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### **Education**

Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University (expected 2017)

*Dissertation:* “America’s Mayors: How Voters Choose and How Mayors Shape Policy”

*Committee:* Justin Phillips (Dissertation Sponsor), Shigeo Hirano, Ester Fuchs

M.Phil., Political Science, Columbia University, 2014

M.A., Political Science, Columbia University, 2013

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science, Temple University, 2009

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

U.S. Politics, State and Local Politics, Urban Politics, Public Policy, Fiscal Policy, Representation, Elections

### **Working Papers**

“The Business of Being Mayor: Mayors and Fiscal Policy in U.S. Cities”

“Does Divided Government Cause Legislative Gridlock?” with Justin Phillips (under review)

“Candidate Choice without Party Labels” with Alexander Coppock (under review)

### **Teaching Experience**

Graduate Assistant, Empirical Reasoning Center, Barnard College (2015-2016)

Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Political Research, Prof. Mark Lindeman (Fall 2016)

Teaching Assistant, The American Congress, Prof. Gregory Wawro (Fall 2015)

Teaching Assistant, Labor and American Politics, Prof. Dorian Warren (Fall 2014)

Teaching Assistant, American Urban Politics, Prof. Carlos Vargas-Ramos (Spring 2014)

Teaching Assistant, State Politics, Prof. Justin Phillips (Spring 2013)

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics, Prof. Justin Phillips (Fall 2012, Fall 2013)

### **Research Experience**

Research Assistant, Prof. Justin Phillips (2013-2014)

Research Assistant, Prof. Shigeo Hirano (2012-2014)

Research Assistant, Prof. Ira Katznelson (2012)

### **Grants**

Dissertation Development Grant, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, 2016

Dissertation Development Grant, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, 2015

Dissertation Development Grant, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, 2014

## **Awards & Fellowships**

Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2015, 2016  
Teaching Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2012-2015, 2016  
Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2012-2016  
Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 2012  
Faculty Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2011-2012  
Claude and Mary Carson Bowman Award, College of Liberal Arts, Temple University, 2009  
Political Science Scholastic Prize, College of Liberal Arts, Temple University, 2009

## **Conference Presentations**

“The Business of Being Mayor: Mayors and Fiscal Policy in U.S. Cities.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September, 2016  
“The Business of Being Mayor: Mayors and Fiscal Policy in U.S. Cities.” Politics and History Network Conference, June, 2016  
“Does Divided Government Cause Legislative Gridlock?” with Justin Phillips. State Politics & Policy Conference, May, 2016  
“The Business of Being Mayor: Mayors and Fiscal Policy in U.S. Cities.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2016  
“Candidate Choice in the Presence and Absence of the Party Heuristic.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2016  
“The Business of Being Mayor: Mayors and Fiscal Policy in U.S. Cities.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September, 2015  
“Does Divided Government Cause Legislative Gridlock?” with Justin Phillips. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September, 2015  
“Mayors and Fiscal Health.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2015  
“Does Divided Government Cause Legislative Gridlock?” with Justin Phillips. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2015  
“The Business of Being Mayor.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January, 2015

## **Invited Talks and Presentations**

“Regression Discontinuity Designs.” Columbia University Political Science Methods Workshop, December 2015  
“The Business of Being Mayor.” Graduate Student Seminar, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, October, 2015  
“Mayors with Money.” Political Economy Breakfast, Columbia University, March, 2015  
“Topics in Experimental Methods: Advanced Blocking.” Columbia University Political Science Methods Workshop, April, 2014.  
“List Experiments.” Columbia University Political Science Methods Workshop, November 2013

## **Professional Service**

Co-coordinator, Political Science Graduate Student Seminar, Columbia University, 2015-2016

## References

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