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Appointments

PRIMARY

- 2015–Pres **Associate Professor.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2010–15 **Assistant Professor.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA

AFFILIATIONS

- 2011–Pres **Faculty Affiliate.** Hariri Institute for Computational Science and Engineering, Boston, MA
- 2012–15 **Junior Faculty Fellow.** Hariri Institute for Computational Science and Engineering, Boston, MA

Education

- 2010 **Ph.D. in Political Science.** Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2010 **Graduate Minor in Statistics.** Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2008 **Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Survey Research.** Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2008 **M.A. in Political Science.** Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2004 **M.A. in European and International Studies.** Università degli Studi di Trento, Trento, Italy
- 1999 **B.A. in Political Science and Italian.** University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Publications

REFEREED ARTICLES & PROCEEDINGS [22]

- Forthcoming **Modeling Unobserved Heterogeneity with the Frailty Exponential Random Graph Model.** *Political Analysis* (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Jason Morgan).
- 2018 **Role Analysis Using the Ego-ERGM: A Look at Environmental Interest Group Coalitions.** *Social Networks* 52: 213–227 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Benjamin Campbell & Zachary Navabi).
- 2017 **Mobilizing the Public Against the President: Congress and the Political Costs of Unilateral Action.** *American Journal of Political Science* 61(4): 769–785 (with Douglas Kriner).
- 2017 **The Specter of Supreme Court Criticism: Public Opinion and Unilateral Action.** *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 47(3): 471–494 (with Douglas Kriner).
- 2017 **All the President’s Senators: Presidential Co-Partisans and the Allocation of Federal Grants.** *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 42(2): 269–294 (with Douglas Kriner & Andrew Reeves).
- 2017 **Information, Expectations and Heterogeneity in Economic Voting.** *Political Behavior* 39(2): 347–375 (with Dean Lacy).
- 2017 **Costs, Benefits, and the Malleability of Public Support for ‘Fracking.’** *Energy Policy* 105: 407–417 (with Douglas Kriner & Jillian Goldfarb).
- 2017 **Constitutional Qualms or Politics as Usual? The Factors Shaping Public Support for Unilateral Action.** *American Journal of Political Science* 61(2): 335–349 (with Douglas Kriner).
- 2016 **Why Amicus Curiae Cosigners Come and Go: A Dynamic Model of Interest Group Networks.** Proceedings of the International Workshop on Complex Networks and their Applications. *Studies in Computational Intelligence* (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).

- 2016 **Superdelegates or Supertrustees? The Timing and Consistency of Superdelegate Decisions.** *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 46(3): 640–668 (with Erik Heidemann).
- 2015 **Issue-Specific Opinion Change: The Supreme Court and Health Care Reform.** *Public Opinion Quarterly* 79(4): 881–905 (with David Glick).
- 2015 **Comparing Membership Interest Group Networks Across Space and Time, Size, Issue and Industry.** *Network Science* 3(1): 78–97 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).
- 2015 **Chief Justice Roberts’s Health Care Decision Disrobed: The Microfoundations of the Supreme Court’s Legitimacy.** *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(2): 403–418. 🏆 Winner of the 2015 Best Article Award by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (with David Glick).
- 2015 **Mass Preferences on Communities of Interest and the Composition of Legislative Districts.** *American Politics Research*, 43(3): 451–478 (with Todd Makse).
- 2014 **Following the Money: Super PACs and the 2012 Presidential Nomination.** *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 44(3): 410–430 (with Corwin Smidt).
- 2014 **The Evolution and Formation of Amicus Curiae Networks.** *Social Networks*, 36: 82–96 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).
- 2014 **Deus ex Machina: Candidate Web Presence and the Presidential Nomination Campaign.** *Political Research Quarterly*, 67(1): 108–122. 🏆 Winner of the 2014 Best PRQ Article Award (with Corwin Smidt & Costas Panagopoulos).
- 2013 **Quality Over Quantity: Amici Influence and Judicial Decision Making.** *American Political Science Review*, 107(3): 1–15 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Matthew Hitt).
- 2012 **More Bang for the Buck: Campaign Spending and Fundraising Success.** *American Politics Research*, 40(6): 949–975 (with Corwin Smidt).
- 2012 **Still Part of the Conversation: Iowa and New Hampshire’s Say within the Invisible Primary.** *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 42(3): 597–621 (with Corwin Smidt).
- 2011 **Riding the Waves of Money: Contribution Dynamics in the 2008 Presidential Nomination Campaign.** *Journal of Political Marketing*, 10: 4–26. 📖 Reprinted in *Strategy, Money and Technology in the 2008 Elections*, ed. Costas Panagopoulos, London, England: Routledge, 2011 (with Corwin Smidt).
- 2007 **Changing Horses in Wartime? The 2004 Presidential Election.** *Political Behavior*, 29(2): 279–304 (with Herbert Weisberg).

BOOK [1]

- 2017 **Applied Social Science Methodology: An Introductory Guide.** New York: Cambridge University Press (with John Gerring).

CHAPTERS, REVIEWS & NON-REFEREED ARTICLES [8]

- 2016 **Presidential Primaries and Caucuses.** In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*, ed. Sandy Maisel, New York: Oxford University Press (with Corwin Smidt).
- 2016 **Judicial Networks.** In *Oxford Handbook of Political Networks*, ed. Jennifer N. Victor, Mark Lubell and Alex Montgomery, New York: Oxford University Press (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Claire Leavitt).
- 2015 **Book review of *Artists of the Possible: Governing Networks and American Policy Change since 1945*** by Matt Grossmann, New York: Oxford University Press. *Political Science Quarterly*, 130(3): 557–558
- 2015 **Political Constraints on Unilateral Executive Action.** *Case Western Reserve Law Review* 65(4): 897–931 (with Douglas Kriner).
- 2013 **Crowdsourcing Panel Studies and Real-Time Experiments in MTurk.** *The Political Methodologist* 20(2): 27–33 (with David Glick).
- 2013 **Comparing Chinese and U.S. Media Coverage of the Global Recession: Linking the Economy, News and Public Expectation.** In *Media Discourses about Crisis*, ed. Valentina Marinescu and Silvia Branea, Bucharest, Romania: Bucharest University Press (with Denis Wu).

- 2011 **Correlation.** In *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, ed. Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser and Leonardo Morlino, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publication
- 2009 **Speeding Up R for Windows.** *The Political Methodologist* 17(1): 4–11 (with Joshua Morris).

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE [2]

- 2017 **fergm.** An R package for exponential random graph models with frailty terms (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Benjamin Campbell & Jason Morgan).
- In Beta **amicusnet.** An R package for amicus curiae networks (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).

Grants & Awards

EXTERNAL [\$952,459]

- 2016 **Legislative Audiences and Dear Colleague Letters.** \$277,871. National Science Foundation Award #1627258 & #1627422 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Alison Craig).
- 2015 **Modeling Unobserved Heterogeneity in Network Formation.** \$346,949. National Science Foundation Award #1528705 & #1528739 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Jason Morgan).
- 2015 **Law and Courts Best Journal Article Award.** \$500. American Political Science Association (with David Glick).
- 2015 **Best Article in *Political Research Quarterly*.** \$1,000. Western Political Science Association. (with Corwin Smidt & Costas Panagopoulos)
- 2015 **Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the Best Conference Paper.** \$500. Western Political Science Association.
- 2015 **Methodological Advances and Applications in Network Modeling.** \$37,021. National Institutes of Health The Institute for Population Research Award (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Jason Morgan & Hong Zhu).
- 2013 **Cue-Taking in Congress.** \$3,500. Dirksen Congressional Center Congressional Research Award (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier & Alison Craig).
- 2013 **Prestige Cook Travel Award.** \$500. Southern Political Science Association
- 2011 **The Evolution and Influence of Interest Group Networks.** \$272,663. National Science Foundation Award #1124386 & #1124369 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).
- 2010 **Tim Cook Award for Best Student Paper in Political Communication.** \$500. American Political Science Association.
- 2010 **Political Networks Conference Travel Award.** \$500. American Political Science Association.
- 2010 **Annual Meeting Travel Award.** \$300. American Political Science Association.
- 2009 **The Electoral Intersection: Information and Context.** \$11,105. National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award #0921734 & #1528739 (with Herbert Weisberg & Janet Box-Steffensmeier).

INTERNAL [\$94,927]

- 2016 **Statistically Principled and Scalable Computational Tools for Transforming Communication Research.** \$26,500. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering (with Margrit Betke, Jacob Groshek, Lei Guo & Prakash Ishwar).
- 2015 **Recruiting Subjects for Online Surveys: Facebook versus Mechanical Turk.** \$20,000. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering (with Taylor Boas & David Glick).
- 2014 **Statistical Models and Computational Methods for Community Detection in Large Networks.** \$30,750. Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering (with Luis Carvalho).
- 2013 **Interest Group Signals from Dear Colleague Letters.** \$11,827. Ohio State University Democracy Studies Research Award (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier & Alison Craig).
- 2009 **The Presidential Fellowship.** Ohio State University.
- 2010 **Francis R. Aumann Award for Best Conference Paper.** \$250. Ohio State University.

- 2008 **The Superdelegate Study.** \$800 Ohio State University. Harvey Walker Senior Research Grant (with Herbert Weisberg & Erik Heidemann).
- 2008 **Council of Graduate Studies Ray Travel Award.** \$750. Ohio State University.
- 2007 **Senior Fellow in the Program in Statistics & Methodology.** Ohio State University.
- 2007 **Survey Research Award from the Center for Survey Research.** \$4,050. Ohio State University.

Invited Talks & Panels

- 2017 **Crafting Your Online Scholarly Persona.** BU College of Arts & Sciences, Boston, MA
- 2017 **Making Social Media Matter Workshop Keynote.** BU College of Communication, Boston, MA
- 2016 **World Statistics Day Keynote.** BUSC of the American Statistical Association, Boston, MA
- 2015 **Collective Social Identities & the Good Society Seminar.** Radcliffe Institute, Cambridge, MA
- 2015 **Associate Provost for Research Workshop: Survey Research Design.** Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2014 **American Politics Series.** Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2014 **American Politics Conference.** Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
- 2014 **CIS Seminar on Sociological and Political Research.** Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2014 **Executive Politics Conference.** Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2014 **Hariri Institute for Computational Science.** Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2013 **The Particularistic President Book Conference.** Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2013 **Math & Computer Science 109 Capstone Lecture.** Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2013 **CNISS Political Economy Speaker Series.** Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2013 **Department of Sociology Speaker Series.** Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2012 **Integrating Social Sciences in Sustainability.** University of Chicago Chicago, IL
- 2011 **Spectrums Project Consultation Day.** Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2010 **Survey Research Practicum: Survey Weighting.** Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2009 **New Faces in Political Methodology Conference.** Penn State University State College, PA
- 2008 **PRISM Series: Importing Data in Statistical Software.** Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2008 **PRISM Series: Introduction to Stata.** Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2008 **PRISM Series: OLS Regression in R.** Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2007 **PRISM Series: Introduction to R.** Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association	2017–13, 2011, 2009–05
Analisi delle Reti Sociali	2013
Complex Networks	2016
European Political Science Association	2015
Midwest Political Science Association	2017–05
Northeastern Political Science Association	2016
Pacific Northwest Political Science Association	2012
Political Networks	2016, 2014–10
Society for Political Methodology	2014, 2009–08
Southern Political Science Association	2017–14, 2010–08
Western Political Science Association	2017–14

Experience

TEACHING

- Pres** **Political Analysis via Maximum Likelihood Estimation.** (*graduate*) Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Pres** **American Elections & Voting Behavior.** (*undergraduate & graduate*) Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Pres** **U.S. Media Politics.** (*undergraduate*) Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Pres** **Presidential Nomination Campaigns.** (*undergraduate*) Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Pres** **Introduction to Political Analysis.** (*undergraduate & graduate*) Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2009** **Political Analysis Graduate Student Instructor.** (*undergraduate*) Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2006** **Survey Interview Instructor & Monitor for the Ohio Exit Polls.** Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
- 2005** **Game Theory Teaching Assistant.** (*graduate*) Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research (ICPSR) Ann Arbor, MI
- 2005** **American Politics Teaching Assistant.** (*undergraduate*) Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2005** **Judicial Politics Teaching Assistant.** (*undergraduate*) Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2004** **Campaign Politics Teaching Assistant.** (*undergraduate*) Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

OTHER

- 2003–04** **Policy Advisor on Jobs & the Economy.** Barack Obama US Senate Campaign, Chicago, IL
- 2003** **Account Supervisor.** Wilhelm & Conlon Public Strategies, Chicago, IL
- 2002–03** **Policy Advisor on Budget & Finance.** Jennifer Granholm Gubernatorial Campaign & Transition, Lansing, MI

Academic Service

EXTERNAL

- 2015–Pres** **Political Networks Section Treasurer.** American Political Science Association
- 2016** **Voting and Elections Section Head.** Western Political Science Association
- 2012** **Robert H. Durr Methodology Award Committee.** Midwest Political Science Association
- 2011** **Timothy Cook Communications Award Committee.** American Political Science Association

INTERNAL

- 2016–Pres** **Steering Committee for the Institute.** Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering
- 2015–Pres** **Steering Committee for the Data Science Initiative.** Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering
- 2015–Pres** **Research Computing Governance Committee.** Information Services & Technology
- 2015–Pres** **Faculty Mid-Tenure Review Committee.** Department of Political Science
- 2013–Pres** **Faculty in Residence at Kilachand Hall.** Residence Life
- 2012–Pres** **Director of Advanced Programs (Honors & B.A./M.A.).** Department of Political Science
- 2011–Pres** **Ph.D. Field Exam in Methodology Committee Chair.** Department of Political Science
- 2011–Pres** **Ph.D. Field Exam in American Politics Committee.** Department of Political Science
- 2010–Pres** **IT Committee & Webmaster (by default).** Department of Political Science

- 2012, 2017 **Chair Search Delegate.** Department of Political Science
- 2016 **Co-Chair of the Inaugural Day of BU Data Science (BUDS).** Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering
- 2010–16 **Faculty Search in American Politics Committee.** Department of Political Science
- 2015 **Faculty Search in Public Policy Committee.** Department of Political Science
- 2010–15 **Interdisciplinary Methods Initiative Committee.** College of Arts and Sciences
- 2010–15 **Co-Organizer (& Co-Founder) of RAP/C Workshop.** Department of Political Science
- 2014 **Faculty Search Committee in Quantitative Social Inequality.** Department of Sociology
- 2011–12 **Graduate Admissions Committee.** Department of Political Science

Journal & Grant Service

- Referee** *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, Economic & Social Research Council, Electoral Studies, International Journal of Press/Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Law and Courts, Journal of Politics, Law and Society, Mass Communication and Society, Policy Studies Journal, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Politics, Groups, and Identities, Political Research Quarterly, Politics and Religion, PLoS ONE, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Public Opinion Quarterly, Research and Politics, SAGE Open Article Editor, Social Networks, Social Science Computer Review, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*
- Editorial Board** *American Politics Research*

Honors & Associations

- Professional** American Political Science Association (sections: Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior; Experimental Research; Political Communication; Political Methodology; Political Networks; Political Organizations and Parties; Political Psychology), Hariri Institute for Computational Science & Engineering, International Society of Public Law, Midwest Political Science Association, Northeastern Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association
- Other** *ΓΚΑ* National Collegiate Honor Society, Order Sons of Italy in America, Società Dante Alighieri, Sorana Society

Skills

- Code** CSS, Excel, HTML, Java, \LaTeX , Perl, R, SAS, SPSS, Stata, SQL
- Languages** English, Italian

Mentoring

PH.D. COMMITTEE CHAIR

- Pres** **Sahar Abi-Hassan.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Pres** **Cantay Caliskan.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA

PH.D. COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Pres** **Hao Chen.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Pres** **Margaret Helms.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Pres** **Dominic Zarecki.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA

- 2017 **Matthew Maguire.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2017 **Anshul Jain.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2016 **Alejandro Avenburg.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2016 **Alex Oliver.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2015 **Lijun Peng.** Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Boston University, Boston, MA

HONORS OR B.A./M.A. THESIS ADVISOR

- Pres **Emily Williams.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2017 **Isabel Strobing.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2016 **Robert Pressel.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2015 **Chelsea Abdalla.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2014 **Joseph Dalia.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2013 **Lester Black.** Department of Political Science, Boston University, Boston, MA