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CONTACT INFORMATION	Scott Hall, 2nd Floor 601 University Place Evanston, IL 60208	Phone: +1 412 977 1405 E-mail: bouchat@northwestern.edu Website: bouchat.github.io
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science Core Faculty, Institute for Complex Systems (NICO) Weinberg College Fellow	2017–present 2018–present 2017–2018
EDUCATION	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON Ph.D., Political Science <i>Fields:</i> Political Methodology, Comparative Politics <i>Committee:</i> Alexander Tahk (Chair), Scott Gehlbach, Melanie Manion (Duke University), Rikhil Bhavnani, Ian Coxhead (Agricultural & Applied Economics), Edmund Malesky (Duke University) M.A., Agricultural & Applied Economics M.A., Political Science HARVARD UNIVERSITY–JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT Master in Public Policy UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO A.B., International Studies (with General and Departmental Honors)	2017 2016 2013 2011 2008
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	EMPIRICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THEORETICAL MODELS IPSA–NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE SUMMER METHODS SCHOOL Bayesian Analysis SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES SUMMER INSTITUTE Intermediate Burmese Beginning Burmese Beginning Khmer	Summer 2016 Summer 2015 Summer 2014 Summer 2013 Summer 2006
WORKING PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS	“Text Classification and Clustering,” chapter in <i>Sage Handbook for Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations</i> , ed. Robert J. Franzese, Jr., and Luigi Carini (<i>Forthcoming</i>) “Engaging Experts: Dealing with Divergent Elicited Priors in Political Science” “Careers & Causes: Participation in Authoritarian Legislatures” “Reading between the Lines: Eliciting Priors through Text-as-Data” “InDetermination: Measuring Uncertainty in Social Science Texts” “Making a Long Story Short: Eliciting Priors from Previously Published Research” “Collective Wisdom: Rethinking Expertise in Elicited Priors” “InCorporation: Assessing Corpus Selection for Social Science Applications” “Is Legislative Talk Cheap? Parliamentary Debates and Public Policy in Kenya, 1963–2013” (with Ameet Morjaria, Alexey Makarin, and Ken Opalo)	

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS	University of Wisconsin–Madison Comparative Politics Colloquium	2014, 2016, 2019
	NLP Workshop Instructor, Conference on Politics and Computational Social Science with Pew Research Center	2019
	University of Michigan Statistical Learning Workshop	2019
	New York University NLP and Text-as-Data Speaker Series	2018
	University of Wisconsin–Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies	2017
	New Faces in Political Methodology IX	2017
	International Methods Colloquium	2016
	Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions Series—Myanmar	2013
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PARTICIPATION	Society for Political Methodology Conference (Poster)	2016–2017, 2019
	Text-as-Data (TADA) Conference, University of Washington–Seattle (Paper)	2018
	Society for Political Methodology (Paper)	2018
	International Society for Bayesian Analysis (Contributed Talk, declined)	2018
	Text Analysis Developers’ Workshop, New York University	2018
	American Political Science Association Annual Conference (Paper)	2016–2018
	Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Paper)	2015–2018
	Women in Machine Learning Conference (Contributed Talk)	2017
	Text-as-Data Conference–Princeton University (Invited discussant)	2017
	International Burma Studies Conference (Paper)	2016
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Program Conference (Paper)	2016
	Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting (Paper)	2016
	Burma/Myanmar in Transition Conference, Lingnan University (Paper)	2015
	University of Wisconsin–Madison Models and Data Group (Paper)	2015
	University of Wisconsin–Madison Experimental Politics Workshop (Paper)	2014
	Harvard Gay Rights as Human Rights Conference (Paper)	2011
	Face Value Campaign Advisory Board Convening (Paper)	2010
National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education	2007	
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	Best Dissertation in Political Methodology Award, UW–Madison Political Science Dept.	2017
	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Field Research Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison	2016
	Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (declined)	2015
	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Academic Year), Burmese	2015–2016
	Honorable Mention, Association for Asian Studies Usha Mahajani Award	2014
	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Academic Year), Thai (declined)	2014–2015
	Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship (Summer), Burmese	2014
	Center for Southeast Asian Studies Field Research Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison	2014
	Summer Initiative Funding, University of Wisconsin–Madison	2013–2016
	Leon D. Epstein Graduate Fellowship, University of Wisconsin–Madison	2013–2014
	Nominated, Association for Asian Studies Usha Mahajani Award	2013
	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Summer), Burmese	2013
	University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin–Madison	2012–2013, 2016–2017
	Nominated, Best Policy Analysis Exercise (MPP thesis)	2011
	Carr Center for Human Rights Policy PAE Research Grant	2010
	Traub-Dicker Summer Research Fellowship	2010
	Harvard University–Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Associate Fellow	2009–2010
	Kennedy School Grant	2009–2011
	Howell Murray Award, University of Chicago	2008
	Maroon Key Society, University of Chicago	2007–2008
University of Chicago College Outstanding New Leader Award	2007	
Human Rights Program Internship Award, University of Chicago	2007	
Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute Tuition Fellowship	2006	
Dean’s List, University of Chicago	2005–2008	

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Faculty

POLISCI 471: Game Theory (graduate)	Winter 2020
MMSS 311-2: Topics in Political Science Methodology (undergraduate honors)	Spring 2019
POLISCI 499: Independent Study (graduate)	Spring 2018, Spring 2019
POLISCI 490: Bayesian Analysis (graduate)	Winter 2019
POLISCI 210: Intro to Political Science Research Methods (undergraduate)	Winter 2019
POLISCI 390: Authoritarian Politics (undergraduate)	Spring 2018
POLISCI 490: Machine Learning & Text-as-Data (graduate)	Winter 2018

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON

Lecturer

Introduction to Statistical Computing in Political Science (graduate)	Spring 2017
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Instructor

Political Science Dept. Incoming Ph.D. Student Math Camp	Summer 2015, 2016
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Teaching/Lab Assistant

Game Theory & Political Analysis (graduate, Prof. Alex Tahk)	Spring 2015
Maximum Likelihood Estimation (graduate, Prof. John Ahlquist)	Fall 2014
Introduction to Statistics in Political Science (graduate, Prof. Alex Tahk)	Fall 2014

Grader

Political Inequality (undergraduate, Prof. Rikhil Bhavnani)	Fall 2015
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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Course Material Design

Political Corruption (undergraduate, Profs. Jim Alt and Daniel Ziblatt)	Fall 2013
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Instructor/Trainer

Harvard Law School Advocates for Human Rights	2009
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SERVICE &
ADVISING

Political Science Department

Methods Field Chair	2019–present
Chair’s Advisory Committee	2018–2019, 2019–present
Graduate Student First Year Advisor	2019–present
Graduate Admissions Committee, Methods	2018–2019
Undergraduate Research & Arts Exposition, Poster Judge	2018
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Reader	2017–present
Dissertation Committee Member: Safa Al-Saeedi, Zhihang Ruan	
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor: David Fishman (withdrawn), Olivia Martins	

Northwestern University

Executive Committee Member, Institute for Complex Systems (NICO)	2018–present
Computer Science “CS+X” Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee	2018–present
Computational Social Science Research Networking Group Co-Coordinator	2017–present

External/Discipline

Best Software Award Committee (chair), Society for Political Methodology 2019–present
Methodology Graduate Poster Chair, Midwest Political Science Association 2019–present
Best Software Award Committee (member), Society for Political Methodology 2017–2019
Text-as-Data (TADA) Conference, University of Washington–Seattle, Mentor 2018
*Reviewer: Women in Machine Learning Conference (2017),
American Political Science Review*

INTERNATIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Myanmar Dec. 2014–Jan. 2015

Conducted preliminary dissertation fieldwork, including interviews with civil society representatives and historical research at the Myanmar National Archives in Yangon

Hong Kong SAR Dec. 2010–Jan. 2011

Conducted semi-structured interviews with civil society activists for master’s thesis research examining social movement strategies in nondemocratic contexts

Germany June–Sept. 2007

Served as a Human Rights Intern with the Bündnis für Demokratie und Toleranz for 3 months through the University of Chicago Human Rights Internship Program

Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar Aug.–Sept. 2006

Developed international advocacy strategies in collaboration with representatives of over 20 grassroots democracy organizations in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and Mae Sot as a Free Burma Project/U.S. Campaign for Burma Delegate

AFFILIATIONS

Member, International Society for Bayesian Analysis 2018–present
Member, American Statistical Association 2017–present
Member, American Political Science Association 2012–present
Member, Midwest Political Science Association 2012–present
Member, Association for Asian Studies 2012–present
Advisor, Harvard Carr Center Sexuality, Gender & Human Rights Program 2012–2016

SKILLS

Languages: German (Advanced), Burmese (Advanced), Khmer (Beginner)
Computer: R, L^AT_EX, JAGS, Stan, STATA, SPSS, C++ (beginner)