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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

American political institutions, Congress, lobbying, media and politics, money in politics, computational social science, methods for causal inference

## EDUCATION

### **Emory University**

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, 2015–present.  
Committee: John Patty (Co-Chair); Tom Clark (Co-Chair); Alex Bolton; Zachary Peskowitz.

### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

M.A., Political Science, 2013.  
B.A., Political Science, 2011.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Martin, Gregory J. and **Joshua McCrain**. Forthcoming. “Local News and National Politics.” *American Political Science Review*.

- Winner of 2019 Pi Sigma Alpha Award and Best Paper in American Politics Award, *Midwest Political Science Association*
- Media Coverage: [Nature Human Behavior](#); [CNN](#); [NPR](#); [New York Magazine](#); [USA Today](#); [Vox](#); [The Washington Post](#)

Montagnes, B. Pablo, Zac 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*.

- Media Coverage: [New York Times](#); [Brookings Institution](#); [Vox](#); [National Review](#)

**McCrain, Joshua**. 2018. “Revolving Door Lobbyists and the Value of Congressional Staff Connections.” *Journal of Politics*.

- Winner of 2018 Political Networks Section John Sprague Award for best graduate student paper, *American Political Science Association*

## WORKING PAPERS

“Legislative Staff and Policymaking”

- Winner of 2019 Malcolm Jewell Award for best graduate student paper, *Southern Political Science Association*
- Previously “Congressional Staff and Effective Legislating in the House of Representatives”

“The Gender Pay Gap in Congressional Offices” with Maxwell Palmer

Media Coverage: [CNBC](#); [Newsweek](#)

“Lobbying Access, Congressional Employment, and the Determinants of Revolving Door Lobbying” with Jeff Lazarus and Amy McKay

“Lobbyists as Government Employees: Evidence from the Bureaucracy” with Benjamin C.K. Egerod

WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>“The Bureaucratic Revolving Door: Career Trajectories and Regulatory Action” with Alex Bolton</p> <p>Legislative Staff, Resource Inequalities, and Representation in Congress</p> <p>Measuring Legislative Valence with Matthew Hitt</p>
GRANTS AND AWARDS	<p>2019 MPSA Pi Sigma Alpha Award with Gregory J. Martin <i>Awarded for best overall paper presented the MPSA annual meeting.</i></p> <p>2019 MPSA Best Paper in American Politics Award with Gregory J. Martin</p> <p>2019 Malcolm Jewell Award <i>Awarded for best graduate student paper presented at the SPSA annual meeting.</i></p> <p>2018 APSA Political Networks Section John Sprague Award <i>Awarded for best paper on political networks presented by a graduate student in the previous year.</i></p> <p>State Politics and Policy Travel Grant – \$375</p> <p>Emory Professional Development Support Training Award (2018) – \$950</p> <p>Political Networks Fellowship (National Science Foundation) – \$800</p> <p>Emory Professional Development Support Training Award (2017) – \$681</p> <p>Laney Graduate Student Association Travel Grant – \$500</p> <p>Prestage-Cook Travel Award – \$300</p>
PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP	<p>“Yes, Sinclair Broadcast Group does cut local news, increase national news and tilt its stations rightward.” With Gregory Martin. <a href="#">Monkey Cage Blog</a>, <i>The Washington Post</i> (April 10, 2018).</p> <p>“What Does Donald Trump Need for a Successful Presidency? Bureaucrats.” <a href="#">Monkey Cage Blog</a>, <i>The Washington Post</i> (November 14, 2016; Republished January 27, 2017).</p> <p>“Convincing evidence that congressional staff do, in fact, matter.” <a href="#">LegBranch.com</a> (January 23, 2018).</p> <p>“Cashing In On Connections: For Congressional Staff-Turned-Lobbyists, Who You Know Matters.” <a href="#">LegBranch.com</a> (August 21, 2017).</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>POLS 208: Research Design and Methods (Teaching Assistance - Spring and Fall 2018)</p> <p>Introduction to R for Data Manipulation and Analysis (Graduate; Instructor of Record – Fall 2018)</p> <p>POLS 200: Intermediate American Government (Undergraduate; Co-Instructor of Record – Spring 2019)</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>2019     Southern Political Science Association           Midwestern Political Science Association           Western Political Science Association           State Politics and Policy Conference</p> <p>2018     American Political Science Association           Southern Political Science Association           Midwest Political Science Association           Emory Conference on Causal Inference, Institutions &amp; Law Making           Annual Political Networks Conference</p> <p>2017     Southern Political Science Association           Midwest Political Science Association           Annual Political Networks Conference           Atlanta Symposium on Political Science</p>

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

*An Introduction to R for Data Manipulation and Analysis*  
Georgia State University, October 2017 and October 2018.

SERVICE

**Reviewer:** *Journal of Politics, American Politics Research, American Journal of Political Science, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Public Choice, Organization Studies, American Political Science Review, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science*

John Sprague Award Committee, APSA Political Networks Section (2019)

ADDITIONAL  
TRAINING

EITM Summer Institute, 2018. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program, 2017. Emory University.

RESEARCH  
ASSISTANCE

Alex Bolton, Michael Giles, Danielle Jung, Pablo Montagnes

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

Associate, M+R Strategic Services, Washington D.C. (2014-2015).

Assistant Director for Government Relations, Consortium of Social Science Associations,  
Washington D.C. (2013-2014).

Intern, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington D.C. (2013).

Project Assistant, National Democratic Institute, Washington D.C. (2012)

LANGUAGES  
AND SKILLS

English (native), Italian (advanced)

R, PHP, Stata, Python, SQL, JavaScript, HTML