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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science Weinberg College Fellow	2017–present 2017–present
EDUCATION	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON Ph.D., Political Science 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	“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”	
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	Best Dissertation in Political Methodology Award, UW–Madison Political Science Dept. Center for Southeast Asian Studies Field Research Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (declined) Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Academic Year), Burmese Honorable Mention, Association for Asian Studies Usha Mahajani Award Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Academic Year), Thai (declined) Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship (Summer), Burmese Center for Southeast Asian Studies Field Research Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison Summer Initiative Funding, University of Wisconsin–Madison Leon D. Epstein Graduate Fellowship, University of Wisconsin–Madison Nominated, Association for Asian Studies Usha Mahajani Award Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Summer), Burmese University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin–Madison Nominated, Best Policy Analysis Exercise (MPP thesis)	2017 2016 2015 2015–2016 2014 2014–2015 2014 2014 2013–2016 2013–2014 2013 2013 2012–2013, 2016–2017 2011

Carr Center for Human Rights Policy PAE Research Grant	2010
Traub-Dicker Summer Research Fellowship	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

PRESENTATIONS	Contributed Talk, Women in Machine Learning Conference	2017
	Text-as-Data Conference (Princeton University), Discussant	2017
	University of Wisconsin–Madison Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Invited Speaker	2017
	New Faces in Political Methodology IX Conference	2017
	International Methods Colloquium, Invited Speaker	2016
	International Burma Studies Conference	2016
	American Political Science Association Annual Conference	2016–2017
	Society for Political Methodology Conference, Poster Presenter	2016–2017
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Program Conference	2016
	Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting	2016
	Midwest Political Science Association	2015–2017
	Burma/Myanmar in Transition Conference, Lingnan University	2015
	University of Wisconsin–Madison Models and Data Group	2015
	University of Wisconsin–Madison Comparative Politics Colloquium	2014, 2016
	University of Wisconsin–Madison Experimental Politics Workshop	2014
	Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions Series—Myanmar	2013
	Harvard Gay Rights as Human Rights Conference	2011
Face Value Campaign Advisory Board Convening	2010	
National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education	2007	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	
	<i>Faculty</i>	
	Authoritarian Politics (undergraduate)	Spring 2018
	Machine Learning & Text-as-Data (graduate)	Winter 2018
	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON	
	<i>Lecturer</i>	
	Introduction to Statistical Computing in Political Science (graduate)	Spring 2017
	<i>Instructor</i>	
	Political Science Dept. Incoming Ph.D. Student Math Camp	Summer 2015, 2016
	<i>Teaching/Lab Assistant</i>	
	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
	<i>Grader</i>	
	Political Inequality (undergraduate, Prof. Rikhil Bhavnani)	Fall 2015
	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	
	<i>Course Material Design</i>	
Political Corruption (undergraduate, Profs. Jim Alt and Daniel Ziblatt)	Fall 2013	
<i>Instructor/Trainer</i>		

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN—MADISON—LAW SCHOOL
Research Assistant, Professor Jason Yackee Madison, WI
Summer 2016

- Designed R script to conduct a text analysis and comparison of the language in bilateral treaties between developed and developing nations

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN—MADISON—POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
Research Assistant, Professor John Ahlquist Madison, WI
Summer 2015

- Wrote R script to clean and merge over 480 survey datasets from the World Bank for a study of informal sector performance worldwide

HARVARD UNIVERSITY—DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT
Research Assistant, Professor James Alt Cambridge, MA
Summer 2011, Summer 2013

- Composed lectures and slides for a Fall 2013 undergraduate political corruption course on topics including: US Political Machines, Legislative Corruption, Campaign Finance, Bureaucratic Corruption, Civil Service Reform, Foreign Aid, Natural Resources & Kleptocracy, and Transparency

UNU—WORLDWIDE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS RESEARCH
Research Assistant, Professors Rikhil Bhavnani and Kate Baldwin Helsinki, Finland
June–Oct. 2012

- Constructed a database of secondary analyses of political experiments
- Conducted outreach to academics and researchers to solicit articles for inclusion in the database

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY
Research Associate, Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program Washington, DC
Sept. 2011–July 2012

- Assisted fellows from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Ethiopia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Russia, Tibet, and the United States with research design and data collection on issues including electoral autocracy, democracy assistance and aid, civil society, liberation technology, and political parties
- Reviewed literature on electoral autocracy and rent-seeking, especially in the Caucasus
- Identified articles and books to assist in constructing syllabi about social capital, civil society engagement, and democratization for Russian university students, and women and gender studies for Tibetan college students in India

HARVARD UNIVERSITY—CARR CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY
Research Associate Cambridge, MA
2010–2011

- Composed case studies of media and messaging strategies from historical US social movements to inform a public service advertising campaign combating LGBTQ stigma
- Co-facilitated a biweekly study group on human rights and social movements
- Managed logistics and volunteers for the 2011 Gay Rights as Human Rights Conference, with more than 125 participants and 30 presenters

Traub-Dicker Fellow Summer 2010

- Conducted independent research on Singapore civil society organization tactics

Associate Fellow 2009–2010

- Compiled and analyzed US polling and public opinion data about anti-LGBTQ bias
- Created a presentation of goals and research as a fundraising mechanism for the nonprofit Face Value Project

Intern Summer 2009

- Reviewed public health and sociology literature on the welfare of LGBTQ youth in schools to support a campaign for Massachusetts K-12 anti-bullying curricula
- Assisted in developing and editing a survey of Myanmar democracy activists

BÜNDNIS FÜR DEMOKRATIE UND TOLERANZ Berlin, Germany
Human Rights Intern Summer 2007

- Devised impact measures to evaluate over 150 NGO immigrant rights projects
- Developed recommendations for a national tolerance campaign based on prior NGO projects
- Designed judgment guidelines and tracked submissions for the 2007 “Best Practices” NGO tolerance campaign competition

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

SERVICE Executive Committee Member, Northwestern Institute for Complex Systems (NICO) 2018–present
Computational Social Science Research Networking Group Co-Coordinator, Northwestern University Data Science Initiative/NICO 2017–2018
Best Software Award Committee, Society for Political Methodology 2017–2018
Reviewer, Women in Machine Learning Conference 2017

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)