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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">3. “Racializing Protection?” (with Minali Aggarwal, work in progress)2. “Symbolic Discussions in Local Governments” (with Tyler Simko, work in progress)1. “Progressive Prosecutors and Opinion Leadership.” (Working paper)	
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	NSF Graduate Research Fellow RITM Graduate Fellow, Yale University Society for Political Methodology Expansions Initiative Fellow	2023-present 2023-2024 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