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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL 2024-
Assistant Professor of Political Science

New York University, NY 2022-2024
Data Science Faculty Fellow, Center for Data Science

EDUCATION

Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Ph.D. in Political Science 2017-2022
Dissertation: Measuring Bias in the Selection Processes of Political Institutions
Committee: Adam Glynn (Chair), Tom Clark and Beth Reingold

Hunter College CUNY, New York City, NY
M.A. in Economics

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
B.A. in Economics

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Causal inference, computational social science, data science, algorithmic fairness, discriminatory selection processes, political institutions, race and ethnic politics, gender and politics, politics and inequality

PUBLISHED PAPERS

Tom S. Clark, **Elisha Cohen**, Adam N. Glynn, Michael Leo Owens, Anna Gunderson, and Kaylyn Jackson Schiff. 2023. *Are Police Racially Biased in the Decision to Shoot?* *Journal of Politics* 85(3):826-842 <https://doi.org/10.1086/723973>
• Winner of the Southern Political Science Association's 2023 Joseph Bernd Award for the best paper published in the *Journal of Politics*.

Anna Gunderson, **Elisha Cohen**, Kaylyn Jackson, Tom S. Clark, Adam N. Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens. 2021. "Counterevidence of crime-reduction effects from federal grants of military equipment to local police." *Nature: Human Behavior* 5:194-204 <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-020-00995-5>

Elisha Cohen, Anna Gunderson, Kaylyn Jackson, Paul Zachary, Tom S. Clark, Adam N. Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens. 2019. "Do Officer-Involved Shootings Reduce Citizen Contact with Government?" *Journal of Politics* 81(3):1111-1123 <https://doi.org/10.1086/703539>

WORKING PAPERS

"Facial Recognition & Sponsorship: Contours of Support for AI in Policing" *with Anna Gunderson*
"Estimating Bounds on Selection Bias with Outcome Tests" *with Adam Glynn*.
"Sensitivity Analysis for Outcome Tests with Binary Data"
"Measuring Congressional Gender Bias from Candidate to Representative"
"Investigating cultural biases in the rankings of memorable people" *with Adrian Burgos Jr., Shen Yan, and Daniel J. Eck*

“Policy Relevant Causal Effects for Indirectly Manipulable Treatments via Hypothetical Instruments” with Adam Glynn.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Course Instructor PS 532 Quantitative Political Analysis 3 (Spring 2025, Graduate)
Course Instructor PS 230 Introduction to Political Research (Fall 2024, Undergraduate)
Course Instructor PS 272 Women and Politics (Fall 2024, Undergraduate)

New York University

Course Co-Instructor DS-GA 1006 Capstone Project and Presentation (Fall 2023, Graduate)
Course Instructor DS-GA 1009 Practical Training for Data Science (Summer 2023, Graduate)
Course Instructor DS-UA 202 Responsible Data Science (Spring 2023, Undergraduate)

Emory University

Course Instructor Coding Workshop (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021; Graduate)
Course Instructor Technology Bootcamp (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021; Graduate)
Co-Instructor Individual Treatment Effects (with Adam Glynn; Spring 2022; Undergraduate)
Teaching Assistant Research Design and Methods (Fall 2019; Undergraduate)
Grader Empirical Methods I (Spring 2021; Graduate level)

Princeton University

Instructor Statistical Programming Camp (with Ted Enamorado January 2016; Graduate)
Teaching Assistant Advanced Social Statistics (Spring 2016; Graduate)
Teaching Assistant Applied Social Statistics (Fall 2015; Graduate)
Teaching Assistant Visualizing Data, Freshman Scholars Institute (Summer 2015; Undergraduate)

GRANTS
& AWARDS

2023 Joseph Bernd Award for the best paper published in the *Journal of Politics* from the Southern Political Science Association
2022 American Political Science Association Best Poster Award
2021 Travel Grant, American Political Science Association
2021 Laney Graduate School Professional Development Support Funds

FELLOWSHIPS

George W. Woodruff Fellowship (Fall 2017 - Spring 2022)

CONFERENCE
PARTICIPATION

2025 Southern Political Science Association
2024 Justice and Injustice
2021 APSA Annual Meeting (poster)
 PolMeth Annual Summer Meeting (poster)
 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, (presentation)
 St. Louis Area Methods Meeting (SLAMM!) (presentation)
2020 PolMeth Annual Summer Meeting (poster)

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Reviewer American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, American Sociological Review, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Perspectives on Politics, Political Science Research Methods
Editorial Assistant Journal of Politics 2020
Lead Facilitator Girls Who Code, Emory University 2017-2018
Lead Facilitator Girls Who Code, Belmont, MA 2016-2017

SKILLS

Languages R | Stata | Python | SQL
Technical AWS | Git

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

2016-2017 Research Assistant MIT (for Danny Hidalgo, In Song Kim, Rich Nielsen and Teppei Yamamoto)