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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2020– Associate Professor, Department of Government, Cornell University.  
2014–2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Cornell University.  
2013–2014 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University.

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania. August 2013.  
B.A. Concordia University. Montréal, QC. 2005.

## PUBLISHED BOOKS

2018. *Disenfranchising Democracy: Constructing the Electorate in the United States, United Kingdom, and France*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Winner of the J. David Greenstone Best Book in Politics & History Award in 2019
  - Reviewed in *Comparative Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *The American Historical Review*, *Perspective on Politics*, *Journal of American Studies*
2018. *Southern Nation: Congress and White Supremacy after Reconstruction*. With Ira Katznelson and John Lapinski. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Winner of the V.O. Key Prize for Best Book on Southern Politics published in 2018
  - Winner of the D.B. Hardeman Prize for Best Book on Congress published in 2018-2019, awarded by the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation
  - Finalist for the J. David Greenstone Book Prize in 2019
  - Reviewed in *The Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *The Journal of American History*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Journal of Southern History*, *American Historical Review*, *Civil War Book Review*, *The Nation*, and positively cited in *The New Yorker*.

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming* “Elections, Polarization, and Democratic Resilience” In *Democratic Resilience: Can the United States Withstand Rising Polarization?*. Suzanne Mettler, Robert Lieberman, and Kenneth Roberts, eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- 2019 “Partisan Polarization on Black Suffrage, 1785-1868.” *Perspectives on Politics*. 18(2): 470-491. doi:10.1017/S1537592719001087
- 2019 “Transatlantic Anxieties: Democracy and Diversity in Nineteenth-Century Discourse.” *Studies in American Political Development*. 33(2): 139-177. doi.org/10.1017/S0898588X19000105

- 2019 “A developmental approach to historical causal inference.” *Public Choice*. 185: 253-279 doi.org/10.1007/s11127-019-00713-4
2017. “A House Divided? Roll Calls, Policy Differences, and Congressional Polarization from 1877-2011.” With Josh Clinton and John Lapinski. *American Journal of Political Science*. 61(3): 698-714.
2016. “Ideal Points and the Study of American Political Development.” With John Lapinski. *Studies in American Political Development*. 30(2): 1-25
2015. “Southern Politics Revisited: On V.O. Key’s ‘South in the House.’” With Ira Katznelson and John Lapinski. *Studies in American Political Development*. 29(2): 154-184
2013. “Policy Issue Substance and the Political Behavior of Members of Congress.” With John Lapinski. In *The Substance of Representation: Congress and Policy Making in the United States*. John Lapinski. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

### Editor-Reviewed Research Articles

2016. “An Inherent Tension within Populist Politics.” with Adam Levine. *The Forum*. 14(3): 311-327
2016. “Race, Party, and American Voting Rights.” *The Forum*. 14(1): 39-65

### Book Reviews and Review Essays

2021. “Party Politics and American Racial Orders: Review Essay of Keneisha Grant, *The Great Migration and the Democratic Party*, Boris Heersink and Jeffery A. Jenkins, *Republican Party Politics and the American South, 1865-1968*, and Nathan P. Kalmoe, *With Ballots and Bullets*.” *Journal of Politics*.
2020. “Democracy’s Discontents: Review Essay of James Fishkin, *Democracy When the People are Thinking: Revitalizing our Politics through Public Deliberation*, Sanford Levinson and Jack M. Balkin, *Democracy and Dysfunction*, Keith Bybee, *How Civility Works*, and Jeffery K. Tulis and Nicole Mellow, *Legacies of Losing in American Politics*.” *Tulsa Law Review*. 55(2): 163-173
2020. “Review of *From Oligarchy to Republicanism: The Great Task of Reconstruction*, by Forrest Nabors.” *Perspectives on Politics*.
2020. “Review of *The South and the Transformation of US Politics*, by Charles S. Bullock III, Susan A. MacManus, Jeremy D. Mayer, and Mark J. Rozell.” *Perspectives on Politics*.
2018. “Majority Tyranny: Review Essay of Anna Harvey, *A Mere Machine: The Supreme Court, Congress, and American Democracy* and Louis Fisher, *Congress: Protecting Individual Rights*.” *Tulsa Law Review*. 53(2):179-89.
2017. “Review of *Building an American Empire: The Age of Territorial Expansion*, by Paul Frymer.” *The Journal of Politics*. 80(1): 15-16.
2016. “Review of *Separation of Powers and Legislative Organization*, by Gisela Sin.” *The Journal of Politics*. 78(2): e11-e12.
2016. “Review of *The First Congress: How James Madison, George Washington, and a Group of Extraordinary Men Invented the Government*, by Fergus Bordewich.” *Political Science Quarterly*. 131(4): 865-66

### Contributions to Section Newsletters

2019. “The Comparative Turn in American Politics.” *Comparative Politics Newsletter*. 29(1): 8-14
2017. “Standing on the Shoulders of Keith Poole.” *The Legislative Scholar*. 2(2): 22-23.

## WORKING PROJECTS AND PAPERS

### Papers

“Deeper Roots: Historical Causal Inference and the Legacy of Slavery.”

“Democratization in the USA? The Impact of Suffrage Qualifications on Politics and Policy.”

“Gilded Age Doughfaces and Reluctant Reformers: Northern Democratic Parties at the turn of the Century.” With Richard Barton.

“State Laboratories and Federal Constitutional Amendments.” With Robinson Woodward-Burns and Stephan Stohler.

“The Dilemmas of Democratic Peoplehood.”

“‘Rights of Man Resounding Still’: Alternative Approaches to the Dilemmas of Popular Sovereignty and Liberal Principles.”

### Data and Book Projects

Co-organizer with Ewa Atanassow and Thomas Bartscherer of a Social Sciences Research Council project on popular sovereignty, which will culminate in a co-edited volume of critical essays with the working title *When the People Rule: Popular Sovereignty in Theory and Practice*.

Co-principal investigator with Stephan Stohler and Robinson Woodward-Burns of the *American State Constitutions Database*. Analytical repository of provisions to all American state constitutions, 1776-2015. Start-up funding received from Cornell’s Institute for the Social Sciences, SUNY-Albany, and Howard University.

*Nineteenth Century American State Legislatures Database*. Detailed information on state legislator roll call voting petition behavior, paired with constituency level demographic and political data. This is an ongoing project, but has contributed to both published texts and working papers.

*U.S. Congressional District Database*. Comprehensive demographic information on U.S. congressional districts, 1789-1945. Data from this project has been used in several published and working papers.

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*\*List of presentations before 2018 available on request.*

2021. “Deeper Roots: Historical Causal Inference and the Legacy of Slavery.” Oxford University, February.

2020. “The Dilemmas of Democratic Peoplehood.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September.

2020. “Democratization in the USA? The Impact of Suffrage Qualifications on Politics and Policy.” Yale University, October.

2019. “Democratization in the USA? The Impact of Suffrage Qualifications on Politics and Policy.” MIT American Politics Workshop, September.

2019. “Gilded Age Doughfaces and Reluctant Reformers: Northern Democratic Parties at the turn of the Century.” With Richard Barton. Scheduled presentation at the Toronto Political Development Workshop, October.

2019. Invited discussant to “Author Meets Critic: Chloe Thurston, *At the Boundaries of Homeownership: Credit, Discrimination, and the American State.*” Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago.
2019. “Antecedent Processes and Unobserved Cases: The Necessity of Studying Political Development for Causal Inference.” With Dawn Teele. Causal Inference and American Political Development Conference. University of Southern California. January 2019.
2019. “‘Rights of Man Resounding Still’: Alternative Approaches to the Dilemmas of Popular Sovereignty and Liberal Principles.” Social Science Research Council Conference on *Popular Sovereignty*. Swarthmore College. January 2019.
2018. “A Push in the Dark: Partisan Calculations, Social Movements, and Democratization from Below in the United States and United Kingdom.” Invited Presenter at the University at Albany. December 2018.
2018. “The Dilemmas of Democratic Peoplehood.” Social Sciences Research Council Conference *Anxieties of Democracy: The Will of the People*. November 2018.
2018. “Party Polarization on Black Suffrage, 1785-1868.” Invited Presenter at Columbia University. November 2018
2018. “Gilded Age Doughfaces and Reluctant Reformers: Northern Democratic Parties at the turn of the Century.” With Richard Barton. American Political Science Association Annual Conference.
2018. “State Laboratories and Federal Constitutional Amendments.” With Robinson Woodward-Burns and Stephan Stohler. American Political Science Association Annual Conference.
2018. “Popular Fiction: Constructing a Democratic People.” Invited seminar leader at Bard College
2018. “The Development of Party Positions on Black Suffrage, 1780-1870.” Invited presenter at Northwestern University
2018. “The Development of Party Positions on Black Suffrage, 1780-1870.” Invited presenter at Fordham University
2018. “Laboratories of Democracy? State Constitutional Antecedents to Federal Constitutional Rights.” With Robinson Woodward-Burns and Stephan Stohler. Western Political Science Association, San Francisco.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018–19. Institute for the Social Sciences: Year-Long Faculty Fellowship and Research Grant
- 2016–17. Institute for the Social Sciences: Seed Research Grant
2012. School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2010. Boies Family Graduate Fellowship, Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism
2007. Andrew W. Mellon Sawyer Seminar Series Doctoral Fellowship, Penn Program in Ethnic Conflict

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

### Undergraduate Courses

Democracy and Representation in America. Senior Seminar.

Congress and the Legislative Process. Lecture Course.

Representation: Theories, Institutions, and Responsiveness. First-year Writing Seminar.

Liberalism, Labor, and American Political Development. Undergraduate Independent Study.

### Graduate Courses

Labor, Race, and Class in American Political Development (graduate/advanced undergraduate)

The United States Congress

American Political Parties  
American Politics Field Seminar

#### Advising

Chair or co-chair of three dissertation committees.  
Minor member of five dissertation committees.  
Organizer of Prospectus Colloquium and Faculty Discussant for Prospectus Workshop.  
Faculty advisor for seven undergraduate honors' theses, one Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Research Project, and one Rawlings Cornell Presidential Research Scholar Project.  
Major advisor for over forty undergraduate Students.  
Faculty advisor for the Cornell Political Union and Roosevelt Institute.

#### SERVICE

##### University and Departmental Service

2020–. Director of Undergraduate Studies.  
2020–. Co-Director of the Politics of Race, Immigration, Class, and Ethnicity (PRICE) Initiative.  
2020. Reader for the Society for the Humanities fellowship award.  
2019–20. Member of the Graduate Committee.  
2019. Reader for the Institute for Social Sciences Grants Committee.  
2018–19. Member of search committees in the Comparative Politics subfield.  
2016–17. Member of search committees in the Comparative Politics subfield.  
2015–17. Organizer of the 2016–2017 Belnick Family LaFeber/Lowi Presidential Forum.  
2014–15. Faculty Reader for Undergraduate Admissions.  
Repeated Years. American Politics, A Exam Committee Member.

##### Professional Service

Member of the editorial board for the *Journal of Historical Political Economy*.  
Co-program chair for the 2021 meeting of APSA's *Politics & History* section.  
Reader for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission's Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions grant program.  
Co-chair of APSA's *Politics & History* section's J. David Greenstone Book Prize Committee.  
Chair of MPSA Robert H. Durr Award Committee responsible for selecting the best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem presented at the MPSA annual conference.  
Co-organizer of a Social Science Research Council research initiative on Popular Sovereignty, 2018-20.  
Invited reader of two book manuscript workshops by Jeffery Jenkins and Boris Heersink (January 2019), and Jeffery Jenkins and Justin Peck (March 2019).  
Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Studies in American Political Development*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, *American Politics Research* and *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.  
Test bank contributor for a textbook on Congress, published with W.W. Norton.  
Manuscript reviewer for Princeton University Press, Columbia University Press, W.W. Norton, and Peter Lang publishers.  
Member of the Humanities Scholars Advisory Committee for the PBS Digital Series "America From Scratch."