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Education

University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Ph.D. Political Science (expected May 2023)

Major: International Relations, Minor: Comparative Politics

Dissertation: Authoritarian Leadership Politics and Autocracy Promotion

Committee: Tyson Chatagnier (chair), Francisco Cantu, Scott Basinger, Patrick Shea

University of Houston, Houston, Texas May 2018

Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Economics Minor, Summa Cum Laude

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Courses, Instructor of Record

Statistics for Political Scientists – Summer 2022

Introduction to Comparative Politics – Fall 2022

Globalization – Spring 2023 (planned)

Graduate Course, Lab Instructor

Quantitative Methods I & II: Labs (Online) – Fall 2020, Spring 2021. Primary Lab Instructor; adapted labs for online presentation, integrated Github, assisted lectures.

Service

Southern Political Science Association

2022 Conference Discussant, *Examining the Impacts of Threats Against Public Officials*

University of Houston:

Graduate and Professional Studies Committee (Faculty Senate)

Graduate Student Representative & Policy Subcommittee Member 2021-2022

Graduate Student Employment Committee (Graduate School)

Graduate Student Representative 2022-2023

Graduate and Professional Student Association:

President 2022-2023

Vice-President 2021-2022

Political Science Graduate Student Association:

President 2021-2022

Vice-President 2020-2021

Fellowships, Honors and Awards

Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship (Mercatus Center, George Mason University) 2022-2023

Presidential Fellowship (University of Houston) 2018-2020

Graduate Tuition Fellowship (University of Houston) 2018-2023

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society (University of Houston) 2018

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society (University of Houston) 2017

Conference and Workshop Participation

Midwest Political Science Association 2021

“Autocratic Leadership Ideology and the Risk of Interstate Conflict: Ideological Supporters and Audience Costs”

Western Political Science Association 2021

Midwestern Political Science Association 2022

“Authoritarian Leadership Politics and Autocracy Promotion: Sponsorship of Insurgencies and Terrorism”

American Political Science Association 2021

“Authoritarian Politics and Executive Constraints: Ideology, Populism, and Civil Society”

Selected Working Papers

“The Threat of Autocracy Promotion: International Attacks on Democracy as Domestic Signaling.” Formalizes a model of use of attacks on democracy as domestic signaling by non-democratic regimes.

“Autocracy Promotion: Trade, Finance and Cooperative Behavior Models.” Develops a measure of cooperative behavior among autocracies based on preferential trade, finance, and international organization arrangements.

“Semi-supervised Machine Learning and Populist Rhetoric: A First Step to Measuring Populist and Ideological Rhetoric in Opaque Societies.” Creates a measure of populism using a Latent Semantic Scaling model on a corpus of UN General Assembly speeches, validated against existing measures and alternate models.

“Domestic Bond Market Organization and Sovereign Credit Costs in International Markets: Institutional effects on transparency and credibility.” Analyzes domestic bond market data from the Asian Development Bank.

Additional Training

Turning Your Research Into Teaching. The Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning. Summer 2021.

Teaching Philosophy Workshop. Dr. Sarah Larsen, Dean of the Graduate School at University of Houston. October 2021.

Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling. Curran-Bauer Analytics. May 2022.

Machine Learning for Political Science. Dr. Ryan Kennedy, University of Houston. Fall 2020.

Text Analysis for Political Science. Dr. Nikolay Marinov, University of Houston. Summer 2020

Scientific Programming with Python. Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute - University of Houston. Summer 2022

Principles of Data Management. Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute - University of Houston. Spring 2022

Teaching Assistant Experience

Quantitative Methods I & II (Graduate) – Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Statistics for Political Scientists – Spring 2021

Intro to International Relations: Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020

Political Terrorism: Fall 2018, Fall 2019

US Government: Congress, President, and the Courts: Fall 2019

Research Assistant Experience

Spring 2019: Compiled a geoquery based dataset on civil conflict.

Spring 2020: Completed review of experiments in international relations.

Summer 2020: Compiled US international interventions for property rights violations.

Summer 2021-Summer 2022: Global dataset on land transactions by national governments including developing search routines for NexisUni.