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EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Ph.D. (with departmental and field distinction), Political Science, May 2025

Certificate of College Teaching Preparation, August 2023

M.Phil., Political Science, December 2021

M.A., Political Science, December 2021

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

B.A. (*cum laude*), Political Science (with highest honors), History, and Leadership Studies, June 2018

- Richard W. Krouse Prize in Political Science
- Ruchman Fellow at the Oakley Center for Humanities and Social Sciences (2017-18)

DISSERTATION/BOOK PROJECT

“The President’s First Moves: The Dynamics of Agenda Construction, 1968-2022”

This book-length manuscript takes up the question of how presidents determine their domestic policy priorities at the start of their terms. It advances an agency-centered perspective on agenda construction that emphasizes self-assertion over conformity to external constraints, exploring variation in how presidents leverage their agency – and examining the effects with which it operates – across nine case studies from the modern era.

SCHOLARSHIP

Book

Congressional Expectations of Presidential Self-Restraint with John A. Dearborn (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2025).

- 2025 Patrick J. Fett Award for best work on the scientific study of Congress and the presidency, MPSA

Articles (peer- and editor-reviewed)

“2022 Midterms,” in *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency*, 2nd edition, eds. Alison Howard and Michael Genovese (New York: Infobase Publishing, 2025), 1679-81.

“The Case for Agency: Three Dimensions of Discretion in Presidential Agenda Construction,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 54 (2024): 290-309.

“Why Health Care Came First, and Other Observations on Barack Obama’s Early Domestic Policy Agenda,” in *Evaluating the Obama Presidency: From Transformational Goals to Governing Realities*, eds. Meena Bose and Paul Fritz (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2024), 55-70.

Working Papers

“The President’s Publics: Societal Constructions and Policy Resonance”

In Progress

“Overreach, Not Outreach: Presidential Ambition as an Institutional Motivation”

“Prudish Presidents: The Gilded-Age Challenge to the Logic of Power Maximization”

Interests

American Politics, Presidency, Political Leadership, Congress, Public Policy, American Political Development, American Political Thought, Qualitative and Mixed Methods

PRESENTATIONS

2025: APSA (scheduled), American Political Development Feast and Fest

2024: APSA, MPSA, Princeton University's Congress and History Conference, Yale's American Politics and Public Policy Workshop, Hopkins School Democracy Series (invited speaker)

2023: APSA (panel dissolved due to labor action), MPSA, Hofstra's Thirteenth Presidential Conference: Barack Obama, Yale's American Politics and Public Policy Workshop

2022: APSA, MPSA, Chapman's Presidents and Executive Politics Micro-Conference: Evaluating the Presidency in the 21st Century, Yale's American Politics and Public Policy Workshop

2021: MPSA

2020: SPSA, Yale's Institution for Social and Policy Studies Summer Workshop

2019: University of Texas at Austin's Graduate Conference in Public Law, University of Michigan's Graduate Conference in U.S. History, Yale's Institution for Social and Policy Studies Summer Workshop

GRANTS & AWARDS

2025: MPSA's Patrick J. Fett Award for best work on the scientific study of Congress and the presidency (\$250)

2023: Stan I. Bach Fellowship (\$50,000)

2022: O'Donnell Grant from the Scowcroft Institute at Texas A&M (\$2,500), Policy Fellowship at Yale's Institution for Social and Policy Studies (\$5,500)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Yale University Department of Political Science

PLSC 214: The Politics of American Public Policy (Teaching Fellow: Spring 2022)

PLSC 113: Introduction to American Politics (Teaching Fellow: Fall 2021)

PLSC 205: The American Presidency (Lead Teaching Fellow: Spring 2021)

PLSC 318/597: Lincoln: Statecraft and Rhetoric (Teaching Fellow: Fall 2020)

PLSC 452: Introduction to Statistics: Political Science (Grader: Fall 2019)

Williams College Department of Political Science

PSCI 201: Power, Politics, and Democracy in America (Teaching Assistant: Fall 2017, Fall 2016)

SERVICE

University

Director – Dahl Research Scholars (2021-25)

Senior Essay Adviser – Four yearlong essays, 29 semester-long essays in “Ethics, Politics, & Economics” (2024-25)

Facilitator – Yale's Workshop in American and Comparative Political Behavior (2019-21)

Discipline

Reviewer – *Presidential Studies Quarterly*

Discussant – APSA (2024, 2023, 2022), MPSA (2022), University of Texas at Austin's Graduate Conference in Public Law (2019)

Graduate Student Representative – APSA’s Presidents and Executive Politics Executive Council (2022-)

Editorial Assistant – *American Political Science Review* (2020-22)

PUBLIC WRITING

“At the Mercy of Presidential Self-Restraint” with John A. Dearborn, *Lanfare*, April 16, 2025.

“Impeachment and American Political Development” with John A. Dearborn, *A House Divided*, October 11, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2022: Four-part workshop in teaching writing to undergraduates, formal models of domestic politics course audit

2021: Critical pedagogy working group

2020: Formal models of American politics course audit

SKILLS

Technical

R, Stata, Qualtrics, ArcGIS, LaTeX

Language

French (limited proficiency), Italian (limited proficiency)

REFERENCES

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