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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of California, Los Angeles Assistant Professor, Political Science	2020-Present
EDUCATION	
Stanford University Ph.D. Political Science	2016-2020
University of California, Berkeley Master of Public Policy	2012-2014
Berklee College of Music Bachelor of Music	2007-2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy, local politics, elections, public policy, econometrics, data science.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- Wu, Jennifer, Chenoa Yorgason, Hanna Folsz, Sandy Handan-Nader, Andy Myers, Toby Nowacki, Daniel M. Thompson, Jesse Yoder, and Andrew B. Hall. Forthcoming. Are Dead People Voting By Mail? Evidence From Washington State Administrative Records. *Election Law Journal*.
- Lal, Apoorva and Daniel M. Thompson. 2024. Did Private Election Administration Funding Advantage Democrats in 2020? *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 117(25):1-11.
- Ferrer, Joshua, Igor Geyn, and Daniel M. Thompson. 2024. "How Partisan Is Local Election Administration?" American Political Science Review 118(2): 956-971.
- Thompson, Daniel M. 2022. "Do Citizens Vote Against Incumbents Who Permit Local Immigration? Evidence from the Mariel Boatlift." *Political Science Research and Methods* 11(4): 728-745.
- Yoder, Jesse, Sandy Handan-Nader, Andy Myers, Toby Nowacki, Daniel M. Thompson, Jen Wu, Chenoa Yorgason, and Andy Hall. 2021. "How Did Expanding Absentee Voting Affect the 2020 US Election?" *Science Advances*.
- Thompson, Daniel M., Jennifer A. Wu, Jesse Yoder, and Andrew B. Hall. 2020. "Universal Vote-By-Mail Has No Impact on Partisan Turnout or Vote Share." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 117(25): 14052-14056.
- Thompson, Daniel M. 2020. "How Partisan Is Local Law Enforcement? Evidence from Sheriff Cooperation with Immigration Authorities." *American Political Science Review* 114(1): 206-221.

Hall, Andrew B. and Daniel M. Thompson. 2018. "Who Punishes Extremist Nominees? Candidate Ideology and Turning Out the Base in U.S. Elections." *American Political Science Review* 112(3): 509-524.

WORKING PAPERS

Does Leader Turnover Degrade Local Government Performance? Evidence from Local Election Officials (joint with Joshua Ferrer).

Who Becomes a Member of Congress? Evidence From De-Anonymized Census Data (joint with Andy Hall, James Feigenbaum, and Jesse Yoder).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Yale University CSAP Summer Conference (Poster), New Haven, CT, June 2019

MIT Congress and History Conference, Cambridge, MA, June 2019

Endogenous Rules Workshop, Claremont Grad University, Feb 2020

Goldman School of Public Policy, UC Berkeley, Nov 2021

Dept of Political Science, UC Irvine, March 2022

Class and Inequality Conference, Claremont Grad University, April 2022

Political Institutions and Political Economy Workshop, USC, Sept 2022

Harris School of Public Policy, U Chicago, Oct 2022

Dept of Political Science, UCLA, May 2023

Dept of Political Science, Dartmouth, Sept 2023

Dept of Political Science, UC Davis, Feb 2024

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton, Sept 2024

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024

Election Science Reform and Administration Conference, 2021, 2023, 2024

Justice and Injustice Mini-Conference, 2020

Local Political Economy Pre-Conference, 2019

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022

Society of Political Methodology Annual Meeting, 2023, 2024

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2022

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Computational Social Science Fellowship, IRiSS, Stanford, 2017-2018

Grant, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, Stanford, Winter 2018

Society of Hellman Fellows, UCLA, 2022-2023

COR Faculty Grants Program, UCLA, 2023-2024

Faculty Career Development Award, UCLA, 2023-2024

Workforce Grant Program, Bipartisan Policy Center, 2024-2025

TEACHING

University of California, Los Angeles, Assistant Professor:

Intro to American Politics, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023 (undergrad lecture)

Local Politics and Policy, Spring 2021, Spring 2022 (undergrad lecture)

Democratic Elections, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023 (grad seminar)

Local Politics and Policy, Spring 2022 (grad seminar)

Intro to American Politics: Political Behavior, Fall 2020 (grad seminar)

Intro to American Politics: Institutions, Winter 2021 (grad seminar)

Stanford University, TA:

Politics and Public Policy, Fall 2018 (undergraduate lecture).

Formal Theory I: An Introduction to Game Theory, Winter 2018 (graduate sequence).

Data Science for Politics, Fall 2017 (undergraduate methods sequence).

University of California, Berkeley, GSI:

Quantitative Methods, Fall 2013, Spring 2014 (masters methods sequence).

Intro to Probability and Stats, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2013 (undergraduate lecture).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management conference abstracts, The Economic Journal, Election Law Journal, Electoral Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Political Analysis, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Review of Economics and Statistics, State and Local Government Review, State Politics and Policy Quarterly

Discussant: American Political Science Association (2022, 2024), Local Political Economy Pre Conference (2023), The Political Economy of the Gilded Age & Progressive Era (2023), SoCal Political Economy Conference (2022, 2023), Society for Political Methodology (2023), Virtual Political Economy Conference at Norweigian Business School (2021)

SELECTED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Senior Analyst, Nexant.

2014-2016

Research Assistant, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley. 2013-2014

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