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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy and the College

- William J. and Alicia Townsend Friedman Professor, 2018-present
- Professor, 2016-2017
- Director, Center for Municipal Finance, 2013-present
<https://munifinance.uchicago.edu>
- Associate Professor (with tenure), 2011-2016
- Assistant Professor, 2004-2011

EDUCATION

- Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Department of Government
Program on Education Policy and Governance, Sep. 2002 to July 2004
- Ph.D., The University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, 2002
- M.R.P. (Master of Regional Planning), Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 1995
- B.A., Political Science, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, 1992

BOOKS

- *Theory and Credibility*. With Scott Ashworth and Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. 2021. Princeton University Press.
- *Imperfect Union: Representation and Taxation in Multilevel Governments*. 2009. Cambridge University Press, Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series.
 - Winner, Best Book in Urban Politics, American Political Science Association

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

- “Modeling Theories of Women’s Underrepresentation in Elections,” with Scott Ashworth and Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. Forthcoming. *American Journal of Political Science*.

- “Evaluating the Effects of Shelter-in-place Policies During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” with Anthony Fowler, Tamara Glazer, Samantha Handel-Meyer, Alec MacMillen. 2021. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* Apr 2021, 118 (15).
- "Leadership or Luck? Randomization Inference for Leader Effects in Politics, Business, and Sports," with Anthony Fowler. 2021. *Science Advances* 7.
- “Taxed Out: Illegal Property Tax Assessments and the Epidemic of Tax Foreclosures in Detroit,” with Bernadette Atuahene. 2019. *University of California Irvine Law Review* 9(4): 847-886.
- "Congressional Committees, Legislative Influence, and the Hegemony of Chairs," with Anthony Fowler. 2018. *Journal of Public Economics* 158(2018): 1-11.
- “Political Control of Administrative Agencies,” with Jacob Gersen. 2017. *Yale Law Journal* 126(4): 1002-1049.
- "Distributive Politics and Legislator Ideology," with Dan Alexander and William Howell. 2016. *Journal of Politics* 78(1): 214-231.
- "Cardinals or Clerics? Congressional Committees and the Distribution of Pork," with Anthony Fowler. 2016. *American Journal of Political Science* 60(3): 692-708.
- "All Else Equal in Theory and Data (Big or Small)," with Scott Ashworth and Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. 2015. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 48(1): 89-94.
- “Making Courts Matter: Politics and the Implementation of State Supreme Court Decisions,” with Charles Wyson. 2012. *The University of Chicago Law Review* 79(1): 1-29.
 - Portions reprinted as, “School Finance Reform in Red and Blue.” 2010. *Education Next: A Journal of Opinion and Research* 10(3): 62-68.
- “The Implications of Election Timing for Public Policy,” with Jacob Gersen. 2011. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 6(2): 103-135.
- “The Jackie (and Jill) Robinson Effect: Why Do Congresswomen Outperform Congressmen?” with Sarah Anzia. 2011. *American Journal of Political Science* 55(3): 478-493.
- “The President and the Distribution of Federal Spending,” with Barry Burden and William Howell. 2010. *American Political Science Review* 104(4): 783-799.
- “A Bridge to Somewhere: Mapping State and Congressional Ideology on a Cross-institutional Common Space,” with Nolan McCarty and Boris Shor. 2010. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 35(3): 1-32.
- “The Timing of Elections,” with Jacob Gersen. 2010. *The University of Chicago Law Review* 77 (Winter): 37-64.
- “After Enactment: The Lives and Deaths of Federal Programs,” with Barry Burden and William Howell. 2010. *American Journal of Political Science* 54(1): 1-17.

- Reprinted in Jeffery Jenkins and Eric Patashnik (Eds.), *Living Legislation: Political Development and Contemporary American Politics*. University of Chicago Press (Forthcoming).
- “Growing Pains: The School Consolidation Movement and Student Outcomes,” with Martin West. 2010. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 26(1): 1-29.
- “Fiscal Consequences of Electoral Institutions,” with Jacob Gersen. 2009. *Journal of Law and Economics* 52 (August): 469-495.
- “Piling On: Multilevel Government and the Fiscal Common-Pool.” 2008. *American Journal of Political Science* 52(4): 802-820.
 - Winner of the American Political Science Association’s 2008 Alan Rosenthal Prize.
- “The Unbundled Executive,” with Jacob Gersen. 2008. *The University of Chicago Law Review* 75 (Fall): 1385-1434.
- “Accountability and Local Elections: Rethinking Retrospective Voting,” with William Howell. 2007. *Journal of Politics* 69(3): 844-858.
 - Portions reprinted as, “Accountability Lost.” 2008. *Education Next: A Journal of Opinion and Research* 8(1): 66-72.
- “School Consolidation and Inequality.” 2007. In Tom Loveless and Frederick Hess (Eds.), *Brookings Papers on Education Policy 2006/2007*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press.
- “The Impact of School Finance Judgments on State Fiscal Policy.” 2007. In Martin West and Paul Peterson (Eds.), *The School Money Trials: The Legal Pursuit of Educational Adequacy*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.
- “The Divergence in Human Capital Levels across Cities,” with Edward Glaeser. 2005. *Papers in Regional Science* 84(3): 407-444.
- “To Bank or Not to Bank: A Survey of Low-Income Households.” 2005. In Nicolas Retsinas and Eric Belsky (Eds.), *Building Assets, Building Credit: Financial Services in Low-Income Communities*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.
- “School District Consolidation and Student Outcomes: Does Size Matter?” 2005. In William Howell (Ed.), *Besieged: School Boards and the Future of Education Politics*, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.
 - Portions reprinted as, “School Inflation.” 2004. *Education Next: A Journal of Opinion and Research* 4(4): 56-62.
- “Retrospective Voting in Single-Dimension Elections: School Boards, Test Scores, and Incumbents’ Electoral Fortunes,” with William Howell. 2005. In William Howell (Ed.), *Besieged: School Boards and the Future of Education Politics*, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.
- “Land Use Regulation and Social Segregation: Does Zoning Matter?” 2001. *American Law and Economics Review* 2(2): 251-274.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Reassessing the Property Tax.” www.propertytaxproject.uchicago.edu
- “Does Where You Live Shape Your Politics? Evaluating the Effect of Neighborhood on Political Identity and Behavior,” with Jessica Trounstein.
- “How Much Do Coaches Matter?” with Anthony Fowler.
- “Direct versus Representative Democracy: Reassessing the Evidence.”
- “The Growth of Local Government,” with Jeffrey Grogger and Martin West.
- “The Community Reinvestment Act after 30 Years: A Regression Discontinuity Analysis,” with Sarah Lee.

TEACHING

- Politics and Policy (undergraduate)
- The Political Economy of Cities and Metropolitan Areas (graduate)
- Federalism and Decentralization (graduate)
- Causal Inference for the Study of Politics (graduate)

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES

Brookings Institution; Business for Social Responsibility; CEOs for Cities, Annual Meeting; The Cleveland Foundation; Duke University, Department of Political Science; Government Finance Officers Association; The Ford Foundation; Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University; Program on Education Policy and Governance, Harvard University; Indiana University-Bloomington, Political Economy Workshop; National Tax Association (keynote address); New York University, Political Economy Workshop; Stanford University, Graduate School of Business; University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Economics; University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign, Railroad Engineering Workshop; University of Rochester; University of Southern California, Law School; University of Virginia; Washington University, Political Economy Workshop.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Director, Shorebank Corporation, Metro Edge Division (1998 – 2003). Shorebank was America’s oldest and largest community development financial institution.
- Senior Analyst, Reuters, Loan Pricing Corporation (1994-1996)