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RESEARCH INTERESTS **American Politics, Political Economy, Political Methodology**  
Political institutions, money in politics, legislative politics, lobbying, interest groups, electoral campaigns, political business cycles, causal inference research design

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics**  
Postdoctoral Research Associate 2019–present  
Postdoctoral Fellow 2018–2019

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  
**Sciences Po Paris**  
Erasmus exchange semester 2007  
**University of Mannheim**  
B.A. in Political Science (major) and Economics (minor) 2008

PUBLICATIONS “A Direct Test of Legislative Gatekeeping.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (Forthcoming)  
2020. “Moderation or Strategy? Political Giving by Corporations and Trade Groups.” *Journal of Politics* 82(3): 1171–1175.

RESEARCH **Selected Work in Progress:**  
“Political Business Cycles in Private Consumption and Central Bank Independence” (with Brandice Canes-Wrone and Christian Ponce de Leon)  
“Campaign Contributions and Judicial Independence: Environmental Cases Before U.S. State Supreme Courts” (with Brandice Canes-Wrone, Tom Clark, and Amy Semet)  
“Issue Selection in Congressional Primary and General Election Campaigns”  
“Lobbying in Divided and Unified Government” (with Patricia Kirkland)  
“Campaign Contributions by Private Interests: Tests of Ideological and Access Motivations”

## 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”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	American Political Science Association, 2017, 2018, 2019 CSAP American Politics Summer Conference, Yale University, 2017 (Poster) CSDP Workshop on Lobbying and Institutional Performance, Princeton University, 2019 Midwest Political Science Association, 2013, 2016, 2017 Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting, 2017 (Poster) Southern Political Science Association, 2018 State Politics and Policy Conference, 2019
TEACHING ASSISTANT AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	Political Theory Core (Dimitri Landa) Fall 2017 Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Arthur Spirling) Fall 2016 Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Gizem Acikgoz) Spring 2016 Political Theory Core (Dimitri Landa) Fall 2015 Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Gizem Acikgoz) Spring 2015 Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Gizem Acikgoz) Spring 2014 Power and Politics in America (Patrick Egan) Fall 2013
OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	RA for Eric Dickson and Sanford Gordon, NYU Fall 2013 & 2015 RA for Sanford Gordon, NYU Summer 2012 RA for Thomas König, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) Nov 2010 – Aug 2011 Student RA for Daniel Finke and Thomas König, University of Mannheim Jan 2008 – Jul 2008
COMPUTER SKILLS	R, Stata, Python, Stan, ArcGis, QGis, SQL, Qualtrics, z-Tree
AWARDS	2018: APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant 2017: GSAS Dean’s Travel Grant (NYU) 2017: Center for Social and Political Behavior (NYU) Graduate Student Travel Award for APSA Annual Meeting 2017: Departmental Dissertation grant (NYU) 2016: George Downs Prize (summer research) grant (NYU) 2016: Department of Politics (NYU) Travel Grant for MPSA Annual Meeting 2013–2017: Bradley Foundation Fellowship 2013: Department of Politics (NYU) Travel Grant for MPSA Annual Meeting 2011–2016: McCracken Fellowship (NYU)

SERVICE

**Referee:**

*Journal of Politics and Political Analysis*

**Discussant:**

CSDP Workshop on Interest Groups, Policy Outcomes and Representation in U.S. Politics, Princeton University, 2020

Accountability and Public Policy - Festschrift in Honor of R. Douglas Arnold, Princeton University, 2019

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019

CSDP Workshop on Candidates and Competition in American Elections, Princeton University, 2019

Co-Organizer, CSDP Workshop on Lobbying and Institutional Performance, Princeton University, 2019

REFERENCES

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