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APPOINTMENTS

University of Texas at Dallas 2026–present
Assistant Professor of Political Science, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

University of Michigan 2024–2026
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Institute for Social Research
AI Fellow, Institute for Data and AI in Society

Purdue University 2025–present
Research Affiliate, Governance and Responsible AI Lab

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, Public Policy and Management, Ph.D. May 2024
Fellow, Bedrosian Center
Fellow, Annenberg Research Network on International Communication

University of Michigan, Public Policy & Applied Economics, MPP/M.A. Dec 2016

Korea University, English Literature & Philosophy, B.A. Aug 2014

RESEARCH

Peer Reviewed Publications

2025. "Professionalism and Financial Management: A Study of CFOs and Supervisory Roles in U.S. Federal Agencies," *Review of Public Personnel Administration*.

2025. "When AI Meets AI: Analyzing AI Bills Using AI," *AI & Society*: 41.1 (2026): 377-402.

2025. "Presidential Particularism and Mayoral Elections," *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*: 25.2 (2025): 270-281. (with Jeffery A. Jenkins)

2024. "Welfare Stigma and the Take-Up of Consumer Broadband Subsidies," *Journal of Information Policy* 14 (2024). (with Hernan Galperin)

2024. "Do Presidents Favor Co-Partisan Mayors in the Allocation of Federal Grants?," *Political Science Research and Methods*: 13.2 (2025): 434-443. (with Jeffery A. Jenkins)

2023. "Presidential particularism, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), and the Biden administration," *Presidential Studies Quarterly*: 53.4 (2023): 543-569.

Manuscripts Under Review

"Participation, Polarization, and Bureaucracy: A Cross-National Analysis of Civic Influence on Governance" (Revise & Resubmit at *Public Administration Review*)

"Bureaucratic Influence on AI Policy Adoption: A Cross-National Analysis" (Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*)

"From Technology to Transformation: AI Adoption and Governance Quality Across Nations" (with Byung Min) (Revise & Resubmit at *Public Management Review*)

"Bureaucratic Responsiveness in Law Enforcement Agencies" (with Kenneth S. Lowande)

"Municipal Leadership and AI Adoption" (with Kaylyn J. Schiff)

Working Manuscripts

"How Does Executive Action Work? Evidence from Military Subsidies to Policing" (with Kenneth S. Lowande)

"The Political Economy of Homeland Security" (with Kenneth S. Lowande)

"Disentangling AI Governance Capacity: A Cross-National Measurement Model Using Factor Analysis and Global Indices" (with Daniel S. Schiff)

"Artificial Intelligence Policy and Strategy in East Asia: Divergent Paths of Governance and Ethics" (with Natalie Kim)

"Competing Algorithms of Governance: A Comparative Analysis of AI Executive Orders" (with Daniel S. Schiff)

"When and Why Do Citizens Support Municipal AI Use?" (with Kaylyn J. Schiff)

"Knowledge, Fragmentation, and Participation: How Academic Freedom Advances Women's Civic Participation" (with Sanghee Park)

"Ministerial Professionalism and Agency Performance: Evidence from the Korea" (with Ji Yeon Hong)

"Artificial Intelligence for Political Science Research and Teaching" (with Christopher J. Fariss, Jie (Jason) Lian, Martin Macias Medellin, Yuree Noh)

Book Chapter

"The Politics of Contracting." (with William Resh and Keunyoung Lee) In *Teaching Public Procurement: Bridging Theory and Practice*. Ed. Ana-Maria Dimand, Benjamin Brujnes, and Andrea Patrucco: Routledge, 2025.

Media Coverage

Survey: Detroiters' support for government AI efforts depends on use, DBusiness, 2026. Link

Detroit survey finds limited support for AI in government beyond missing child cases, WDIV 4 (Local 4 News), 2026. Link

Detroiters cautious about government use of AI, U-M survey finds, Poverty Solutions, University of Michigan, 2026. Link

Making AI policy: Are we falling behind or rushing in?, Niskanen Center, 2026. Link

Presidents, federal grants, mayors, elections, USC Price School of Public Policy, 2025. Link

Evolving AI policies set stage for next era of technology regulation, Devdiscourse, 2025. Link

Grants

2025. "Does Providing Military Weaponry to Law Enforcement Agencies Increase Officer-Involved Shootings?" Institute for Firearm Injury Prevention (with Kenneth S. Lowande): $50,000.

2025. Postdoctoral Research Grant, Institute for Data and AI in Society: $5,000.

2025. Conference Grant, University of Michigan Postdoctoral Association: $500.

Awards & Fellowships

2023-2024. Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center.

2023. *Best Paper Award*, *International Communication Association Conference*.

2023. Student Fellow, *Public Choice Society*.

2015. Katherine Svejnar Terrell Fellowship, Gerald Ford School, University of Michigan.

Presentations

Invited Talks

2026 University of Michigan; Yonsei University; Korea University
2025 University of Michigan; Purdue University; Yonsei University (Mirae Campus)
2024 Local Finance Association (Seoul); Claremont Graduate University
2023 University of Southern California
2022 Panelist, Local Finance Association (Seoul)

Small Conferences and Workshops

Accountable AI Research Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 2026.

Data Science & AI Summit, University of Michigan, Nov. 2025.

Western Public Administration Research Group, University of Southern California, Apr. 2023.

AIER's Harwood Graduate Colloquium on Public Choice, Public Choice Society, Mar. 2023.

PIPE Collaborative Summer Symposium, University of Southern California, Jul. 2022.

Annual Meetings

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management: 2023, 2024, 2025.

American Political Science Association: 2023.

Midwest Political Science Association: 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026.

American Society for Public Administration: 2023.

Southern Political Science Association: 2023.

Public Choice Society: 2023, 2024.

Western Political Science Association: 2023.

Association for Budgeting & Financial Management: 2022.

Teaching and Mentoring

University of Texas at Dallas

Instructor: PSCI 4396 – American Technology Policy (Undergraduate), Fall 2026

University of Michigan

Research Mentor: Abbie Paegert, Iliana Morgan Chevres, Grace Kim, Alan Andrade, Saloni Singh, Jack Connolly, Ziya Muzaffarov, and Avielle Dickman

University of Southern California

Teaching Assistant: PPD 373 – Public Policy and Planning Analysis (Undergraduate); PPD 503 – Economics for Public Policy (Graduate)

Service

Member, President's Advisory Committee, University of Michigan, 2014-2015

Co-chair, International Policy Student Association, University of Michigan, 2014-2016

Discipline

Editorial Assistant, Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy, 2022-2023

Editorial Assistant, Journal of Historical Political Economy, 2022-2023

Reviewer:

Journals: *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Public Administration Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Public Management Review*, *Review of Public Personnel Administration*, *Party Politics*, *Information Technology & People*, *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Asian Public Policy*

Research and Policy Experience

Policy Writer, Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan, January 2025 – Present

Economic Research Intern, City of Detroit (Office of Deputy Mayor), Detroit, MI
September 2015 – December 2016

Economic Researcher, BERINGEA, Farmington Hills, MI, December 2015 – May 2016

Economic Affairs Intern, United Nations Economic Commission, Brasilia, Brazil
May – August 2015

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