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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**University of Chicago**, Harris School of Public Policy

Sydney Stein Professor, *2016–present*

Deputy Dean, *2017–present* (Promotions & Recruitment), *2014–2017* (Strategic Initiatives),  
*2011–2014* (Faculty)

Professor, *2011–2016*

Associate Professor (with tenure), *2007–2011*

Founding Director, Center for Policy Entrepreneurship, *2013–2016*

Director, Program on Politician Institutions, *2009–2011*

**Washington University in St. Louis**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, *2003–2007*

Resident Fellow, Center in Political Economy, *2003–2007*

**Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

Lady Davis Fellow, Department of Political Science, *2005–2006*

Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Rationality, *2005–2006*

## EDUCATION

**Harvard University, Department of Government**

Ph.D. in Political Science, *June 2003*

M.A. in Political Science, *June 2000*

**Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

Raoul Wallenberg Scholar of Leadership and Democracy, *1996–1997*

**University of Chicago**

B.A. in Political Science with Honors, *June 1996*

## PUBLICATIONS

*Book*

2016. *Political Economy for Public Policy*. Princeton University Press.

*Peer Reviewed Articles*

- Forthcoming. “Learning About Voter Competence” (with Scott Ashworth and Amanda Friedenberg). *American Journal of Political Science*.
- Forthcoming. “Unified vs. Divided Political Authority” (with Scott Ashworth). *Journal of Politics*.
2017. “Accountability and Information in Elections” (with Scott Ashworth and Amanda Friedenberg). *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 9(2): 95–138.
2015. “Political Accountability with Sequential Policymaking” (with Dimitri Landa). *Journal of Public Economics* 132:95–108.
2015. “Measuring Political Violence in Pakistan: Insights from the BFRS Dataset” (with C. Christine Fair, Jenna Jordan, Rasul Bakhsh Rais, and Jacob N. Shapiro). *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 32(5):536–558.
2014. “Is Voter Competence Good for Voters?: Information, Rationality, and Democratic Performance” (with Scott Ashworth). *American Political Science Review* 108(3): 565–587.
2013. “Rebel Tactics.” *Journal of Political Economy* 121(2):323–357.
2011. “Ideologues or Pragmatists?” (with Amanda Friedenberg) *Journal of the European Economic Association* 9(5):931–951
2011. “Disentangling Accountability and Competence in Elections: Evidence from U.S. Term Limits” (with James Alt and Shanna Rose). *Journal of Politics* 73(1):171–186
2010. “Regime Change and Revolutionary Entrepreneurs.” *American Political Science Review* 104(3):446–466
2009. “Elections with Platform and Valence Competition” (with Scott Ashworth). *Games and Economic Behavior* 67(1):191–216
2008. “Terrorist Factions.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 3(4):399–418.
2008. “Public Protection or Private Extortion?” (with Catherine Hafer). *Economics and Politics* 20(1):1–32
2008. “Informative Party Labels with Institutional and Electoral Variation” (with Scott Ashworth). *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 20(3):251–273
2007. “Regulatory Quality under Imperfect Oversight” (with Matthew Stephenson). *American Political Science Review* 101(3):605–620
2007. “The Propaganda of the Deed: Terrorism, Counterterrorism, and Mobilization” (with Eric Dickson). *American Journal of Political Science* 51(2):364–381
2007. “Politics and the Suboptimal Provision of Counterterror.” *International Organization* 61(1):9–36
2006. “Delivering the Goods: Legislative Particularism in Different Electoral and Institutional Settings” (with Scott Ashworth). *Journal of Politics* 68(1):168–179
2006. “Legal Institutions and Informal Networks” (with Matthew Stephenson). *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 18(1):41–68

2006. “Monotone Comparative Statics for Models of Politics” (with Scott Ashworth). *American Journal of Political Science* 50(1):214–231
2005. “The Quality of Terror.” *American Journal of Political Science* 49(3):515–530
2005. “The Terrorist Endgame: A Model with Moral Hazard and Learning.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(2):237–258
2005. “Conciliation, Counterterrorism, and Patterns of Terrorist Violence.” *International Organization* 59(1):145–176
2002. “Informative Precedent and Intra-Judicial Communication” (with Matthew Stephenson). *American Political Science Review* 96(4):755–66. Reprinted in James R. Rogers, Jon R. Bond, and Roy B. Flemming (eds.). 2006. *Institutional Games and the U.S. Supreme Court*. University of Virginia Press
2002. “The Binds that Tie: Creating a Virtuous Cycle of Commitment through Communal Expectations.” *CCAR Journal: A Reform Jewish Quarterly* Winter:93–103
2000. “Strategic and Non-Policy Voting: A Coalitional Analysis of Israeli Electoral Reform.” *Comparative Politics* 33(1):63–80

#### *Other Publications*

2015. “All Else Equal in Theory and Data (Big or Small)” (with Scott Ashworth and Christopher Berry). *PS: Political Science & Politics* 48(1):89–94.
2013. “Terrorism and Counterterrorism.” In *Handbook of International Relations, 2nd Edition*, ed., Walter Carlsnaes, Thomas Risse, and Beth A. Simmons. London: Sage, 635–655
2009. “The Factionalization of Terror Groups.” In *Guns and Butter: The Economic Causes and Consequences of Violence*, ed. Gregory D. Hess. Cambridge: MIT Press, 157–180
2009. “Commentary on Dipak Gupta, *Understanding terrorism and political violence: the life cycle of birth, growth, transformation and demise*.” *Critical Studies on Terrorism* 2(2):327–329
2008. “The Political Economy of Terrorism: A Selective Overview of Recent Work.” *The Political Economist* 10(1):1–12
2007. Review of Alan Krueger’s *What Makes a Terrorist: Economics and the Roots of Terrorism* in *Science* 318
2005. Review of Jonathan Fox’s *Religion, Civilization, and Civil War* in *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 28(4)

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### *Book Projects*

*Theory and Credibility* (with Scott Ashworth and Christopher Berry)

*Thinking Critically in a Data-Driven Age* (with Anthony Fowler)

### *Working Papers*

“Factional Conflict and Territorial Rents”

“Learning By Doing During Counterinsurgency” (with Christopher Price and Andrew Shaver)  
“Regime Change and Equilibrium Multiplicity”  
“What Can (and Can’t) Participation Shocks Teach Us About Political Violence” (with Scott Tyson)  
“Incumbency and Information” (with Scott Ashworth and Amanda Friedenber)  
“The Concordat of Worms, European Secularism, and the Rise of Protestantism” (with Bruce Bueno de Mesquita)

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & HONORS**

CIC Academic Leadership Fellow, 2015–2016  
Elected Member, Empirical Studies of Conflict Project, 2015  
QJPS Referee Hall of Fame, 2005–2014  
Office of Naval Research Grant, “Rebellion and Counter-Rebellion: Tactics and Targeting,” 2013–2016 (\$464,813)  
National Science Foundation Grant, “Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institutes,” 2011–2015, Co-PI with Scott Ashworth, Brandice Canes-Wrone, Scott de Marchi, Sean Gailmard, Arthur Lupia, and Adam Meirowitz (\$2,239,812)  
Office of Naval Research Grant, “Factions, Internal Competition, and Asymmetric Violence,” 2010–2013 (\$891,672)  
National Science Foundation Grant, “Research on the Nature of Electoral Accountability,” 2008–2010 (\$89,973)  
United States Institute of Peace, Unsolicited Grant for the Study of the Causes of Terrorism, 2005–2006  
Lady Davis Fellow, Hebrew University, 2005–2006  
Weidenbaum Center (Washington University) Small Research Grant, 2003–2004, 2005–2006  
Center for American Political Studies (Harvard University) Seed Grant, 2002  
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1998–2001  
Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Teaching, 2000  
Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Fellowship, 1998–2000  
Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences Math Fellowship, 2000  
Raoul Wallenberg Scholarship of Leadership and Democracy, 1996–1997  
Phi Beta Kappa, 1996  
University of Chicago Student Marshal, 1995–1996

## **TEACHING**

### *Undergraduate*

Elections (Washington University)  
Terrorism, Insurgency, and Civil Wars (Washington University, Harvard, University of Chicago)

### *Graduate*

Terrorism, Insurgency, and Civil War (University of Chicago, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Washington University)  
Economic Models of Politics (University of Chicago)  
Analytical Politics I: Strategic and Theoretical Foundations (University of Chicago)  
Political Economy for Public Policy (University of Chicago)  
Formal Models of Law and Politics (Washington University)  
Game Theory I (Washington University, University of Chicago)  
Game Theory II (University of Chicago)  
Formal Models of Comparative Politics (Washington University)

### *Short Courses*

Leading Evidence-Based Decisions (various military, government, and academic settings, 2014–)  
The Varieties of EITM (EITM Summer Institute 2011 (Chicago), 2012 (Princeton), 2014 (Mannheim))  
Political Economy of Public Policy (Executive MPP Program, University of Chile)  
Theoretical and Methodological Foundations: Comparative Statics (EITM Institute, Washington University)  
Mathematical Models: Game Theory (ICPSR)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### *Selected Disciplinary Service*

Advisory Editor, *Games and Economic Behavior*, 2014–  
Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2012–2014, 2017–  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics*, 2011–2015, 2017–  
Editorial Board, *International Studies Quarterly*, 2014–  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 2014–  
Co-Director, EITM Summer Training Institute, 2011  
Section Head, Formal Modeling Section, 2009 Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association  
Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, Political Economy in the Chicago Area Annual Conference, 2007–2015

### *Selected University Service*

Obama Presidential Center Faculty Partnership Advisory Committee (2016–)  
Graduate Student Unionization Steering Committee (2016–)  
SEIU Negotiation Advisory Group (2015–)  
Harper Lecture (2014 Los Angeles, 2015 Denver, 2016 Paris)  
Board, Graham School of Continuing, Liberal, and Professional Studies, University of Chicago (2012–2015)  
Provost's Committee on Online Learning (2012–2013)

### *Selected School Service*

Co-Chair, Dean Search Committee, Harris School, University of Chicago (2016–2017)  
Keller Center Steering Committee, Harris School, University of Chicago (2010–)  
Aims of Public Policy Address (2013, 2015)  
Co-Chair, Dean Search Committee, Harris School, University of Chicago (2013–2014)  
Chair, Committee to Review the MPP Core, Harris School, University of Chicago (2010–2011)  
Chair, Committee on Research Support, Harris School, University of Chicago (2010–2011)  
Chair, Political Economy Curriculum Committee, Harris School, University of Chicago (2007–2008)

### *Reviewer*

*American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, Cambridge University Press, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Defence and Peace Economics*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Journal*, *Economics and Politics*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *Global Governance*, *Harvard Law Review*, *International Economic Review*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, Israel Science Foundation, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, National Science Foundation, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Politics and Gender*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Studies*, Princeton University Press, *Public Choice*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Security Studies*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, *World Politics*.

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### *Invited Talks*

- 2017–2018: UBC (scheduled), Georgetown (scheduled)  
2016–2017: NYU, Rochester, Harvard, EITM (Berkeley)  
2015–2016: Stanford, University of Zurich UBS Center Forum for Economic Dialogue, Emory, Vanderbilt  
2014–2015: University of Michigan Ford Security Seminar, Warwick-Princeton Political Economy Conference in Venice  
2013–2014: University of Pittsburgh Symposium on Political Violence, Georgetown Political Economy Conference  
2012–2013: Emory, Juan March Institute, Washington University Conference in Honor of Norman Schofield, Washington University Conference on Political Economy and Public Law  
2011–2012: Rochester (Wallis), MIT, Harvard Law School, Priorat Workshop on Theoretical Political Science, Maryland  
2010–2011: Stanford GSB, Caltech, Maryland, Yale, LSE, Essex, Princeton  
2009–2010: Erasmus School of Economics Rotterdam, CREED Amsterdam, European Center for Advanced Research in Economics and Statistics, Washington University in St. Louis, NYU, DePaul University  
2008–2009: UCSD (Governance, Development, and Political Violence Summer Workshop), Berkeley (Workshop on Endogenous Institutions and Political Conflict), Minnesota, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (William W. Hay Railroad Engineering Seminar), Office of Naval Research (Workshop on Social, Cultural and Computational Science and the Department of Defense’s New Mission Areas: Peace Operations, Security, Stabilization and Reconstruction)  
2007–2008: University of Chile, Princeton, Columbia Wisconsin, U.S. Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (Conference on Terrorist Organizations), Yale  
2006–2007: Caltech, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency  
2005–2006: Bar Ilan University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Political Science), CESifo Berlin (Conference on Guns and Butter: The Economic Causes and Consequences of Conflict), Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Economic Theory)  
2004–2005: College of William and Mary (Summer Workshop on Teaching Terrorism), Kellogg School of Management, Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center (Workshop on Human Behavioral Modeling), Berkeley, Tel Aviv University (Workshop on Rethinking Global Terrorism: New Directions and New Approaches)  
2003–2004: Stanford, USC (Conference on the Political Economy of International Terrorism), Princeton, NYU, UCSD (IGCC Conference on WMD and Terrorism)  
2001–2002: New York University, Washington University in St. Louis (William H. Riker Memorial Conference)

### *Presentations at Professional Meetings*

- American Political Science Association (2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016)  
Midwest Political Science Association (2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)  
Southern Political Science Association (2011, 2013, 2015)  
Association for Public Economic Theory, Beijing (2004)  
International Studies Association (2003, 2008)  
Public Choice Society (2004)  
World Congress of the Game Theory Society (2008)