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EDUCATION	Yale University , New Haven, CT Ph.D., Political Science <i>Fields:</i> American Politics, Political Theory, Quantitative Methods	2023-present
	Penn State University , University Park, PA B.A., Sociology (honors), Political Science, and Philosophy; B.S. in Mathematics. <i>Thesis:</i> “Democracy in Diverse Communities: Group Threat, Solidarity, and Political Participation.”	2019-2023
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Cast Vote Records: A Database of Ballots from the 2020 U.S. Election (with Shiro Kuriwaki, Mason Reece, and 11 others). 2024. <i>Scientific Data</i>.3. Understanding the U.S. Supreme Court’s Legitimacy (with Michael Nelson and Amanda Driscoll). 2024, in <i>Research Handbook on Judicial Politics</i>, eds. Michael Fix and Matthew Montgomery. Edward Elgar. pp. 378-391.2. Evaluating Excuses: How the Public Judges Noncompliance (with Michael Nelson, Amanda Driscoll, and Jay Krehbiel). 2023. <i>Journal of Behavioral Public Administration</i>.1. Judging Prosecutors: Public Punitiveness and Prosecutorial Discretion (with Michael Nelson). 2022. <i>Research & Politics</i>.	
WORKING PAPERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Racializing Protection? (with Minali Aggarwal, work in progress)4. Municipal Mobilization: Local Electoral Responses to Police Violence (work in progress)3. Policing at a Distance (with Eric Scheuch, under review)2. Local Governments and Symbolic Representation (with Tyler Simko, under review)1. Progressive Prosecutors and Opinion Leadership (working paper)	
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	NSF Graduate Research Fellow RITM Graduate Fellow, Yale University College of the Liberal Arts Student Marshal, Penn State University Rock Ethics Institute Stand Up Award, Penn State University Society for Political Methodology Expansions Initiative Fellow	2023-present 2023 2023 2023 2022
ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	Yale Center for the Study of American Politics Center for the Study of Inequality Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration Initiative (2023-24 fellow) Racial Capitalism and Carceral State Working Group (2024-25 co-convener) Other American Political Science Association Policing, Policy, and Philosophy Initiative (Penn State) ALARM Redistricting Project (Harvard)	

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS	Penn State Center for American Political Responsiveness Conference	2023
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2022
	Univ. of Michigan Political Science Emerging Scholars Conference	2022
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Johns Hopkins Summer School on Racial Politics	2025
	ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research	2022
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models	2022
RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS	Dr. Daniel Martinez-HoSang, American Studies and Political Science, Yale University	2024-2025
	Dr. Shiro Kuriwaki, Political Science, Yale University	2024
	Dr. Allison Harris, Political Science, Yale University	2022-present
	Dr. Michael Nelson, Political Science, Penn State University	2019-2023