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- Academic Positions**
- Assistant Professor* 2024 - present
Florida State University, Department of Political Science, Tallahassee, FL
- Postdoctoral Fellow* 2022 - 2024
London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Government, London, UK
- Postdoctoral Fellow* 2021 - 2022
Kenyon College, Department of Political Science and Center for the Study of American Democracy, Gambier, OH
- Education**
- PhD, University of California, Berkeley, 2021 (Political Science). Dissertation: *Three Essays on Executive Action*. Committee: Sean Gailmard (chair), Eric Schickler, Robert P. Van Houweling, Ernesto Dal Bo. Fields: American Politics (exam), Methodology/Formal Theory (exam), Political Behavior
- MA, University of California, Berkeley, 2016 (Political Science)
- BA (Summa Cum Laude), Hamilton College, 2010 (Economics and Government)
- Journal Articles**
- David Foster. N.d. “Persistent Unilateral Action.” *Political Science Research and Methods*, forthcoming
- David Foster and Joseph Warren. N.d. “Liability for Homelessness.” *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* (special issue on the political economy of housing), forthcoming
- David Foster and Joseph Warren. 2024. “From Classical to Progressive Liberalism: Ideological Development and the Origins of the Administrative State.” *Journal of Politics* 86 (2)
- David Foster. 2022. “Anticipating Unilateralism.” *Journal of Politics* 84 (2)
- David Foster. 2022. “Credibility and Backlash.” *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 3 (1) (special issue on the political economy of populism)
- David Foster and Joseph Warren. 2022. “The NIMBY Problem.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 34 (1)
- Working Papers**
- “Electoral Accountability, Distributive Conflict, and Information Aggregation” with Joseph Warren. Revise and resubmit, *Social Choice and Welfare*
- “Lobbying for Orders: Supply of and Demand for Presidential Unilateralism”

“Why Participation? Institutional Choice in Urban Politics” with Joseph Warren (submitted)

“Majoritarian Agenda Control” with Robert Parks Van Houweling

“Enforcement Agency” (submitted)

Honors and Awards

Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (2021): Awarded by the UC Berkeley Teaching and Resource Center for completing a teaching conference, pedagogy course, six workshops on teaching, classroom observation by faculty, sample original syllabus, and mid-semester teaching evaluations

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (2021): Awarded to approximately 10% of teaching assistants at Berkeley each year

Barbara and Arnold Silverman Graduate Fellowship (2021 departmental nominee): Awarded to social sciences students who demonstrate academic distinction

Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship (2021): Awarded to distinguished graduate students writing a dissertation on American politics

UC Berkeley Formal Theory Fellowship (2016-2017, declined in favor of using NSF GRFP funds): Awarded to a promising student in formal theory

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2014-2019): Fellowship competition among science, social science, and engineering graduate students

Teaching

Teaching interests: American political institutions, politics of local public/private goods, formal political theory, quantitative methods

FSU courses: American Presidency, Introduction to Public Policy

LSE courses (teaching assistant): Game Theory for Political Science (MSc), Political Science and Political Economy: Current Issues (MSc)

Kenyon College courses: Political Analysis, Politics of Housing

UC Berkeley courses (teaching assistant): Introduction to American Politics, Congress, Constitutional Law, Game Theory, Formal Models of Political Science (PhD), Quantitative Analysis in Political Research (PhD)

Professional Experience

Senior Analyst 2013 - 2014

Compass Lexecon, Washington, DC

- Prepared economic analyses for antitrust litigation

Research Associate; Associate Analyst; Analyst 2010 - 2012

NERA Economic Consulting, New York, NY

- Prepared economic analyses for securities and financial litigation