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## Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, John Glenn College of Public Affairs and Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2016 —

## Education

Ph.D., Politics and Social Policy, Princeton University, 2016

Dissertation: *The Politics of Public Sector Pensions*

Committee: Nolan McCarty, Brandice Canes-Wrone, and Charles Cameron

M.A., Politics, Princeton University, 2013

Fields: American Politics, Formal and Quantitative Methods,  
Inequality and Public Policy

B.A. Economics and Political Science, with High Honors, Swarthmore College, 2008

## Grants, awards, & fellowships

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, SPSA Annual Meeting, 2016

Nomination, Malcolm Jewell Award for Best Graduate Student Paper presented at the SPSA Annual Meeting, 2015

Grant, Graduate Student Travel, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton, 2015

Grant, Dean's Fund for Scholarly Travel, Princeton, 2015

Grant (with Nolan McCarty), The Social and Economic Effects of the Great Recession, Russell Sage Foundation, 2012

Graduate School Centennial Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Politics, Princeton, 2010 - 2015

Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships Program, 2010

## Research and teaching interests

American politics, state and local politics, public finance, interest groups, federalism, inequality, macro political economy.

## Publications

Abott, C. (2010). "Federal Reserve System." *Encyclopedia of United States Political History, Vol. 7: 1976-present*. Ed. Rick Valelly. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

## Available working papers

"Disclosure, Transparency, and Stakeholders in Public Pension Financial Reporting"

"Public Sector Unions, Partisanship, and Pensions in the U.S. States"

"State GO Credit Rating Response to Public Pension Liability Data"

"Modeling Trade-Offs: Political Control and Public Sector Unions"

"Interest Groups and Fiscal Sustainability in the U.S. States: Evidence from Revised Pension Data"

"Why Save the Bondholders? A Case Study of New York City in the 1970s"

"A Distaste for Deficits: Voter Opinion and Balanced Budget Laws in the U.S. States"

## Relevant work experience

Policy Intern, New Yorkers for Bill de Blasio, 2012 - 2013

Coordinated policy initiative material and outreach for Bill de Blasio's mayoral campaign

Organized volunteer recruitment and campaign committees

Women for de Blasio

Young Progressives for de Blasio

Assistant Economist, International Research Function of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 2008 - 2010

Responsible for providing weekly updates on the status of the international economy to the President of the Bank

Composed macroeconomic reports for specific countries used to brief the President of the Bank before meeting with foreign officials

Worked on longer-term research projects, such as creating a foreign exchange rate forecasting model and examining inflation expectations responses to quantitative easing programs in the G8 countries

## Research experience

Research assistant to Teppei Yamamoto, Department of Political Science, MIT, 2011

Assistant Economist in the International Research Function of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 2008 - 2010

Research assistant to Thomas S. Dee, Department of Economics, Swarthmore, 2007- 2008

Research assistant to Stephen Golub, Department of Economics, Swarthmore, 2007

## Conferences

"Public Sector Unions, Partisanship, and Pensions in the U.S. States." Paper presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"State GO Credit Rating Response to Public Pension Liability Data." Paper presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"State Pension Policymaking in the Executive and Legislative Branches." Paper presented at the 2015 annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Sacramento, CA.

"State GO Credit Rating Response to Public Pension Liability Data." Paper presented at the 2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

"Public Sector Unions, Partisanship, and Pensions in the U.S. States." Paper presented at the 2015 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

## Teaching experience

American Politics, Princeton University, Spring 2016, *Head assistant instructor*. Instructor: Nolan McCarty

Advanced Quantitative Analysis (Masters level), Princeton University, Fall 2015, *Assistant instructor*. Instructor: Mark Watson

Quantitative Analysis and Politics, Princeton University, Fall 2014, *Assistant instructor*. Instructor: Marc Ratkovic

American Politics, Princeton University, Fall 2013, *Assistant instructor*. Instructor: Nolan McCarty

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Swarthmore College, Spring 2007, *Teaching assistant*. Instructor: Mark Kuperberg

## Professional memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, American Society for Public Administration, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management

## Computer skills

R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Bloomberg API, SAS, Matlab, EViews

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