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Academic Appointments

2022 - current	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago
2025	Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago

Education

2022	Ph.D., Political Science, University of California San Diego Dissertation: Why Parkland, not Pulse? Racially Disparate Responses to Mass Shootings Committee: Marisa Abrajano (Co-chair), Daniel Butler (Co-chair), LaGina Gause, Stephen Haggard, Zoltan Hajnal, and Thad Kousser
2019	M.A., Political Science, University of California San Diego
2015	B.A., Political Science, University of California Berkeley

Book Manuscript

Boundaries of Protection: Why Some Gun Deaths Trigger Gun Control and Most Don't.

Full manuscript under review by the University of Chicago Press; book workshop held July 2026.

Studies how victims' race and ethnicity shape political responses to gun violence. Argues that inherited racial narratives construct only some victims as worthy of protection paid for through a tax on White gun rights, and frame gun violence affecting communities of color as caused by culture, individual pathology, or hate, shifting responsibility for protection to other policy domains. The empirical chapters show that mass shootings in White communities shift the advocacy environment toward gun control, push elites to blame guns, and predict when states restrict their gun laws, while similar shootings in communities of color do not.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

*= graduate student coauthor ; **= undergraduate student coauthor

14. Bringing the Middle Back In: On-cycle Elections May Reduce Polarization
OnlineFirst at **Urban Affairs Review**
with Zoltan Hajnal and William Holzer**

13. Economic Self-Interest and Support for Redistribution:
New Evidence Using Revealed-Preference Election Results Data
Forthcoming at **American Political Science Review**
with Jieun Lee*, Grant Baldwin*, and Benjamin Newman
12. Are Women Legislators More Likely to Support Gun Restrictions? A Suggestive Yes
Forthcoming in **Legislative Studies Quarterly**
with Patrick Cuhna-Silva and Brady Mudge**
11. Crime and Political Participation
FirstView at **American Political Science Review**
with David Doherty, Mena Whalen, and Dana Garbarski
10. Race, Responsiveness, and Representation in U.S. Lawmaking
American Political Science Review. (2026) 120(3), 917-941.
with Zoltan Hajnal, Jacob Hacker, and Mackenzie Lockhart.
9. Will Voters Consider Long-term Trends When State Crime Rates Spike?
State and Local Government Review. (2025) 0160323X251329318
with Thad Kousser
8. Exposure to Mass Shootings and Voting Directly on Gun Policy
American Political Science Review. (2025) 119(3):1565-1572.
with Benjamin Newman
7. Who Wins When? City Election Timing and Political Representation.
American Journal of Political Science. (2025)(4): 1454-1468
with Zoltan Hajnal and Vladimir Kogan.
6. Racially Disparate Policy Responses to Mass Shootings.
Political Research Quarterly. (2024) 77(1), 297-315.
    - Winner of the 2024 State Politics and Policy Quarterly Best Paper Award
    - Winner of the 2023 Best Paper on Equity and Justice Award at the National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms
5. The Impact of Police Killings on Proximal Voter Turnout.
American Politics Research. (2023) 51(3), 414-430.
    - Winner of the Hahn-Sigelman Prize for the "best article published in American Politics Research in 2023"
4. Who Votes: City Election Timing and Voter Composition.
American Political Science Review. (2022) 116(1), 374-383
with Zoltan Hajnal and Vladimir Kogan.
    - Cited in the New York Times.
    - Featured in the Netroots Nation Conference.
    - Presented to the Washington State Legislature.
3. Driving Legislators' Preferences: Long Commutes by Voters Decrease Legislators' Support for Gas Taxes.
Legislative Studies Quarterly. (2022) 48(1), 203-218
with Sarah Anderson, Daniel Butler, and Laurel Harbridge.

Invited or Editor-Reviewed Publications

2. Responsive to whom? The inequality problem in studies of policy responsiveness
Journal of Public Policy 46 (2), 223-231
1. Chapter 35: Race, Ethnicity, and Political Participation.
Oxford Handbook of Political Participation, ***Oxford University Press*** (2022)
Giugni, Marco, and Maria Grasso, eds.
with Jan Leighley and Marisa Abrajano.

Manuscripts Under Review

*= graduate student coauthor ; **= undergraduate student coauthor

4. Exposure to Crime and Views of the Carceral State
with David Doherty, Mena Whalen, Dana Garbarski, Madeline Grace**, and Gabriella Veliky**
Invited to Revise and Resubmit at ***Comparative Politics*** *(special issue)*
3. Legislators Respond to Mass Shootings? Evidence from a 12-year National Panel Study
with Nicholas Napolio and Benjamin Newman
2. Winners, Losers, and Political Parties in US Lawmaking
with Zoltan Hajnal, Jacob Hacker, and Mackenzie Lockhart
1. Shared Faith, Shared Policy? Religion in Congressional Representation
with Eric Hansen and Clara Downey*

Select Research in Progress

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3. Between a Rock and a Polarized Place: How Lawmakers Absorb Pressure Without Taking Positions
with Haotian Chen*, Jack Kappelman*, and Amand Mauri
2. Senators Good, Senate Bad: How the Senate Shapes Representational Disparities
with Zoltan Hajnal, Jacob Hacker, and Mackenzie Lockhart.
1. Punitive Whiplash: Why Did California Voters Turn Their Back on Carceral Reform?
with Benjamin Newman

Public Writing and Media Appearances

6. The Return of the Dixiecrat South
The American Prospect. June 3rd, 2026.
with Zoltan Hajnal, Jacob Hacker, and Mackenzie Lockhart.
5. Televised Spanish Language Political Analysis of the 2024 Presidential Election Race (Multiple)
Telemundo Chicago. July 2024 - Current

4. Living close to a police killing depresses voter turnout, especially among Black voters.
   London School of Economics, United States Politics and Policy. February 3rd, 2023.
3. Looking Ahead to November How Will Reproductive Rights, Crime Rates, and Top Two Dynamics Shape California's General Election?
   Yankelovich Center for Social Science Research. June 1st, 2022.
   with Cassidy Reller and Thad Kousser.
2. Rescheduling Local Elections to Make Democracy More Representative.
   MIT Election Data + Science Lab. September 1st, 2021.
   with Zoltan Hajnal and Vladimir Kogan.
1. Few people are expected to vote in this year's 'off-cycle' elections. That can be fixed.
   Washington Post | Monkey Cage. August 30th, 2021.
   with Zoltan Hajnal and Vladimir Kogan.

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

4. Advancing Research Grant for Early Career Scholars — $2,000
   American Political Science Association
   2023-2024
3. Dissertation Advancement Grant — $9,000
   Center for American Politics, University of California San Diego
   2019 – 2022
2. Summer Co-authorship and Mentoring Grant — $4,000
   Department of Political Science, University of California San Diego
   2018
1. Strategic Enhancement of Excellence Through Diversity (SEED) Fellowship — $75,000
   University of California San Diego
   2017 - 2022

Teaching Experience

Loyola University Chicago

Year	Course	Average Student Evaluation
2026	Race, Ethnicity, and Politics in the U.S.	4.8
2026	The Politics of Crime, Violence, and Policing	4.6
2025	Introduction to American Politics	4.8
2025	Introduction to American Politics	4.7
2025	Introduction to American Politics	4.7
2024	Political Numbers	4.6
2024	Introduction to American Politics	4.6
2024	The Politics of Crime, Violence, and Policing	4.7
2024	Introduction to American Politics	4.8

2023	Race, Ethnicity, and Politics in the U.S.	4.7
2023	Introduction to American Politics	4.5
2023	Introduction to American Politics	4.8
2023	Introduction to American Politics	3.9
2022	Race, Ethnicity, and Politics in the US	4.8
2022	Introduction to American Politics	4.7

Professional Service

2026 | Co-organizer for the 2026 State Politics and Policy Conference
2023 – Current | Social Capital Committee
2022 – Current | Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honors Society) Faculty Advisor
2023 | Discussant and Chair | Midwestern Political Science Association
2022 - Current | Peer Reviewer | American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Urban Affairs Review; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Political Behavior; Sociological Inquiry; Social Currents: Policy Studies Journal; Political Science Research and Methods

Languages

English– native language
Spanish– native language

Computer Skills

R Programming, STATA, LaTeX, ArcGIS, Python (basic)

Relevant Professional Experience

2016 - 2017	Program Assistant *College Future Foundation*	Administered and managed over 20 million dollars yearly in grants aimed at reducing barriers to college access and success. Supported the program team and research and evaluation team in monitoring and supporting about 50 grantees.
2014 - 2016	Policy Coordinator *Campaign for Free College Tuition*	Coordinated policy efforts across five states by analyzing existing laws and proposed policies and disseminating information through blog posts and policy briefs.

References

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