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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	University of Oregon , Eugene, OR Assistant Professor, Political Science, Fall 2021 - Present	
	Princeton University , Princeton, NJ Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, AY 2020	
EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley , Berkeley, CA Ph.D., Political Science, Summer 2020 • Fields: American Politics, Methodology, Political Behavior • Dissertation Committee: Eric Schickler (chair), Rob Van Houweling, Gabe Lenz, Sarah Anzia	
	Case Western Reserve University , Cleveland, OH B.A., May 2011, <i>summa cum laude</i>	
PEER REVIEWED BOOKS	<i>The Roots of Polarization: From the Racial Realignment to the Culture Wars.</i> Forthcoming, September 2024. University of Chicago Press.	
PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES	“Partisanship and Trust in Doctors: Causes and Consequences.” With Brad Kent. Accepted. British Journal of Political Science. “Social Groups as the Source of Political Belief Systems: Fresh Evidence on an Old Theory.” With Elizabeth Mitchell Elder. 2022. American Political Science Review. “Political Accountability and Selective Perception in the Time of COVID.” With Sean Freeder. 2022. Public Opinion Quarterly. “Before Reagan: The Development of the Partisan Divide on Abortion.” 2020. Perspectives on Politics. • Coverage: <i>The Washington Post</i> “One-Party States and Legislator Extremism in the U.S. House, 1876-2012.” 2019. The Journal of Politics. “Income Inequality and Congressional Republican Position Taking, 1913-2013.” 2019. The Journal of Politics.	
WORKING PAPERS	“Partisan Prescriptions: The Polarization of Health Outcomes.” With Elizabeth Elder. “Media Perceptions of Group Positions: Causes and Consequences.” With Elizabeth Elder.	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Young people are lukewarm about Biden – and giving them more information doesn’t move the needle much. The Conversation. With Chandler James.	

“Waiting for Trump: The Move to the Right of White Working-Class Men, 1968-2016.” With Shad Turney, Frank Levy and Jack Citrin. **The California Journal of Politics and Policy**.

**FELLOWSHIPS,
GRANTS & AWARDS**

- 2024 Andrew Carnegie Fellow. \$200,000 grant for project: *Partisan Prescriptions: The Polarization of Health Outcomes*.
- University of Oregon, College of Arts & Sciences Program Grant (\$4,000) for the development of an American Politics Working Group.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

- Courses Taught: Introduction to American Politics, The U.S. Congress, Introduction to Political Analysis (Grad & Undergrad)
- Graduate Advising: Madison Schroeder (Chair), Amy Snyder, Elaina Barker, Irina Toland (Dissertation Committee); Tanner Bivens, Christine Capili (Institutional Representative)
- Undergraduate Advising (Honors Thesis): AY 2021-22 (2 students); AY 2022-23 (2 students); AY 2023-24 (7 students).

SERVICE

- APSA Parties and Political Organizations Program Co-Chair 2025
- UO: A & A Committee 2023 (UO PS Dept); UO US Politics Subfield Chair 2023–present; Honors and Awards Committee 2022 (UO PS Dept)
- Journal Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *International Relations*, *Western European Politics*, *Research in Political Sociology*

**PRIOR
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

8th Grade Math Instructor, Veritas College Prepatory Charter School
8th Grade Math Instructor, Teach for America, Memphis, TN

2013-2014
2011-2013