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Contact Information

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Education

Emory University

PhD Candidate in Political Science (2027 Expected)

Dissertation: *Three Essays on Autocratic Power-Sharing in Historical Europe*

Committee: Jack Paine (Chair), Miguel Rueda, and Kiela Crabtree

Dean's Teaching Fellow (2026-27)

MA in Political Science (2024)

American University

BA in Economics and Interdisciplinary Studies (2019)

University of Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall

Visiting Student in Economics and Politics (2017 - 2018)

Research Interests

Historical Political Economy, Autocratic Politics, Power-Sharing, State-Building, State-Capacity and its Substitutes, Archival Data Collection, and Causal Inference

Publications

Prior to PhD Training

[“Institutional Determinants of Emerging Market Returns and Flows”](#)

with Ralph Sonenshine

Emerging Markets Review 51: 100888, 2022

[“Spatial Dynamics of Racialized Income Inequality in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area”](#)

with Daniel E. Esser, and Katie L. Turner

The Professional Geographer 73 (1): 72–84, 2021

Working Papers

“Strategic Migration under Duress: Evidence from the Great Migration, 1900-1930” with Kiela Crabtree (under review)

Works in Progress

“Monarchical Distribution: Land Grants and Civil Conflict in Late Medieval England”

“Are Uncles Evil? Familial Commitment Problems in Autocratic Succession”

“Autocratic Patronage Cycles: Descriptive Evidence from the Lives and Deaths of English Monarchs”

Original Datasets

Rebellions in Late Medieval England (Complete)

The dataset geolocates rebelling counties for 32 civil conflicts during the late Medieval and early Renaissance periods in England (1226 to 1572).

Goods Distributed by English Monarchs (In Progress)

Combining grants, patents, and licenses from the Calendar of the Charter Rolls, Calendar of the Patent Rolls, and the Letters and Papers of Henry VIII, this dataset collects and categorizes all patents and grants distributed from every English monarch from Henry III to Elizabeth I. Over 480,000 grants, patents, and licenses are categorized into 24 types of goods (e.g., land, cash, government position, monopoly rights, etc.) and geolocated, when possible, to English counties.

Rebels and Loyalists During the Second Barons' War (Complete)

This dataset digitizes the names of loyalists and rebels during England's Second Barons' War (1264 - 1267) and matches participants to the goods they accrued from the English crown prior to the war.

Royals in Conflict (In Progress)

For 32 European countries between 1000 and 1800, this dataset determines the role monarchs' brothers play in civil/international conflict, brothers' ecclesiastical positions, and brothers' noble titles.

Ecclesiastical Appointments (In Progress)

The dataset collects names, ranks, and biographic information (i.e., age, relation to royal families, and birthplace) on all catholic bishops and cardinals between 1000 and 1800. Additionally, for all cardinals, the dataset compiles information on major bureaucratic appointments within the Vatican.

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships	<p>Dean's Teaching Fellowship (2026-27) <i>\$31,500</i></p> <p>Professional Development Support Fund, Emory University (2025) <i>\$2,126</i></p> <p>Prudentis Fund, Emory University Political Science Department (2024) <i>\$2,000</i></p> <p>Expense Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (2024) <i>\$1,225</i></p> <p>Professional Development Support Fund, Emory University (2024) <i>\$600</i></p> <p>Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center (2022 - 2024) <i>\$20,000</i></p> <p>Excellence in Undergraduate Research, American University (2018)</p> <p>Summer Scholars and Artists Fellowship, American University (2017) <i>\$4,000</i></p> <p>Eagle Scout, Scouts BSA (2014)</p>
Presentations	<p>Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict Workshop, <i>Virtual</i> (2026)</p> <p>Eurasia Business and Economics Society, <i>Virtual</i> (2020)</p> <p><i>Annual Conferences</i></p> <p>APSA (2025)</p> <p>MPSA (2025, 2026)</p> <p>SPSA (2025)</p>
Teaching Experience	<p><i>Emory University</i></p> <p><i>Co-Instructor</i>, First Year Graduate Student Technology Bootcamp (Graduate) with Eric Dobbie (Fall 2025)</p> <p><i>Co-Instructor</i>, Political Economy of Development (Undergraduate) with Renard Sexton (Fall 2024)</p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Research Design and Methods (Undergraduate) for Matthew Baker (Spring 2024, Fall 2025)</p> <p><i>Grader</i>, Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate) for Hubert Tworzecki (Spring 2022)</p>

American University

Undergraduate Tutor, Introduction to Microeconomics, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, and Introduction to Statistics (2018-2019)

Non-Academic Experience *Historical Data Visualization Analyst*, Independent Consulting (Ongoing)

Research Analyst, EAB - Higher Education (2020-2021)

Research Associate, EAB - K-12 Education (2019-2020)

Professional Service *Organizer*, Emory University Graduate Student Historical Political Economy Reading Group (2023)

Editorial Assistant, American Journal of Political Science (2018 - 2019)

Referee *International Journal of Economics and Finance*

Skills STATA, L^AT_EX, Mathematica, Python, Tableau, JavaScript/D3, R