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CONTACT

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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Political Science, **Emory University**, September 2019 -

Assistant Professor of Political Science, **Emory University**, July 2015-Aug. 2019

Assistant Professor of Political Science, **Ohio State University**, Aug. 2012-June 2015

EDUCATION

Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford, Calif.

Ph.D. Business Administration (June 2012)

- Area of Study: Political Economics

Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

M.A. Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (October 2007)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

B.A. with High Distinction and Highest Honors in Political Science (May 2005)

- Majors: Economics and Political Science

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Cook, Jason B., Vladimir Kogan, Stéphane Lavertu, and Zachary Peskowitz. Forthcoming. "Government Privatization and Political Participation: The Case of Charter Schools." *Journal of Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/705818>

Peskowitz, Zachary. 2019. "Ideological Signaling and Incumbency Advantage." *British Journal of Political Science*. 49(2): 467-490.

Montagnes, B. Pablo, Zachary Peskowitz, and Joshua McCrain. 2019. "Bounding Partisan Approval Rates Under Endogenous Partisanship: Why High Presidential Partisan Approval May Not Be What It Seems." *Journal of Politics*. 81(1):321-326.

Peskowitz, Zachary and Suhas A. Sridharan. 2018. "Partisanship, Political Institutions, and Debt Issues." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. 34(3):395-424.

Kogan, Vladimir, Stéphane Lavertu, and Zachary Peskowitz. 2018. "Election Timing, Electorate Composition, and Policy Outcomes: Evidence from School Districts." *American Journal of Political Science*. 62(3):637-651.

Peskowitz, Zachary. 2018. "Selection and Incentives in the Electoral Security-Constituency Communication Relationship." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 43(2):275-304.

Martin, Gregory J. and Zachary Peskowitz. 2018. "Agency Problems in Political Campaigns: Media Buying and Consulting." *American Political Science Review*. 112(2):231-248.

Kogan, Vladimir, Stéphane Lavertu, and Zachary Peskowitz. 2017. "Direct Democracy and Administrative Disruption." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. 27(3): 381-399.

Chaudoin, Stephen, Zachary Peskowitz, and Christopher Stanton. 2017. "Beyond Zeroes and Ones: The Intensity and Dynamics of Civil Conflict." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 61(1): 56-83.

Kogan, Vladimir, Stéphane Lavertu, and Zachary Peskowitz. 2016. "Do School Report Cards Produce Accountability Through the Ballot Box?" *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. 35(3): 639-661.

Kogan, Vladimir, Stéphane Lavertu, and Zachary Peskowitz. 2016. "Performance Federalism and Local Democracy: Theory and Evidence from School Tax Referenda." *American Journal of Political Science*. 60(2): 418-435. (Included in September 2017 AJPS Virtual Issue of highly-cited articles from 2015 and 2016).

Krehbiel, Keith and Zachary Peskowitz. 2015. "Legislative Organization and Ideal-Point Bias." *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 27(4): 673-703.

Martin, Gregory J. and Zachary Peskowitz. 2015. "Parties and Electoral Performance in the Market for Political Consultants." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 40(3): 441-470.

Dropp, Kyle and Zachary Peskowitz. 2012. "Electoral Security and the Provision of Constituency Service." *Journal of Politics*. 74(1): 220-234.

WORKING PAPERS "Reinforcement Learning and the Dynamics of Individual Campaign Contributions"

"The Polarization Dynamics of Electoral Reforms" with James Szewczyk (revise and resubmit at *Political Science Research and Methods*)

"How Does Racial Political Representation Affect School District Outcomes?" with Vladimir Kogan and Stéphane Lavertu

"School District Operational Spending and Student Outcomes: Evidence from Tax Elections in Seven States" with Carolyn Abbott, Vladimir Kogan, and Stéphane Lavertu (revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Public Economics*)

"Question Ordering, Endogenous Partisanship, and Partisan Presidential Approval Bias" with Kaylyn Jackson and B. Pablo Montagnes

"Correcting Partisan Presidential Approval Bias with Panel Surveys" with Kaylyn Jackson and B. Pablo Montagnes

TALKS

UCLA, American Politics Workshop (2019)

Duke University, Behavior and Identities Workshop (2019)

Vanderbilt University, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions Seminar (2018)

University of Georgia, Department of Public Administration and Policy Seminar (2018)

University of Pittsburgh, Center for the Study of American Politics and Society Seminar (2017)

UC-Berkeley, Research Workshop in American Politics (2016)

University of Texas - Austin, Department of Government (2014)

Emory University, Department of Political Science (2014)
OSU Glenn School of Public Affairs, Glenn School Colloquium Series (2014)
Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Seminar (2014)
Harris School, University of Chicago, Political Economy Seminar (2014)
Emory University, Political Institutions and Methodology Seminar (2013)
Yale University, Center for the Study of American Politics Seminar (2012)
The Ohio State University (2011)
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (2011)

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

APPAM (2018)
Boston University Local Political Economy Conference (2018)
State Politics and Policy Conference (2017, 2018)
Urban Affairs Association Conference (2015)
American Political Science Association (2010, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019)
Midwest Political Science Association (2009-2018)
European Political Science Association (2012)

DISCUSSANT

George Washington University Local Political Economy Conference (2019)
Yale CSAP American Politics Conference (2019)
Southern Political Science Association (2019)
APPAM (2018)
Emory Political Economy Conference (2017)
Vanderbilt Urban Political Economy Conference (2017)
Emory CSLPE Conference (2016)
MPSA (2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018)

RESEARCH
GRANTS

Program to Enhance Research and Scholarship, Emory College, \$5,000 (with Kaylyn Jackson and B. Pablo Montagnes)
Lyle Spencer Research Award, Spencer Foundation, \$632,778.60 (Co-PI with Vladimir Kogan and Stéphane Lavertu)
Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State, \$2,000 (with Vladimir Kogan), 2014
Center for the Study of Democracy, Ohio State, \$17,584 (with Vladimir Kogan and Stéphane Lavertu), 2013
Center on the American Governor, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, \$4,500 (with Kyle Dropp), 2013

FELLOWSHIPS AND
AWARDS

Short-term Visiting Faculty Fellow, Institute for Quantitative Theory and Methods, Emory University (Aug. 2013)
Fellowship, Stanford Graduate School of Business (2007-2012)
William Jennings Bryan Prize, University of Michigan (2005)
Phi Beta Kappa, University of Michigan (2005)
Alfred G. Meyer Award for outstanding undergraduate paper in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Michigan (2004)
Morris Wasserstein Award, University of Michigan (2002)

TEACHING

At Emory:
Politics & Policy (Ph.D.) (Fall 2015)
Intermediate National Politics of the U.S. (Undergraduate) (Spring 2016, Spring 2017)
Political Economy of Public Policy (Undergraduate/Ph.D.) (Spring 2018)

The Linear Model (Ph.D.) (Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)
Public Policy (Undergraduate) (Spring 2019)

At Ohio State:

Quantitative Political Analysis I (Ph.D.) (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014)

Causal Inference (Ph.D.) (Spring 2014)

Business and Government Relations (Undergraduate) (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014)

Business and Government Relations Honors (Undergraduate) (Spring 2013, Spring 2015)

Voters and Elections (Undergraduate) (Spring 2014)

Politics of Film and Television (Undergraduate) (Spring 2015)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* Replication Assistant Fall 2010 - Spring 2012
Michigan in Washington Advisory Board 2012 - 2016

REVIEWER *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, CUNY Collaborative Incentive Research Grant, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Legislative Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Policy, Journal of Systems Science and Systems Engineering, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science*

SERVICE At Emory:
Emory College Faculty Responsibilities Working Group (2018)
Emory College Curriculum, Assessment, and Educational Policy Committee (2018-2019)
Emory College Honor Council (2018-2019)
Emory Public Scholars Institute (2018)
Public Policy and Analysis Major Committee (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019)
Honors Colloquium Revision Committee (2017)
Target of Opportunity Hiring Committee (2016-2017, 2017-2018)
Graduate Admissions Committee (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019)
Graduate Committee (2015-2016)
American Institutions Search Committee (2015)

At Ohio State:

Graduate Studies Committee (2012-2015)

Political Methodology Search Committee (2013)

William Jennings Bryan Prize Committee (2014)

ADVISING Past PhD Advising at Emory and First Placement:
Anna Gunderson (committee member, assistant professor at Louisiana State University)

Current PhD Advising at Emory:

Elizabeth Wiener (third-year paper, committee member)

Joshua McCrain (third-year paper, committee member)

Mary Gardner Macdonald (committee member)

James Szewczyk (second-year paper, committee member)

Sivaram Cheruvu (committee member)

Kaylyn Jackson (second-year paper)

Undergraduate Advising at Emory:

Ada Dovell (honors thesis committee member)

Undergraduate Thesis Committees at Ohio State:
Marie Rehg, Gary Alleman

POPULAR
WRITINGS ON
SCHOLARLY
RESEARCH

“Do Low-Turnout Elections Make the Electorate More Conservative? Not That Much.” *Washington Post* Monkey Cage, February, 20, 2018 (with Vladimir Kogan and Stéphane Lavertu).

“No Child Left Behind’s School Performance Metrics May be Punishing Disadvantaged School Districts and Students.” London School of Economics USAPP - American Politics and Policy Blog, June 25, 2015 (with Vladimir Kogan and Stéphane Lavertu).

“The Unintended Impact of Report Cards on Levy Success.” *Ohio School Boards Association Journal*, June 2015 (with Vladimir Kogan and Stéphane Lavertu).

“How to Judge Your Consultant.” *Campaigns & Elections*, December 4, 2014 (with Gregory J. Martin).