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## EMPLOYMENT:

2017- Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure)  
Associate Professor of Political Science (secondary appointment)  
University of Pittsburgh

2011-2017 Assistant Professor of Economics  
University of Chicago

2010-2011 Max Weber Post-Doctoral Fellow  
European University Institute

## EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Economics, Yale University, December 2010.

Dissertation: *Essays in Partisanship, Polarization, and Political Decision-Making*  
Committee: Dirk Bergemann (chair), Justin Fox, Johannes Hörner, and Larry Samuelson.

M.A., M. Phil. in Economics, Yale University, May 2008.

B. Sc. (Honors) in Mathematics, University of Alberta, May 2004.

## TEACHING:

*University of Pittsburgh:*

ECON 2670 Microeconomics II: Topics in Political Economy (graduate). Fall 2017.

*University of Chicago:*

ECON 20100 Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate). Winter 2012-2014,  
Autumn 2014, Winter 2016-2017.

ECON 20740 Analysis of Collective Decision Making (undergraduate). Spring 2013,  
2016-2017.

ECON 36101 Economic Models of Politics (graduate). Winter 2013, 2014, 2016.

## HONORS AND AWARDS:

Andrew J. Walters Research Award, University of Chicago. 2015.  
Elinor Ostrom Prize for best paper published in *Journal of Theoretical Politics* in 2013.  
Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*, 2012.  
Max Weber Post-Doctoral Fellowship, European University Institute, 2010-2011.  
Carl Arvid Anderson Prize Fellowship, Yale University, 2008-2009.  
Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University, 2008.  
Raymond Powell Teaching Prize, Yale University, 2007.  
Cowles Foundation Fellowship, 2004-2008.  
Yale University Summer Fellowship, 2006-2008.  
Dean's Silver Medal in Science, University of Alberta, 2004.

## PUBLICATIONS:

10. "Informative Cheap-Talk in Elections" (joint with Navin Kartik). *Review of Economic Studies*, forthcoming.
9. "Electoral Ambiguity and Political Representation" (joint with Navin Kartik and Stephane Wolton). *American Journal of Political Science*, 61, 4: 958-970.
8. "Elections and Divisiveness: Theory and Evidence" (joint with Elliott Ash and Massimo Morelli). *Journal of Politics*, 79, 4: 1268-1285.
7. "Hoping for the Best, Unprepared for the Worst" (joint with Justin Fox). 2015. *Journal of Public Economics*, 130: 59-65.
6. "The Welfare Implications of Electoral Polarization." 2015. *Social Choice and Welfare*, 45, 4: 353-386.
5. "Candidates, Credibility, and Re-election Incentives." 2013. *Review of Economic Studies*, 80, 4: 1622-1651.
4. "Ideology and Information in Policymaking" (joint with Massimo Morelli). 2013. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 25, 3: 412-436. (Winner of the Elinor Ostrom Prize for the best paper published in the *Journal of Theoretical Politics* in 2013.)
3. "Costly Transparency" (joint with Justin Fox). 2012. *Journal of Public Economics*, 96, 1-2: 142-150.
2. "Partisanship and the Effectiveness of Oversight" (joint with Justin Fox). 2010. *Journal of Public Economics*, 94, 9-10: 684-697.
1. "Deliberation Rules and Voting." 2008. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 3, 1: 83-88.

## WORKING PAPERS:

11. "Reputation Effects and Incumbency (Dis) Advantage" (joint with Navin Kartik). Revision requested, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.
12. "Excluding Compromise: Negotiating Only with Polarized Interests" (joint with Pablo

Montagnes).

13. "Crashing the Party: Elites, Outsiders, and Elections" (joint with Peter Buisseret).

14. "Preferences, Information and Parental Choice Behavior in Public School Choice" (joint with Justine Hastings and Jeffrey Weinstein).

#### **INVITED SEMINARS:**

**2017-2018:** University of Nebraska, University of Pittsburgh, Cornell University.

**2016-2017:** University of Rochester, University of Pittsburgh, University of Calgary, Wake Forest University, University of California-San Diego.

**2015-2016:** Michigan State University, University of Chicago (Harris), Queen's University, University of California Los Angeles, Northwestern (MEDS), University of Warwick, London School of Economics (Politics), Iowa State University, University of Zurich, New York University.

**2014-2015:** Higher School of Economics, University of Chicago, University of California-Berkeley.

**2013-2014:** University of Mannheim, Princeton (Politics), Columbia, Stanford (GSB), University of Chicago (Booth), Washington University in St. Louis.

**2012-2013:** University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Columbia, University of Maryland, University of Waterloo, Concordia University.

**2011-2012:** University of Southern California (Marshall), University of Chicago, California Institute of Technology, New York University (Political Economy Workshop).

**2010-2011:** European University Institute, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Central European University, University of Maastricht, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Hebrew University Jerusalem.

**2009-2010:** University of Toronto, University of Alberta, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, Ohio State University, University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, University of Miami, University of Essex.

#### **CONFERENCES:**

##### **Co-Organizer:**

Political Economy in the Chicago Area Conference, University of Chicago, March 4, 2016.

Becker Friedman Institute Conference on Constitutional Design and the Scope of Authority, University of Chicago, May 16-17, 2013.

##### **Presentations:**

**2018:** (*including scheduled*) Columbia Political Economic Conference, Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference (Chicago), Workshop on Institutions, Individual Behavior, and Economic Outcomes (Alghero), Political Economy UK Conference (Bath).

**2017:** Workshop on Political Economy and Political Science (University of Chile).

**2016:** Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference (Chicago), Wallis

Institute Conference on Political Economy (Rochester), NSF/NBER Workshop on Mathematical Economics (Johns Hopkins).

**2015:** Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference (Chicago), Workshop on Institutions, Individual Behavior, and Economic Outcomes (Alghero), World Congress of the Econometric Society (Montreal).

**2014:** Southern Political Science Association Meeting (New Orleans), Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference (Chicago), Canadian Economic Theory Conference (Vancouver), European Political Science Association Meeting (Edinburgh), Wallis Institute Conference on Political Economy (Rochester), Political Economy in the Chicago Area Conference.

**2013:** Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference (Chicago), Becker Friedman Institute Conference on Constitutional Design and the Scope of Authority, Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Gothenburg).

**2012:** Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association (Chicago), Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference (Chicago), Canadian Economic Theory Conference (Toronto), Priorat Workshop in Theoretical Political Science, Society for Economic Dynamics (Cyprus).

**2011:** EUI Max Weber June Conference, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics Annual Congress (Lucerne), Rotterdam Workshop in Political Economy, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory Conference (Faro), Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Seattle), Wallis Institute Conference on Political Economy (Rochester).

**2010:** Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference (Chicago).

**2009:** Midwest Economic Theory Conference (Penn State University), Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Toronto), MOOD La Pietra-Mondragone Doctoral Workshop (Collegio Carlo Alberto).

**2008:** Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston).

## **STUDENT ADVISING:**

### **Dissertation Committee Member:**

Stephane Wolton, 2014. First placement: London School of Economics (Government)

Jin Yeub Kim, 2014. First placement: University of Nebraska (Economics)

Philipp Tillmann, 2014. First placement: University of Rochester (Wallis postdoc)

Raluca Ursu, 2016. First placement: New York University (Stern)

Peter Evangelakis (chair), 2017. First placement: Regional Economic Models, Inc.

## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:**

Micro Theory Seminar Organizer, University of Pittsburgh, 2017-2018

Micro Theory Seminar Organizer, University of Chicago, Autumn 2014

Co-Director of Graduate Admissions, University of Chicago, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017

Junior Recruiting Committee, University of Chicago, 2012-2013

**REFEREEING:**

*American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economics and Politics, Economics of Governance, European Journal of Political Economy, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economic Review, International Journal of Game Theory, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Mathematical Social Science, National Science Foundation, Political Analysis, Political Science Research and Methods, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Rand Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Social Choice and Welfare, Theoretical Economics.*