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Education

Ph.D. Political Science and Social Data Analytics (Dual Title), The Pennsylvania State University, *expected 2026*.

Dissertation Committee: Michael J. Nelson, Marie Hojnacki, Christopher Zorn, Charles Seguin.

M.A. Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University, 2023.

B.S. Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University, 2021.

Research and Teaching Interests

Substantive

- American Institutions and Institutional Design, Judicial Decision Making, Legislative Behavior, Parties in Government, Judicial Selection, Election Administration and the Law, Women in Politics.

Methodological

- Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Time Series and Cross Sectional Time Series Analysis, Duration Analysis, Count Data Analysis, Survey Design, Probability Sampling.

Working Papers

Gumming Up the Process: The Use of Questions for the Record in the Confirmation of Federal Circuit Court Judges.

Judging Judicial Nominees *with Michael Nelson*.

Election Deniers in State Legislatures *with Danielle Beavers, Michael Berkman, and Michael Nelson*.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

- 2023-2024 Eleanor Roosevelt Fellowship, McCourtney Institute for Democracy, College of the Liberal Arts.
2022-2024 Center for American Political Responsiveness Graduate Scholarship.

Research Experience

- Fall 2021 Research Assistant, Christopher Zorn.
Summer 2022 Research Assistant, Michael J. Nelson & Lee Ann Banaszak.
Spring, Summer 2023 Research Assistant, Michael Berkman & Eric Plutzer, Mood of the Nation Poll, McCourtney Institute for Democracy.

Teaching Experience

- Summer 2024 Instructor of Record, PLSC471: American Constitutional Law
Spring 2022 Teaching Assistant, PLSC001: Introduction to American Politics
Fall 2022 Teaching Assistant, PLSC010: The Scientific Study of Politics

Conference Presentations

- State Politics and Policymaking Conference: 2024.
Southern Political Science Association: 2024.

Professional Service

- President, Graduate Association of Political Science, 2022-2024.
Member, American Politics and Social Science Research Institute Tenure Track Search Committee, 2023.