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RESEARCH INTERESTS **American Politics, Political Methodology**  
American political institutions; legislative politics; lobbying and interest groups;  
political ideology; campaign contributions; judicial decision making; electoral  
campaigns; distributive politics; state politics, causal inference research design

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **Princeton University** 2018-2020  
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics

EDUCATION **New York University**  
Ph.D. in Politics, May 2018  
Dissertation: *Essays on the Ideology of Private Interests, Campaign Spending,  
and Legislative Agenda Control*  
Committee: Sanford C. Gordon (Chair), Patrick J. Egan, Howard Rosenthal

**London School of Economics and Political Science**  
M.Sc. in Political Science and Political Economy, 2010

**University of Mannheim**  
B.A. in Political Science (major) and Economics (minor), 2008

PUBLICATIONS “Moderation or Strategy? Political Giving by Corporations and Trade Groups.”  
Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.

RESEARCH **Selected Work in Progress:**

“A Direct Test of Legislative Gatekeeping” (Under review)  
“Issue Selection in Congressional Primary and General Election Campaigns”  
“Lobbying in Divided and Unified Government” (with Patricia Kirkland)  
“Disaster Recovery Expenditures: Delivery and State-Local Cooperation”

**Dissertation Chapters:**

“Measuring the Ideology of Private Interests: Evidence from Lobbyist Declarations  
in Three States”  
“Campaign Contributions by Private Interests: Tests of Ideological and Access  
Motivations”  
“A Direct Test of Committee Gatekeeping”



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