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INTERESTS	Comparative political institutions, science policy, EU and German politics, comparative social policy, politics of health and the environment, global health security policy, state politics	
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<b>Research Assistant Professor</b> , Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Division of Public Policy	Jan 2021-
	<b>Junior Fellow</b> , Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study	Jan 2021-
	<b>Scholar</b> , Georgetown University Law Center O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law	Jan 2021-
	<b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b> , Georgetown University Law Center O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law	May 2020-Jan 2021
	<b>Visiting Fellow</b> , Stanford University Department of Political Science	Feb 2019
	<b>Visiting Fellow</b> , Hertie School of Governance Jacques Delors Institute Berlin, Center for European Affairs	Oct 2018-Dec 2018
	<b>Academic Director &amp; Professor</b> , Georgetown University Economic Policy Academy, School of Continuing Studies	2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
	<b>Academic Director &amp; Professor</b> , Georgetown University International Law Institute, School of Continuing Studies	2016
EDUCATION	<b>Georgetown University</b> , Washington, DC Ph.D., Political Science (2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation: "What Makes a Changemaker? Policy Entrepreneurs, Policy Change, and the Politics of Obesity in the US and Germany"</li><li>• External Affiliation: The Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany (Fulbright Scholar 2017-2018)</li></ul> M.A., Political Science (2017)	
	<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b> , London, UK M.Sc., Public Policy and Administration (2011)	
	<b>Ludwig Maximilian Universität München</b> , Munich, Germany Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellow at the Pettenkofer School of Public Health (2009-2010)	
	<b>Univeristy of Massachusetts Amherst</b> , Amherst, MA B.S., Microbiology (2009) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>, <i>Commonwealth College Honors With Greatest Distinction</i>, and <i>Departmental Honors</i></li></ul> B.A., Political Science (International Relations Concentration) (2009) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> and <i>Commonwealth College Honors With Greatest Distinction</i></li></ul> Trinity College, Oxford University Summer Seminar (2007)	
	<b>Additional Training</b> IQMR: Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (2017) ICPSR: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (2016)	

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<p>“Playing Politics: WHO’s Response to COVID-19.” (with Matthew Kavanagh and Mara Pillinger) in <i>Coronavirus Politics: The Comparative Politics and Policy of COVID-19</i>. Eds. Scott L. Greer, Elizabeth J. King, Andre Peralta, and Elize Massard da Fonseca. University of Michigan Press. Forthcoming. 2021.</p> <p>“Understanding and Comparing HIV-Related Law &amp; Policy Environments: Cross-National Data and Accountability for the Global AIDS Response.” (with Matthew Kavanagh, Ellie Graeden, Mara Pillinger, Stephanie Eaneff, Victoria Bendaud, Rico Gustav, and Taavi Erkkola) <i>BMJ Public Health</i>. 2020.</p> <p>“Democracy, Capacity, and Coercion in Pandemic Response - COVID-19 in Comparative Political Perspective.” (with Matthew Kavanagh) <i>Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law</i>. 2020.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>JHPPL’s third most read article published in 2020</i></p>
WORKING PAPERS	<p>“Partisanship, Elite Cues, and Support for Obesity-related Policies in Germany and the United States.”</p> <p>“What Makes a Changemaker? An Analysis of Policy Entrepreneurs in German and EU Food Policy.” (<i>awarded Best Poster for APSA Public Policy Section, 2019</i>)</p> <p>“Where’s the Money From? Attitudes toward Donor Countries and Foreign Aid in the Arab World.” (with Scott Williamson)</p> <p>“How Obamacare Altered State-Level Public Opinion on Medicaid.”</p> <p>“Nuclear Weapons and Infectious Disease: The Role of Science, Policy, and the State.”</p> <p>“Building a Scapegoat or Building a Reputation? Autocats, Blame Avoidance, and COVID-19 in the Arab World.” (with Scott Williamson)</p>
IN PROGRESS	<p>“Who Supports Obesity-related Policies? An Analysis of Original Survey Data from Germany and the US.”</p> <p>“How Priming Weight Affects Attitudes Toward Obesity: Experimental Evidence from Germany and the US.”</p>
SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS	<p>“To Democratize Vaccine Access, Democratize Production.” (with Matthew M. Kavanagh, Mara Pillinger, and Katherine Ginsbach) <i>Foreign Policy Magazine</i>. March 1, 2021</p> <p>“Where has the world made progress in HIV Policy.” <i>LSE Blogs</i>. January 26, 2021</p> <p>“Why public trust in the WHO matters.” <i>LSE Blogs</i>. May 19, 2020.</p> <p>“Coronavirus and Prospects for Instability in Egypt.” (with Scott Williamson) <i>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i>. April 22, 2020.</p> <p>“How the Coronavirus is Plaguing Autocracies and Democracies” <i>Duck of Minerva</i>. March 10, 2020.</p> <p>“Book Review: Thieves of State by Sara Chayes.” <i>Democracy and Society</i>. Volume 14. 2016-2017.</p> <p>“Global Health Security and Strategic Diplomacy.” <i>Atlantische Initiative</i>. December 12, 2016.</p> <p>“The Case for Strategic Health Diplomacy: A Study of PEPFAR.” <i>Bipartisan Policy Center</i>. 2015. (Under Tom Daschle and Bill Frist).</p> <p>“Economic Prospects.” &amp; “Economic Snapshot” (quarterly reports). <i>nVision USA</i>. Future Foundation. 2013-2014.</p> <p>“The sugar-coated truth.” Future Foundation. March 13, 2014.</p> <p>“Converging Health Risks and New Inhibitions to Unhealthy Living.” <i>nVision USA</i>. Future Foundation. 2014.</p> <p>“Health Innovations: Key Health Trends for the 10s Decade.” <i>nVision USA</i>. Future Foundation. 2014.</p> <p>“Highlights from the Census for England and Wales.” <i>nVision UK</i>. Future Foundation. 2014.</p> <p>“CVS: The business of being healthy meets the being healthy business.” Future Foundation. February 7, 2014.</p> <p>“Pension Half-Board.” <i>nVision UK</i>. Future Foundation. 2014.</p> <p>“Malaria and Poverty in Africa.” Naval Academic Foreign Affairs Conference. 2009.</p>

ORIGINAL DATA	<p>Public Health Policy Data (1990-2019): State-level proposed legislation regarding anti-obesity related public health policies, programs, and initiatives in 4 US states (MA, TX, IN, and WI) and 4 German Länder (NW, BY, SN, BB).</p> <p>German and US Public Opinion Data (2019): Observational and experimental data on public health policies and obesity politics.</p> <p>Elite Interviews (2017-2019): Over 120 semi-structured interviews focused on the politics of public health in Germany and the US.</p>
WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>International Conference of Europeanists (2019, 2020, 2021)</p> <p>European Political Science Association Conference (2021)</p> <p>International Studies Association Conference (2020, 2021)</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021)</p> <p>Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop (2020)</p> <p>State Politics and Policy Conference (2016, 2019, 2020)</p> <p>Southern Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)</p> <p>American Political Science Association Conference (2017, 2018, 2019)</p> <p>Pre-APSA Global Health Workshop (2019)</p> <p>Southern Political Science Association Conference (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)</p> <p>Political Studies Association Conference (2018)</p> <p>Women of Color in Political Science Workshop (2017)</p> <p>Western Political Science Association Conference (2017)</p> <p>Georgetown University Graduate Working Group (2016)</p> <p>Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (2009)</p>
INVITED TALKS	<p>Complex Systems for Policy Guest Lecture, HKUST Division of Public Policy (2021)</p> <p>Nutrition &gt; Medicine Webinar, Physicians Association for Nutrition International (2021)</p> <p>George Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop (2020)</p> <p>UC Berkeley European Politics Working Group (2019)</p> <p>Hertie School of Governance Work In Progress Seminar (2018)</p> <p>TEDx Talk: "Strike a Pose," TEDx TU Berlin (2018)</p> <p>Berlin Seminar, The Fulbright Program, US Dept of State (2018)</p> <p>International Yoga Day Curtain Raiser, International Conference on Integrative Medicine, Harvard Medical School (2017)</p> <p>International Law Guest Lecture, Georgetown Department of Government (2016)</p>
SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS & RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>GSAS Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown University (2020)</p> <p>Department of Government Summer Research Fellowship, Georgetown University (2019)</p> <p>Maryada Foundation Research Grant (2019)</p> <p>GSAS Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Georgetown University (2018)</p> <p>Fulbright EU-NATO Seminar Grant, German Fulbright Commission (2018)</p> <p>Fulbright Grant, US Department of State (2017-2018)</p> <p>GSAS Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown University (2017)</p> <p>Department of Government IQMR Grant, Georgetown University (2017)</p> <p>The Prestage-Cook Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association (2016)</p> <p>Department of Government ICPSR Grant, Georgetown University (2016)</p> <p>Graduate Teaching and Research Fellowship, Department of Government, Georgetown University (2014-2020)</p> <p>Deutsche Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellowship, German Federal Foreign Office, (2009-2010)</p> <p>Senior Leadership Award, UMass Amherst (2009)</p> <p>George Goodwin Jr. Public Service Award, Department of Political Science, UMass Amherst (2009)</p> <p>Senator Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, US Department of Education (2005-2009)</p> <p>UMass Amherst University Scholar Award, State of Massachusetts (2005-2009)</p> <p>Phi Beta Kappa (2008)</p>

## TEACHING

<i>Instructor</i>	<b>Teaching Associate/Course Instructor</b> , Trial By Jury Georgetown University, School of Continuing Studies	2015
	<b>Supplemental Instructor</b> , Chemistry 112 UMass Amherst, Learning Resource Center	2006, 2007
	<b>Course Instructor</b> , The United Nations and World Affairs MIT High School Summer Program	2004
<i>Assistantships</i>	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , United States Political Systems for Michele Swers Georgetown University, Department of Government	2017
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , International Law for Catherine Lotrionte Georgetown University, Department of Government	2016
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , Elements of Political Theory for Richard Boyd Georgetown University, Department of Government	2016
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , Comparative Political Systems for Father Matthew Carnes Georgetown University, Department of Government	2015
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , Comparative Political Systems for Thane Gustafson Georgetown University, Department of Government	2015
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , Comparative Political Systems for Father Matthew Carnes Georgetown University, Department of Government	2014
RESEARCH	<b>Research Assistant</b> (for Dr. Laia Balcells) Georgetown University, Department of Government	Sep 2019-May 2020
	<b>Visiting Research Fellow</b> Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy	Apr 2010-Jul 2010
	<b>Visiting Research Fellow</b> , Environmental Epidemiology Unit Helmholtz Zentrum München	Oct 2009-Jul 2010
	<b>Research Intern</b> Embassy of India, Abu Dhabi, UAE	Jun 2007
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Dept of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology UMass Amherst, Professor Scott Garman	Jan 2006-May 2008
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Department of Political Science UMass Amherst, Professor Dean Robinson	Jan 2008-May 2008
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Department of Microbiology National Yang-Ming University, Professor W. Syu	Jan 2007
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Department of Microbiology Harvard Medical School, Professor Roberto Kolter	Jun 2003-Aug 2003
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Evergrande Center for Neurologic Diseases Harvard Medical School, Professor Vijay Kuchroo	Jun 2002-Aug 2002
RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<b>Senior Analyst</b> Future Foundation	Aug 2012-Apr 2014
	<b>Casework &amp; Personal Office Intern</b> , Senator Edward M. Kennedy US Senate	Jul 2008-Jan 2009

SERVICE

**Academic**

Speaker, Georgetown Fulbright Alumni Panel Discussion & Networking Reception (2020)  
Reviewer, *Social Science & Medicine, World Development*  
Speaker, Georgetown Department of Government Grant Writing Workshop (2019)  
Speaker, Georgetown Department of Government Pedagogy Workshop (2019)  
Discussant, MPSA (2016, 2019)  
External Senior Thesis Advisor (Nathan Loi), BASIS Independent Silicon Valley (2019)  
Panel Co-Chair, MPSA (2017)  
Panel Chair and Discussant, Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society) National Student Conference (2015, 2017)  
Speaker, Georgetown Department of Government TA Workshop (2017)  
Vice President (2015-2016), President (2016-2017), Women's Caucus, Department of Government, Georgetown University  
Graduate Political Science Association Comparative Politics Representative, Department of Government, Georgetown University (2015-2016)

**Community**

Certified Ashtanga Yoga Instructor (Volunteer for: US Botanic Gardens, The German Fulbright Commission, The Hertie School of Governance, Georgetown University)  
Bike Ambassador (Washington Area Bicycle Association, Women & Bicycles Initiative)

SKILLS

**Languages**

English (native)  
Hindi (native)  
Urdu (fluent speaking)  
German (advanced speaking, reading, and writing)  
French (basic speaking, reading, and writing)

**Statistics & Programming Languages**

Stata, R, SPSS, Latex, Qualtrics.