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Research Interests	American Institutions, Congress, the Presidency, Bureaucratic Politics, Separation of Powers, State & Local Politics
Teaching Interests	American Politics, Congress, the Presidency, Bureaucratic Politics, State and Local Politics, Public Policy, Research Methods
Academic Appointments	University of Chicago Postdoctoral Scholar of American Politics, 2026-2027
Education	Emory University Ph.D., Political Science, 2026 Dissertation Committee: Alex Bolton (chair), John W. Patty, Zachary Peskowitz M.A., Political Science, 2024 University of West Florida B.A., Political Science, 2020 <i>Summa cum laude</i>
Publications	Kim, Jenn S., Kinnard, Benjamin , and Patty, John W. 2026. “Controlling for Oversight in Studies of Oversight” <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> 51(3): e70081 Kinnard, Benjamin and Patty, John W. 2024. “Paved with Partisan Intentions: The Impressive and Disheartening Validity of Cox and McCubbins’s <i>Legislative Leviathan</i> ” <i>Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy</i> 4(4): 523-549 (Note: Editor-reviewed)
Working Papers	“Hiring and Buying Loyalty: How Party Leaders Control the House Committee on Rules” (Under review) “(Non-)Ideological Oversight of the Executive Branch: Evidence from Congress and Offices of Inspector General” “Why Comment? Congressional Oversight and Agency Responsiveness in Notice-and-Comment Rulemaking”

Works in Progress	“Municipal Incorporation and Political Participation” with Jacob R. Brown and Michael Leo Owens
	“Organizational Structure, Capacity, and Access in Regulatory Lobbying” with Alex Bolton
Conference Presentations	Hankin Conference on Media and Information Manipulation (2026)
	Separation of Powers Conference-within-a-Conference (2026)
	<i>Legislative Leviathan</i> 30th Anniversary Conference (2023)
	<i>Annual Conferences</i>
	APSA (2026) MPSA (2025, 2026) SPSA (2024)
Teaching	Emory University
	Co-Instructor (with Alex Bolton), Presidential Power (Fall 2024)
	Teaching Assistant, Research Design and Methods (Spring 2024 & Fall 2025)
	Grader, Principles of Political Science (Fall 2023) Guest Lecturer, Congressional Politics (Fall 2022)
Grants, Awards, and Fellowships	Emory University
	Professional Development Support Funds (2024-2026) (\$2,500 total)
	Prudentis Funds (2023) (\$355)
	University of West Florida Reubin O’D. Askew Student Scholar, 2019-2020 (\$2,500)
Skills	R, $\LaTeX$, Github, Python (beginner), Claude (beginner)
Service	Graduate Student Worker, 2025 Meeting of the Society of Political Methodology