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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT	<b>Yale University</b> , New Haven, CT Pre-Doctoral Fellow, <i>Center for the Study of American Politics</i> (CSAP), <i>Institution for Social and Policy Studies</i> (ISPS), <i>Tobin Center for Economic Policy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Conducts large-scale analysis of observational data; field, survey, and lab experiments; and mass and elite surveys for broad topics in behavioral research with Prof. Alan S. Gerber and Prof. Gregory A. Huber.</li><li>Coordinates research on the Stanford-Arizona-Yale Presidential Election Study (SAY24) (<math>N=130,000</math>) in collaboration with YouGov, including survey design, experimental modules, data analysis, and manuscript preparation.</li></ul>
EDUCATION	<b>Columbia University</b> , New York, NY  B.A., <i>cum laude</i> , Political Science (major) and Art History (concentration) <i>Senior independent study</i> : “Assessing Delegation to the Executive Through National Emergency Declarations Over Time,” advised by Prof. Michael M. Ting	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	American politics, political behavior, public opinion, voting and elections, causal inference, survey methods, political institutions, separation of powers, bureaucracy	
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>“Measuring the Effects of Campaign Events: Specifying and Comparing Estimates of the Effect of Trump’s Conviction” (with Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, and Mackenzie Lockhart). Conditionally accepted at <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i>.</li></ol>	
WORKING PAPERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>“How Stressful are U.S. Presidential Elections? Evidence from a Large-Scale 2024 Panel Study” (with Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, and Mackenzie Lockhart).</li><li>“Can Debates Matter? Evidence from the 2024 Biden-Trump Debate” (with Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, Mackenzie Lockhart, and Douglas Rivers). Under review.</li><li>“Assessing the Stability and Orthogonality of Popular Attitudinal and Social-Psychological Scales” (with Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, and Mackenzie Lockhart). Under review.</li></ol>	
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>“On the Underlying Dimensionality of Popular Attitudinal and Social-Psychological Scales” (with Matt Blyth, Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, and Mackenzie Lockhart).</li></ol>	
PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting CSAP Summer Workshop (Yale) ISPS Pre-Doctoral Fellow Workshop (Yale) Undergraduate Research Symposium (Columbia)	Apr 2026 Aug 2025 Aug 2025, Jun 2025, Dec 2024 Oct 2023

SELECTED  
RESEARCH  
ASSISTANCE

**Department of Political Science, Columbia University**

Research Fellow with Prof. Justin H. Phillips

- Constructed and analyzed a novel database of historical state party platforms to trace the development of partisan polarization on abortion and LGBTQ+ rights, revealing state-level divergence as early as 1970–72.

Research Assistant to Prof. Donald P. Green

- Acknowledged for refreshing the literature and meta-analyses for *Get Out the Vote: How to Increase Voter Turnout, Fifth Edition*; acknowledged for training an LLM for experiments evaluating its effects on political knowledge (*PNAS*); conducted literature review for a project on political reservations in India.

**School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University**

Research Assistant to Prof. Sharyn O'Halloran

- Conducted literature review and coding of redistricting litigation for a project developing a formal model of partisan and racial gerrymandering and the trade-offs between descriptive and substantive minority representation.

ACADEMIC AND  
PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**Columbia Undergraduate Law Review**

Print Lead Editor	Sep 2021–May 2024
Executive Editor, Summer Publishing Program	Jun 2022–Aug 2022
Podcast Production Editor	Jul 2021–Sep 2021
Print Editor	Jul 2020–Sep 2021

**Activities Board at Columbia**

Publications Representative	Oct 2021–Apr 2024
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GRANTS AND  
AWARDS

Columbia College Summer Research Fellowship, via the International Affairs Fellowship Fund (\$3,400)	2023
Columbia University Center for Career Education, via the AIF Sub-Fund: Yemini Fund (\$5,000)	2022

LANGUAGES AND  
SKILLS

Stata, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Git, Crunch.io  
Spanish (intermediate proficiency)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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