

# Scott Abramson

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## EMPLOYMENT:

Associate Professor of Political Science. *The University of Rochester* (2021-)  
Assistant Professor of Political Science. *The University of Rochester* (2015 - 2021)  
Visiting Associate Research Scholar *Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice* (2018-2019)  
Max Weber Fellow. *The European University Institute* (2014-15)

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** *Princeton University* (2015)  
**A.M.** *Princeton University* (2010)  
**M.Sc.** *The London School of Economics and Political Science* (2007)  
**A.B.** *Dartmouth College* (2006)

## RESEARCH

[A Revolution of Rights in American Founding Documents](#) (w/ Michael Barber and Jeremy Pope) (Accepted at *The Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*)

Historical Border Stability and Trust (w/ David Carter & Luwei Ying) (Accepted at *The American Political Science Review*)

[What Do We Learn About Preferences From Conjoint Experiments?](#) (Accepted at *The American Journal of Political Science*) (w/ Korhan Koçak & Asya Magazinnik)

[The Economic Effects of Leaders' Economic Interests: Evidence from Election by Lot in the Florentine Republic](#) - Accepted at *The Journal of Politics*

[The European Coal Curse](#) The European Coal Curse. *Journal of Economic Growth* 26.1 (2021): 77-112. (w/ Elena Esposito)

[Systemic Uncertainty and Territorial Claims](#) - *International Organization* 75.1 (2021): 103-146. (w/ David Carter)

[Learning About Growth and Democracy](#)) - *The American Political Science Review* 114.4 (2020): 1195-1212. (w/ Sergio Montero)

[Endogenous Parliaments: Urban Agglomeration, Technological Accumulation, and the Deep Roots of Executive Constraints in Europe](#) - *International Organization* 73.4 (2019), pp. 793-837 - (w/ Carles Boix)

[The Evolution of National Constitutions.](#) *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* (2019): Vol. 14: No. 1, pp 89-114. (W/ Michael J. Barber)

[The Economic Origins of the Territorial State.](#) *International Organization* 71.1 (2017): 97-130

[The Historical Origins of Territorial Disputes.](#) *The American Political Science Review* 110.4 (2016): 675. (w/ David B. Carter)

[Time is Power: The Non-Institutional Sources of Stability in Autocracies.](#) *The Journal of Politics* 78.4 (2016): 1279-1295 (w/ Carlos Velasco-Rivera).

## WORKING PAPERS

[Designing Political Order: Why Monopolies of Violence Are Socially Inefficient \(But Individually Rational\)](#) (w/ Emiel Awad & Brenton Kenkel)

[Improving Preference Elicitation in Conjoint Designs Using Machine Learning for Heterogeneous Effects](#) (w/ Korhan Koçak, Asya Magazinnik, & Anton Strezhnev)

How Wide is the Ethnic Boundary? Prices, Elections, and Ethnicity in the Construction of National Markets (w/ Brendan Cooley & Bethany Lacina)

Coal, Early Industrialization, and the Persistence of Left-Wing Partisanship (w/ Elena Esposito)

A Variance Decomposition Approach for Bounding Neighborhood Effects (w/ Anderson Frey)

## IN PROGRESS

Failure to Learn in the Laboratories of Democracy: Gun Control and Partisan Bias in the United States (w/ Mary Kroeger and Sergio Montero)

Ideology, Electability & Valence (w/ Korhan Koçak & Asya Magazinnik)

Pricing Partisanship: Evidence From North Carolina's Housing Markets (w/ Anderson Frey)

## FURTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Robert Keohane Award for best paper by a junior scholar in *International Organization* - 2018

Ernest B. Haas Best Dissertation Award -APSA European Politics and Society Organized Section - 2015,

Best Poster Award from the Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting - 2013

The Neihaus Center for Globalization and Governance - *Graduate Fellowship* - 2008-10

Dartmouth College, Department of Sociology - *The Truxal Prize* - 2006

Awarded to the most outstanding senior pursuing graduate work.

## Invited Presentations

George Mason University Public Choice Seminar (2014), History and Politics Network - Yale (2014), Bocconi University (2015), Brigham Young University (2015), History and Politics Network - Harvard (2015), Vanderbilt University (2016), University of Chicago (2016), Oxford University - Nuffield College (2016), University of Montreal - Economics (2017), University of Pennsylvania (2017), Yale University (2017), Harvard University (2017), Princeton University (2018), Vanderbilt University (2018), Yale (Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference - 2018), Princeton (2019), UC Berkeley (Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference - 2019), NYU (2019) Queens University (Scheduled 2020)

## TEACHING

### Instructor

*Senior Honors Thesis Workshop* - Fall 2019 - The University of Rochester - (Undergraduate)

*Positive Political Theory* - Spring 2018 - The University of Rochester - (Undergraduate)

*State Formation* - Spring 2016 - The University of Rochester - (Graduate)

*Graduate Research Seminar* - Spring 2017, Fall 2018 - The University of Rochester - (Graduate)

*Introduction to International Relations* - Fall 2015, Fall 2016 - The University of Rochester - (Undergraduate)

*Order Violence and the State* - Fall 2016 - The University of Rochester - (Undergraduate)

*Introduction to Statistics* - Summer 2010 - In the Woodrow Wilson School - (Undergraduate)

*Advanced Statistics* - Summer 2011 - In the Woodrow Wilson School - (Undergraduate)

### Teaching Assistant

*Democracy* - Fall 2010 - Carles Boix & Nolan McCarty- (Undergraduate)

*Advanced Statistics* - Fall 2011 - Xun Pang - (Graduate)

*Introduction to International Relations*- Spring 2012 - David Carter - (Undergraduate)

## DEPARTMENTAL/ PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Editorial Board

*Historical Political Economy* - 2020 -

### Division Chair

APSA Political Economy Section - 2019

**Faculty Hiring Committee**

American Politics, University of Rochester - 2016

**Graduate Admissions Committee**

University of Rochester - 2016, 2018, 2020

**Organizer**

Summer Conference on Applied Methods for Political Science (Summer - C.A.M.P.S.) (with Anderson Frey) - 2019 (University of Rochester)

Comparative Politics Workshop (with Jack Paine) - 2016-17,2017-18, (University of Rochester).

Conference on Causal Inference and the Study of Conflict - (With Kosuke Imai, Carlos Velasco Rivera, & Graeme Blair) - May, 2012.

The Columbia, Princeton, Yale Historical Political Economy Working Group (With Alexandra Cirone) - 2012-2015

**Reviewer**

*The American Political Science Review, International Organization The American Journal of Political Science, The Journal of Politics, World Politics, The Quarterly Journal of Political Science, The British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, The Journal of Experimental Political Science, Nationalities Papers, Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Politics; Political Science Research and Methods; Oxford Economic Papers*