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Education	Emory University PhD Candidate in Political Science (2027 Expected) Dissertation: <i>Three Essays on Autocratic Power-Sharing in Historical Europe</i> Committee: Jack Paine (Chair), Miguel Rueda , and Kiela Crabtree <i>Dean's Teaching Fellow</i> (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)
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Research Interests	Autocratic Politics, Power-Sharing, Historical Political Economy, State-Capacity and Its Substitutes, Archival Data Collection, and Causal Inference
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Publications	<i>Prior to PhD Training</i> “Institutional Determinants of Emerging Market Returns and Flows” with Ralph Sonenshine <i>Emerging Markets Review</i> 51: 100888, 2022 “Spatial Dynamics of Racialized Income Inequality in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area” with Daniel E. Esser , and Kieran L. Turner <i>The Professional Geographer</i> 73 (1): 72–84, 2021
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Working Papers	“Constrained Monarchs, Stable Bargains” “Are Uncles Evil?” “Taking Off the Emperor’s Clothes: Concubinage in Autocracies” with Giang Pham
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“Strategic Migration under Duress: Evidence from the Great Migration, 1900-1930”
with [Kiela Crabtree](#)

**Book
Projects**

Monarchical Distribution

The Covert Klan – Why and Where Civil Society Flourishes with [Kiela Crabtree](#) and
[Zack Johnson](#)

**Works in
Progress**

“Autocratic Business Cycles: Evidence from the Lives and Deaths of Medieval English Monarchs”

“Crises, Conflict, and Localized State Building: Evidence from the Deaths and Property of Medieval English Elites” with [Gabriel Leon-Ablan](#)

“Public Goods Provision and Civil Society” with [Kiela Crabtree](#) and [Zack Johnson](#)

“Merry Wives of Wangchuck: Autocrats and Polygamy” with [Giang Pham](#)

**Original
Datasets**

Medieval England

Datasets measure rebellions against English monarchs in response to the grants, patents, charters, and other privileges monarchs granted to elites across England (1226-1572). Also includes multiple measures of localized state capacity (1236-1509). State capacity measures, many types of grants, and conflicts are geolocated to historic English counties.

- Second Barons’ War - Rebels and Loyalists
- Late-Medieval/Early Modern English Rebellions
- Royal Grants, Patents, and Charters
- County State Capacity from Inquisitions Post Mortem with [Gabriel Leon-Ablan](#) (In progress)

Historical Europe

Datasets capture royal biographical characteristics and family dynamics across 32 European monarchies (1000-1800) and provide polity-level data like family members, conflicts, and presence of parliaments on smaller polities often excluded from panel data research on historical Europe (e.g., Gwynedd, Milan, Barcelona).

- Small European States
- Royal Sibling Conflicts
- Brotherly Secular and Ecclesiastical Appointments
- Royal Illegitimate Children and Siblings
- Abrupt Monarch Deaths

Imperial Vietnam with [Giang Pham](#)

Datasets include a large sample of elite families of Vietnam during the Nguyen Dynasty (1802-1883), their relationships and interactions with the emperor via concubinage and rebellion, and imperial patronage dispensed to those elites.

- Elite Vietnamese Families
- Imperial Concubines
- Elite Rebellions
- Imperial Bureaucratic Appointments

American South

Datasets describe the nature of civil society in the American South (1900-1960) for white and black Americans as well as state substitutes and complements to civil society (i.e., public goods provision).

- Early 1900s Black Civil Society with [Kiela Crabtree](#)
- Klu Klux Klan Applicants with [Kiela Crabtree](#) and [Zack Johnson](#)
- Savannah, Georgia Local Public Goods Provision (1940-1960) with [Kiela Crabtree](#) and [Zack Johnson](#) (In progress)

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

Academic Mentorship Grant, Institute for Humane Studies - \$8,000 (2026)
Research and academic mentorship grant for “Crises, Conflict, and Localized State Building” (with [Gabriel Leon-Ablan](#))

Travel Grant, American Political Science Association - \$200 (2026)

Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Emory University - \$31,500 (2026)
University-wide fellowship for teaching excellence

Professional Development Support Fund, Emory University - \$5,000 (2023-2026)
Research grants for *Monarchical Distribution* and “Taking Off the Emperor’s Clothes” (with [Giang Pham](#))

Prudentis Fund, Emory University Political Science Department - \$2,000 (2024)
Research grant for *Monarchical Distribution*

Expense Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies - \$1,225 (2024)
Research grant for *Monarchical Distribution*

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center - \$20,000 (2022-2024)
Pre-candidacy fellowship in interdisciplinary political economy

Excellence in Undergraduate Research, American University (2018)
University-wide research award for outstanding undergraduate research

Summer Scholars and Artists Fellowship, American University - \$4,000 (2017)
Research fellowship for undergraduates pursuing scholarly or creative research

Eagle Scout, Scouts BSA (2014)

Total Funds: \$71,925 (*External \$29,425, Internal \$42,500*)

Presentations Hankin Conference on Media and Information Manipulations in Democracies and Autocracies (2026)

Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict Workshop (2026)

Southern Workshop on Empirical Political Science - SoWEPS (2026)

	Eurasia Business and Economics Society	(2020)
	<i>Annual Conferences</i> APSA (2025, 2026), MPSA (2025, 2026), SPSA (2025)	
Teaching Experience	Emory University	
	<i>Instructor</i> , Historical Political Economy - Undergraduate	(2027)
	<i>Instructor</i> , Directed Research in Political Science - Undergraduate	(2024-2026)
	<i>Mentor</i> , First Year Graduate Student Mentorship Program	(2025, 2026)
	<i>Co-Instructor</i> , Technology Bootcamp - Graduate	(2025, 2026)
	<i>Co-Instructor</i> , Political Economy of Development - Undergraduate	(2024)
	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Research Design and Methods - Undergraduate	(2024, 2025)
	<i>Grader</i> , Introduction to Comparative Politics - Undergraduate	(2022)
	American University	
	<i>Tutor</i> , Political Science, Economics, Statistics	(2018-2019)
	Tutored over 40 students who rated their tutoring experience, on average, 9.54/10.	
Non-Academic Experience	<i>Historical Data Visualization Analyst</i> , Independent Consulting	(Ongoing)
	Example project: <i>The Killing Age: How Violence Made the Modern World</i>	
	<i>Research Analyst</i> , EAB - Higher Education	(2020-2021)
	<i>Research Associate</i> , EAB - K-12 Education	(2019-2020)
Professional Service	<i>Organizer</i> , Emory University Graduate Student HPE Reading Group	(2023)
	<i>Editorial Assistant</i> , American Journal of Political Science	(2018-2019)
Referee	<i>International Journal of Economics and Finance</i>	
Skills	STATA, L ^A T _E X, Mathematica, Python, Tableau, JavaScript/D3, R	