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Education

- Ph. D. Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2017
Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology
Dissertation: “Donors, Primary Elections, and the Success of Ideologically Extreme Candidates in the United States”
Dissertation Committee: Walter J. Stone (co-chair), Benjamin Highton (co-chair), and James Adams
- B.A. Political Science, Grinnell College, 2009

Academic Appointments

- 2021-Present **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, University of California Center Sacramento: Public Policy in California, Research Methods, Special Studies in American Politics, Seminar in American Politics, Policy Bootcamp
- 2020-21 **Congressional Fellow**, APSA Congressional Fellowship Program: Legislative Fellow in the office of United States Congressman Matt Cartwright (D-PA8)
- 2017-2020 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, University of California Center Sacramento: Public Policy in California, Research Methods, Special Studies in American Politics, Seminar in American Politics, Policy Bootcamp
- 2017 **Lecturer**, University of California Center Sacramento: Public Policy in California (Spring 2017)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Kujala, Jordan. 2020. [“Donors, Primary Elections, and Polarization in the United States”](#) *American Journal of Political Science* 64(3): 587-602.
*Research featured in the Niskanen Center’s Science of Politics Podcast: [How Donor Opinion Distorts American Parties](#) (July 29, 2020).

Working Papers

“Party Conventions, Primary Elections, and Representation in the United States”

“Ideological Positioning and the Electoral Success of Candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives”

Teaching Appointments

- 2016 **Associate Instructor, Undergraduate Courses**, University of California, Davis:
Seminar in American Politics (Fall 2016)
Internship in Public Affairs (Winter and Spring 2016)
- 2011-2016 **Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Courses**, University of California, Davis:
Intro to American Politics, California State Government and Politics, Political
Psychology, Judicial Politics, Legal Philosophy, The Legislative Process, Public
Policy and Governmental Process, Environmental Politics and Administration,
Government and the Economy, Internship in Public Affairs

Additional Training

- 2018 Educational Network for Active Civic Transformation (ENACT) Workshop for
ENACT Faculty Fellows
- 2011 Essex University Political Methodology Summer Session
Time Series: Applications and Advances

Grants, Honors, and Awards

- 2018 Faculty Fellow, Brandeis University ENACT Program
Selected as California representative for the Educational Network for Active
Civic Transformation
- 2016 Travel Grant, American Political Science Association Annual Conference
- 2015 Travel Grant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
- 2014 Travel Grant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
- 2012 Faculty-Student Collaborative Research Fellowship (with Walter J. Stone),
Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis
- 2011 Department of Political Science Fellowship, University of California, Davis
(Fall 2010, Summer 2011)
Travel Grant, Essex University Political Methodology Summer Session (2011)

Conference Presentations

“Party Conventions, Primary Elections, and Representation in the United States.” Presented at the 2021 American Political Science Association Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 2021.

“Incentives for Bipartisanship: Why Opposition Members Defect to the President” (with Travis Baker). Presented at the 2019 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Austin, TX, January 2019.

“Party Conventions, Primary Elections, and Representation in the United States.” Presented at the 2018 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2018.

“Trump or No-Trump: Support and Opposition to Donald Trump over the 2016 Campaign” (with Jack Reilly, Ron Rapoport, and Walter J. Stone). Presented at the 2017 State of the Parties Conference Meeting, Akron, OH, November 2017.

“The Effect of Divisive Primaries on Success in U.S. Senate Elections.” Presented at the 2016 American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.

“Nomination Rules and Candidate Positioning in U.S. House Primary Elections.” Presented at the 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

“Excess Polarization and Primary Elections in the United States House of Representatives.” Presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2014.

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