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## EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Political Science, UC Berkeley (expected)  
Committee: Gabe Lenz (co-chair), Laura Stoker (co-chair), Ruth Collier, Sarah Anzia (Goldman School of Public Policy)  
Subfields: Political Behavior (with distinction), American Politics, Methodology
- 2014 M.A., Political Science, UC Berkeley  
Thesis: “The Effects of Gender Normativity on Candidate Electability”
- 2009 B.A.’s, Government, Classical Studies, *magna cum laude*, Dartmouth College

## RESEARCH

### INTERESTS

Understanding which women (and men) are elected; experiments and design-based causal inference; effects of information sparsity and complexity on voter searches and decision-making.

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2009 “Design of Lightweight Robots for Over-Snow Mobility,” with James Lever and Sally Shoop. *Journal of Terramechanics*, 46(3): 67-74

### CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2017 “Tinder Decides: Mate Desirability Influences Votes.” Presented at the Empirical Study of Gender Research Network Graduate Conference, May 29-30, and the Yale American Politics Workshop, June 1-2
- 2017 “Timing the Gap: The Impact of Election Timing on the Gender Gap in Office.” Project in progress with Sarah Anzia, UC Berkeley. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), August 31-September 3
- 2017 “To Emerge? Evidence from Women’s Candidate Training Programs.” With Shauna Shames, Rutgers University; Rachel Silbermann, Analyst Institute; and Dawn Teele,

University of Pennsylvania. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 6-9

- 2017 "The More You Know: Voters' Quest for Information about Local Candidates for Office." With Sean Freeder, UC Berkeley. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), July 13-16, 2016 and at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (WPSA), April 13-16
- 2017 "Wearing the Pants? Gendered Leadership Styles and Candidate Evaluations." Paper presented at MPSA, April 6-9
- 2016 "Keeping Gender in the Picture: Different Paths to Success for Female Candidates." Paper presented at ISPP, July 13-16, and APSA, September 1-4
- 2015 "Do Voters Prefer Well-Behaved Women? Experimental Tests of Competing Stereotypes." Paper presented at APSA, September 3-6

#### **ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2017 Research Assistant for Professor Amy Lerman, UC Berkeley
- 2016 Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) 2016 Poll Director, UC Berkeley
- 2015 Research Consultant, Even Inc.
- 2013 Research Assistant for Professor Alison Post, UC Berkeley
- 2009 Research Assistant for Professor Paul Christesen, Dartmouth College
- 2007-2008 Presidential Research Assistant for Professor Richard Ned Lebow, Dartmouth College
- 2006-2008 Research Assistant for James Lever, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab

#### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

- 2017 SMART Research Award
- 2017 Early Career Conference Travel Grant, ISPP
- 2017 Soroptimist Founder Region Fellowship
- 2017 International Conference Travel Grant, UC Berkeley
- 2017 SMART Mentoring Program Award
- 2016 Conference Travel Grant, APSA
- 2016 International Conference Travel Grant, UC Berkeley
- 2016 Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, IGS
- 2015 Tri-Valley Area Local Scholarship, American Association of University Women
- 2013 Summer Methods Grant, UC Berkeley
- 2013-2016 Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2012-present Regent's Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2009-2010 Richard D. Lombard Fellowship for Public Service, Dartmouth College
- 2009 Phi Beta Kappa, Dartmouth College
- 2009 Citation for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Dartmouth College

2008-2009 War and Peace Senior Fellow, Dartmouth College  
2007-2009 Rufus Choate Scholar (top 5% of class), Dartmouth College  
2007-2008 James O. Freedman Presidential Scholar, Dartmouth College  
2006 Citation for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Dartmouth College

## TEACHING

### COURSES

2018 Computational Tools and Techniques for the Social Sciences. Graduate Course (Lead Instructor), UC Berkeley  
2016 Computational Tools and Techniques for the Social Sciences. Graduate Course (Instructor), UC Berkeley  
2015 Political Psychology. Undergraduate Course (Teaching Assistant), UC Berkeley  
2015 Elections and Democratic Accountability. Undergraduate Course (Teaching Assistant), UC Berkeley  
2014 Introduction to Research Methodology. Undergraduate Course (Teaching Assistant), UC Berkeley  
2009 Introduction to Classical Studies. Undergraduate Course (Teaching Assistant), Dartmouth College

### RESEARCH SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

2016-present Alan Yan, SMART Mentoring Program, and Political Science Department  
2015-2017 Marissa Lei Aclan, Political Science Department  
2015-2017 Julia Konstantinovsky, Political Science Department  
2015-2017 Caitlin Olson, Political Science Department  
2015-2016 Rikio Inouye, Political Science Department  
2015 Grayson Dimick, Undergraduate Research Assistant Program  
2015 Jesse Luís Lopez, Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (now at Duke University and obtained the APSA Minority Fellowship)

## PRESENTATIONS

### CONFERENCES

2017 New Research on Gender and Political Psychology Conference (upcoming)  
2015-2017 APSA Annual Meeting (2017 upcoming)  
2016-2017 ISPP Annual Meeting (2017 upcoming)  
2017 Yale CSAP American Politics Annual Conference  
2017 Yale Empirical Study of Gender Research Network Graduate Conference  
2017 WPSA Annual Meeting  
2017 MPSA Annual Meeting

## WORKSHOPS

- 2017 U. Penn. American Politics Workshop
- 2017 UC Berkeley Research Workshop in Political Methodology
- 2016, 2014 UC Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics

## GUEST LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 Facebook, Inc., May 1
- 2017 Goldman School of Public Policy, UC Berkeley, April 18
- 2017 Pivotal, Inc., February 14
- 2017 American Association of University Women Alameda, January 14
- 2016 League of Women Voters Alameda, November 19
- 2016 Emerge America National Conference, November 13-16
- 2016 Public Policy Institute, Stanford, September 13
- 2016 League of Women Voters Alameda, May 10
- 2015 Emerge America National Convening, November 14-15

## SERVICE

### DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2016-present Co-organizer, Political Behavior Workshop, Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley
- 2013-2015 Co-organizer, Women in Political Science. Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley
- 2013-2014 Co-chair, working group on “State-Society Relations in Latin America.” Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley

### MEDIA

- 2017 DiSanto, Jill. February 17. [Penn’s Dawn Teele Studies What Factors Lead Women to Run for Political Office.](#) *Penn News*.
- 2016 Johnson, Lizzie. November 16. [Political Women Gather to Shake Off Loss, Look for Way Forward.](#) *San Francisco Chronicle*.
- 2016 Elian, Melissa Bunni. November 7. [‘Season of Discontent’ Project Voices Millennial Anxieties.](#) NBC News.
- 2016 Elliot, Krissy. October 13. [Sexual Politics: The 2016 Presidential Race is Notable for Misogynist Rhetoric.](#) *California Magazine*.
- 2016 Smith, Chris. Fall Issue. [Coded and Loaded: How Politicians Talk About Race and Gender Without Really Talking About Race and Gender.](#) *California Magazine*.
- 2016 Kalem, Stefanie. Spring Issue. [Do Voters Prefer Well-Behaved Women?](#) *Promise of Berkeley Magazine*, p. 9.
- 2015 Maclay, Kathleen. September 25. [Women Candidates and Winning Mixes of Femininity, Masculinity.](#) *Berkeley News*.

## MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association, International Society of Political Psychology, Midwest Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND EDUCATION

### COURSEWORK

- 2017            Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS). Summer training on research transparency and reproducibility (upcoming)
- 2013            Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). Summer courses on network analysis and causal inference

### LANGUAGES

Proficient research-level Spanish. Some French.

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: R, Python, Bash, Javascript, HTML/CSS

Programs/Applications: Stata, Qualtrics, Git, Adobe Creative Suite; list of other industry-specific programs available upon request