers of men and women present at what had been a male-dominated workshop

Skills

Programming

R, STATA, Python

Languages

Fluent in French

Methods

MIT Classes: Calculus (I&II), Differential Equations, Quantitative Research Methods (I,I&III), Introduction to Computer Science (Python)

Harvard Classes: Quantitative Methods II (Gov 2002), Advanced Quantitative Research Methodology (Gov 2001), Machine Learning (CS 181), Experimental Political Science (Gov 2008), Introduction to Statistics (Stat 110)

Qualitative Methods: Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Summer 2016, Methods of Political Analysis (Gov 2009)

RA Work

Research Assistant for Andrea Campbell at MIT (2016 – 2019)

Research Assistant for Daniel Carpenter at Harvard University (2013 – 2015)

Research Assistant for Adam Berinsky at MIT (2012 – 2013)

Research Assistant for Gary King at Harvard University (2013 – 2014)

Research Assistant for Stephen Ansolabehere at Harvard University (2012 – 2013)

Research Assistant for Prerna Singh at Harvard University (2012 – 2014)

Research Assistant for Ryan Enos at Harvard University (2011 – 2013)

Research Assistant for IMPALA (The International Migration Policy and Law Analysis Database) under the direction of Michael Hiscox at Harvard University. (2011 – 2012)

Research Assistant for Jens Hainmueller at MIT (2009 – 2011)

Research Assistant for the Comédie Française Registers Project under the direction of Jeffrey Ravel at MIT (2007 – 2011)