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EMPLOYMENT:

Associate Professor of Political Science. *The University of Rochester* (2021-)
Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science *Vanderbilt University CSDI* (2024 - 2025)
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

[The Effect of Gender on Perceptions of Politicians' Ideology: Implications for Candidate-Choice Experiments](#) (w/ Morgan Gillespie) Conditionally Accepted at *The American Journal of Political Science*

[The Direct Cost to Voters of Precinct Closure and Consolidation](#) (w/ Sharece Thrower) *Political Science Research and Methods* First View (2025)

[A Cause To Fight](#) (w/ Xiaoyan Qiu) *American Journal of Political Science*. Early View (2024)

[Designing Political Order: Why Monopolies of Violence Are Socially Inefficient \(But Individually Rational\)](#) (w/ Emiel Awad & Brenton Kenkel) *World Politics* 77(1) (2024) 1-37.

[The Economic Effects of Leaders' Economic Interests: Evidence from Election by Lot in the Florentine Republic](#) - *The Journal of Politics*, 82(2) (2024)

[Historical Border Changes, State Building, and Contemporary Trust in Europe](#) - *American Political Science Review*, 116(3) (2022), 875-895. (w/ David Carter & Luwei Ying)

[What Do We Learn about Voter Preferences from Conjoint Experiments?](#) - *American Journal of Political Science*, 66: 1008-1020 (2022). (w/ Korhan Koçak & Asya Magazinnik)

[A Revolution of Rights in American Founding Documents](#) - *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*: Vol. 3: No. 2, pp 124-147 (2022). (w/ Michael Barber and Jeremy Pope)

[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

Aggregation, Interpretation, and Estimation of Preferences in Conjoint Experiments (w/ Korhan Koçak, Asya Magazinnik, & Anton Strezhnev) *Revisions Requested at PSRM*

The Effect of Local News on Political Knowledge (w/ Sergio Montero) *Under Review*

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

Dislike, not Distrust (w/ Dot Sawler) *Under Review*

IN PROGRESS

Do Courts Play Fair? Property Rights, Trust, and Partisan Beliefs (w/ Dot Sawler)

Do Voters Prefer Women and Young Candidates? Re-evaluating Evidence from Conjoint Experiments (w/ Bahar Zafer)

The False Promise of New-Tocquevillian Social Capital

(Mis)estimating Preferences With Standard Survey Items (w/ Dot Sawler & Thomas Chamberlain)

DORMANT

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)

BOOK MANUSCRIPT: *Models All The Way Down* (w/ Korhan Koçak, & Asya Magazinnik)

FURTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Outstanding Article Award, APSA International History & Politics Section (w/ David Carter and Luwei Ying) - 2023

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), 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 & Canceled 2020), NYU Abu Dhabi (2021), University of Michigan (2021), University of Chicago Methods [Virtual] (2022), Vanderbilt CSDI (2024), The Ohio State University (2024)

TEACHING

Instructor

International Relations II - The University of Rochester - (Graduate)
Experimental Methods - The University of Rochester - (Graduate)
Senior Honors Thesis Workshop - The University of Rochester - (Undergraduate)
Positive Political Theory - The University of Rochester - (Undergraduate)
State Building and Conflict - The University of Rochester - (Graduate)
Graduate Research Seminar - The University of Rochester - (Graduate)
Introduction to International Relations - The University of Rochester - (Undergraduate)
Order Violence and the State - (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 –3

Division Chair

APSA Political Economy Section - 2019

Faculty Hiring Committee

American Politics, University of Rochester - 2016
Omnibus Search (Chair), University of Rochester - 2022

Graduate Admissions Committee

University of Rochester - 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021

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, *American Economic Review*, *International Organization* *The American Journal of Political Science*, *The Journal of Politics*, *World Politics*, *The Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *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*

REFERENCES

- Kosuke Imai, Professor in the Department of Government and the Department of Statistics at Harvard University. Email: imai@harvard.edu. Phone: 617-384-6778
- Kristopher Ramsay, William P. Boswell Professor of World Politics of Peace and War, Department of Politics Princeton University. Email: kramsay@princeton.edu. Phone: 609-258-2960
- David Carter, Professor in Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis. Email: david-carter@wustl.edu. Phone: 585-455-4658