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- EDUCATION** Ph.D., Politics, Princeton University, 2015  
Dissertation: *Agency Design, Human Capital, and Political Control in U.S. Federal Agencies*
- M.A., Politics, Princeton University, 2012  
Fields: American Politics, Formal and Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics
- B.A., Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2010  
*Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*
- EMPLOYMENT** Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Emory University, 2016-  
Postdoctoral Associate, Social Science Research Institute, Duke University, 2015-16
- PUBLICATIONS** “The Constraining Power of the Purse: Executive Discretion and Legislative Appropriations” Forthcoming. *Journal of Politics* (with Sharece Thrower)
- “Legislative Constraints on Executive Unilateralism in Separation of Powers Systems” Forthcoming. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (with Michael Barber and Sharece Thrower)
- “A Framework for Sharing Confidential Research Data, Applied to Investigating Differential Pay by Race in the U.S. Government” 2018. *Annals of Applied Statistics* 12(2): 1124–1156 (with Andrés Barrientos, Tom Balmat, Jerry Reiter, John de Figueiredo, Ashwin Machanavajjhala, Yan Chen, Charley Kneifel, Mark DeLong)
- “Legislative Capacity and Executive Unilateralism.” 2016. *American Journal of Political Science* 60(3): 649-663 (with Sharece Thrower)
- “Organizational Capacity, Regulatory Review, and the Limits of Political Control.” 2016. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 32(2): 242-271 (with Rachel Potter and Sharece Thrower)
- BOOK REVIEW** Review of Resh, William G. 2015. *Rethinking the Administrative Presidency: Trust, Intellectual Capital, and Appointee-Careerist Relations in the George W. Bush Administration*. *Journal of Politics*
- OTHER PUBLICATIONS** “Will Federal Employees Work for a President They Disagree With?” *Harvard Business Review*, February 10, 2017 (with John M. de Figueiredo and David E. Lewis)
- AVAILABLE WORKING PAPERS** “Collegial Leadership Structures, Ideological Diversity, and Policymaking in the United States”  
◦ *Under review*
- “Elections, Ideology, and Turnover in the U.S. Federal Government.” with John de Figueiredo and David Lewis (NBER Working Paper 22932)  
◦ *Under review*

**WORKS IN  
PROGRESS /  
UNDER  
REVISION**

Book project: *Legislative Capacity, Executive Power, and the Development of Separation of Powers Politics* (with Sharece Thrower)

“Congressional Dysfunction and Bureaucratic Capacity” with Sara Kerosky and Nolan McCarty

“Ideological Polarization and Informal Policymaking in Congress”

“Personnel Politics: Presidential Control and Career Concerns in the Federal Bureaucracy.”

“Measuring and Explaining the Gender Wage Gap in the Federal Government” with John de Figueiredo

“Rising Wages and Human Capital in the Federal Government.” with John de Figueiredo

“Politicization and Employee Opinion in the Federal Bureaucracy”

**AWARDS AND  
HONORS**

Herbert Kaufman Best Paper Award for “Elections, Ideology, and Turnover in the U.S. Federal Government.” with John de Figueiredo and David Lewis,” from the American Political Science Association’s Public Administration Section (2017).

Best Poster on Public Policy Award for “Collegial Leadership Structures, Ideological Diversity, and Policymaking in the United States,” from the American Political Science Association’s Public Policy Section (2016).

**RECENT  
CONFERENCES  
AND INVITED  
TALKS**

“Legislative Constraints, Ideological Conflict, and the Timing of Executive Unilateralism” with Sharece Thrower. To be presented at the 2018 State Politics and Policymaking Conference, State College, PA.

“Discretion and Executive Action.” To be presented at the 2018 New Developments in the Study of Executive Politics Conference, Nashville, TN.

“Polarization, Legislative Constraint, and Executive Policymaking in the United States.” with Michael Barber and Sharece Thrower. Paper presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

“Polarization, Legislative Constraint, and Executive Policymaking in the United States.” with Michael Barber and Sharece Thrower. Paper presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

“Elections, Ideology, and Turnover in the U.S. Federal Government.” with John de Figueiredo and David Lewis. Paper presented at the 2016 Yale CSAP American Politics Conference.

“The Constraining Power of the Purse” with Sharece Thrower. Paper presented at Brigham Young University Department of Political Science, May 2017

**TEACHING**

Bureaucracy (graduate), Fall 2016, Fall 2018

American National Government (graduate), Spring 2019

Congressional Politics (undergraduate), Spring 2017, Spring 2018

Executive Branch Governance (undergraduate), Fall 2017

Intermediate American Politics (undergraduate), Spring 2018, Spring 2019

Emory College Teaching Enhancement Fellow, 2018-2019

**ADVISING**

Undergraduate Honors Theses: Hannah Hewitt (2016-17, Advisor); Ada Dovell (2017-18, Advisor); Tommy Archibald (2018-19, Advisor); Matthew Ribel (2018-2019, Committee); Xuetao Wang (2018-19, Committee)

Second Year Paper Advising: Josh McCrain (2016-17)

Dissertation Committee: Josh McCrain (in progress), Elizabeth Weiner (in progress)

**DEPARTMENT  
SERVICE**

Undergraduate Honors Committee (2016-2017, 2018-2019)

International Relations Faculty Search Committee (2017-2018)

**COLLEGE  
SERVICE**

Dean's Achievement Scholars Selection Committee (2017)

**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE**

APSA Presidency and Executive Politics Founders Award Committee, 2018-2019

SPSA Nominations Committee, 2018-2019

APSA Presidency and Executive Politics Legacy Award Committee, 2016-2017

Referee, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, CQ Press, *Governance*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *Public Administration Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Regulation and Governance*