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EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University
Center for the Study of Democratic Politics
Research Director

August 2024-

EDUCATION

Columbia University
Ph.D. in Political Science
Fields: American Politics, Quantitative Methods
Committee Chairs: Andrew Gelman and Shigeo Hirano
M. Phil. in Political Science

October 2024

University of Chicago: Harris School of Public Policy
Masters in Public Policy with Honors
Certificate in Survey Research

June 2018

University of Chicago: The College
B.A. Public Policy Studies with Honors

June 2017

PUBLICATIONS

“Coloring in the Lines: A Simulation Analysis of Majority Minority City Council Districts.” (Accepted at *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*)

Novoa, Gustavo, et al. “Generically partisan: Polarization in Political Communication.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 120.47 (2023).

Gelman, Andrew, and Gustavo Novoa. 2023. “Challenges in Adjusting a Survey That Overrepresents People Interested in Politics.” *Harvard Data Science Review* 5 (3).

UNDER REVIEW & WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Insufficient Affordability: The Politics of Housing Support in the U.S.” with Adrian Pietrzak & Tali Mendelberg (Under Review).

“Crowd Sourcing Local Accountability: A Field Experiment Measuring Direct Constituent Response in City Councils” with Anna Weissman.

“The Landscape of Local Redistricting: Four Decades of Municipal and County-Level Redistricting” with Tyler Simko & Chris Warshaw.

“Trickle Down Polarization: How Low Income Americans Adopted the Partisan Divide of the Rich” with Kaan Centaci and Andrew Gelman.

“Lightening the Load: Casually Measuring the Relationship Between Descriptive City Councils and Municipal Fines”.

TEACHING AND SERVICE

Columbia University Teaching Fellow

- Principles of Quantitative Research II (with Prof. Shapiro) *Spring 2024*
- Applied Regression and Causal Inference (with Prof. Gelman) *Fall 2023*
- Intro to American Politics (with Prof. Miller) *Fall 2019 & Summer 2022*
- State Politics (with Prof. Phillips) *Spring 2020*
- Research Design & Data Analysis (with Prof. Hirano) *Fall 2020*
- Urban Politics (with Prof. Vargas-Ramos) *Spring 2021 & Spring 2022*

Columbia Political Science Diversity and Equity Committee

Committee Member

Spring 2022-2024-

The Coding School's Data Science Research Program

Graduate Student Mentor

Summer 2022

Columbia DEI Office Summer Research Program

Graduate Student Instructor

Summer 2021

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

LPEC 2025

Affordable for Whom? The Politics of Affordable Housing Support

APSA 2025

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MPSA 2025

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APSA 2024

A District of their Own: Estimating the Descriptive Representation Produced by Majority-Minority Districts and the Effects of VRA Pre-clearance

MPSA 2024

Does the Buck Stop? The Electoral Effects of Police Shootings

APSA 2023

Drawing in Diversity: Estimating the Effects of Majority-Minority Districts on Descriptive Representation for Black and Latine Councilmembers

CAPE Summer Academy 2023

Invited to present and attend workshops on topics within American Political Economy

ESRA 2023

Considerations of Local Redistricting: A Simulation Analysis of Over 100 U.S. Cities

MPSA 2023

Coloring in the Lines: Majority-Minority Districts and Descriptive Representation in U.S. Cities

APSA 2022

Drawing People In (and Out): An Outlier Analysis of Bias in Urban Redistricting

MPSA 2020 [Cancelled due to Covid]

See You in Round 2? Estimating the Effect of Winning First-Round Elections on Second Round Success in Non-Partisan U.S. Mayoral Elections

GRANT AWARDS

Columbia GSAS Dissertation Improvement Grant 2024	\$3,000
Columbia Provost Diversity Fellows Small Grants Program	\$2,000
Columbia GSAS Dissertation Improvement Grant 2023	\$3,000
Columbia Provost Diversity Fellowship 2018	\$8,000

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Professor Ira Katznelson	<i>Spring 2022</i>
Professor Michael Ting	<i>Spring 2020</i>
Professor Shigeo Hirano	<i>Fall 2018-Spring 2019</i>
Professor William Howell	<i>Spring 2017-Fall 2018</i>
Behavioral Insights Parenting Lab	<i>Spring 2017</i>
University of Chicago Survey Lab	<i>Fall 2016</i>

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Proficient in R, Latex, Qualtrics, QGIS, and Stata

Basic Proficiency in Java, Python, and ArcGIS

Spanish: Native