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ACADEMIC Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA USA  
EMPLOYMENT  
- Silverman Family Career Development Associate Professor (Untenured), 2020-  
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2016-2020

EDUCATION Harvard University, Cambridge, MA USA  
Ph.D, Government (May 2016), M.A., Government (May 2012)  
Dissertation: “Voter Behavior in the Wake of Punitive Politics”  
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY USA  
B.A., Government and Economics (*summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa), May 2009

PEER-REVIEWED White, Ariel, Paru Shah, Eric Gonzalez Juenke, and Bernard Fraga (In Press). “Eval-  
PUBLICATIONS uating the Minority Candidate Penalty with a Regression Discontinuity Approach”,  
*British Journal of Political Science*.

Chizeck, Seth, Kelley Fong, Rebecca Goldstein, and Ariel White (2024). “Political Underrepresentation Among Public Benefits Recipients: Evidence from Linked Administrative Data”, *Urban Affairs Review* 60(1), 420-434.

Markovich, Zachary and Ariel White (2022). “Minimum Wage Increases and Voter Participation”, *Journal of Politics* 84(3), 1834-1838.

White, Ariel and Avery Nguyen (2022). “How often do people vote while incarcerated? Evidence from Maine and Vermont”, *Journal of Politics* 84(1), 568-572.

Ansolabehere, Stephen and Ariel White (2020). “Policy, Politics, and Public Attitudes toward the Supreme Court.” *American Politics Research* 48 (3), 365-376.

White, Ariel (2019). “Misdemeanor Disenfranchisement? The Demobilizing Effects of Brief Jail Spells on Potential Voters.” *American Political Science Review* 113(2): 311-324.

White, Ariel (2019). “Family Matters? Voting Behavior in Households with Criminal Justice Contact.” *American Political Science Review* 113(2): 607-613.

White, Ariel and Kris-Stella Trump (2018). “The Promises and Pitfalls of 311 Data.” *Urban Affairs Review* 54(4): 794-823.

Trump, Kris-Stella and Ariel White (2018). “Does Inequality Beget Inequality? Experimental Tests of the Prediction that Inequality Increases System Justification Motivation.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 5(3): 206-216.

White, Ariel, Anton Strezhnev, Christopher Lucas, Dominika Kruszewska, and Connor Huff. 2018. “Investigator Characteristics and Respondent Behavior in Online

Surveys.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 5(1): 56-67.

King, Gary, Benjamin Schneer and Ariel White. 2017. “How the news media activate public expression and influence national agendas.” *Science* 358(6364): 776-780.

White, Ariel. 2016. “When Threat Mobilizes: Immigration Enforcement and Latino Voter Turnout.” *Political Behavior* 38(2):355-382

Gay, Claudine, Jennifer Hochschild and Ariel White. 2016. “Americans’ Belief in Linked Fate: Does the Measure Capture the Concept?” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 1(1):117-144.

White, Ariel, Noah Nathan and Julie Faller. 2015. “What Do I Need to Vote? Bias in Information Provision by Local Election Officials,” *American Political Science Review* 109(1):129-142.

OTHER  
ACADEMIC  
WRITING

White, Ariel (2022). “Political Participation Amid Mass Incarceration.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 25:111-130.

Nathan, Noah and Ariel White (2021). “Experiments on and with Street-Level Bureaucrats,” In Druckman, Jamie and Donald Green (Eds.) *Cambridge Handbook of Advances in Experimental Political Science*.

White, Ariel (2018). “Review of *Convicted and Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry*, by Keesha M. Middlemass.”, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics* 3(2): 451-454.

WORKING  
PAPERS

“Throwing Away the Umbrella: Minority Voting after the Supreme Court’s *Shelby* Decision” (with Mayya Komisarchik), *Conditional Accept: QJPS*

“How Police Behavior Frames Protest” (with Jasmine English, Laurel Eckhouse), *R&R: Perspectives on Politics*

“Reincorporating Returning Citizens into Political Life” (with Jennifer Doleac, Laurel Eckhouse, Eric Foster-Moore, Allison Harris, and Hannah Walker)

“‘No longer a number’: Testing new ways to find and engage newly-reenfranchised people in New Jersey” (with Hannah Walker, Melissa Michelson, Sam Roth)

“Participatory Implications of Child Welfare System Contact” (with Marie-Pascale Grimon, Rebecca Goldstein, Kelley Fong)

IN PREPARATION “Prison Population Counts and Electoral Districting” (with Zachary Markovich and Helen Webley-Brown)

“Political Reincorporation of People with Past Convictions” (several projects)

“Public Pressure and Street-Level Bureaucratic Responsiveness” (several projects)

“Off the Clock? Linking Police Officers’ Social Media Behavior to Their Work Behavior” (with Bocar Ba, Jacob Kaplan, Jonathan Mummolo)

HONORS /  
AWARDS

Heinz I. Eulau Award, American Political Science Association, 2016 (Award for best

article published in APSR during 2015, granted to “What Do I Need to Vote?”)

Robert Noxon Toppan prize, Harvard University Department of Government, 2016  
(Departmental prize for best dissertation)

Clyde A. Duniway Prize, Cornell University Department of Government, 2009  
(Departmental prize for best senior thesis)

FUNDING /  
GRANTS

MIT-Africa Seed Grant Funding (with Noah Nathan), 2024-2025

Public Agenda Democracy Renewal Project Grant (with Hannah Walker, Allison Harris), 2024-2025

Houston Endowment (with Jennifer Doleac, Allison Harris, Hannah Walker): Project grant, 2023-2025

Evelyn Green Davis Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, 2021-2022

Russell Sage Foundation (with Jennifer Doleac, Laurel Eckhouse, Eric Foster-Moore, Allison Harris, Hannah Walker): Trustee Grant in Social, Political and Economic Inequality, 2021-2023

JPAL North America (with Jennifer Doleac, Laurel Eckhouse, Eric Foster-Moore, Allison Harris, Hannah Walker): Pilot Grant, 2019-2020; Project Grant, 2020-2023

MEDSL New Initiatives Grant (with Laurel Eckhouse, Allison Harris, Hannah Walker), 2019-2020

Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar Fellowship, 2018-2019

MIT SHASS Research Fund Grant, December 2017

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, 2015-2016

Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences Grant, National Science Foundation (with Kris-Stella Trump), 2014

Merit/Grad. Society Term-Time Research Fellowship, Harvard University, 2014-2015

Study of the American Republic Dissertation Fellowship, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, 2014-15.

NSF Travel Grant, Annual Conference of the Society for Political Methodology, 2014

Doctoral Fellowship, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University, 2013-2014

INVITED TALKS **2023:** University of California Merced; University of Chicago; Stanford University; London School of Economics; University of Essex; University of Warwick

**2022:** University of Wisconsin Madison; Claremont Graduate University (“Class & Inequality” conference); Harvard Kennedy School (Ash Center workshop); Yale

University

**2021:** Harvard University (Radcliffe Institute)

**2020:** Oxford University (Nuffield College); Harvard Working Group in Political Psychology and Behavior, UCLA Population Center, Johns Hopkins Agora Institute, Stanford Political Science Speaker Series

**2019:** Russell Sage Foundation Seminar; Washington University (STL) Political Science Speaker Series; “Black & Blue” Conference, Washington University; UC Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics; Columbia American Politics Speaker Series; Marxe School (Baruch College) Faculty Seminar Series; New York Area Political Psychology Meeting (Columbia); “Advances in Experimental Political Science” edited volume conference (Northwestern); “Conference on Applied Methods in Political Science” (Rochester); UVA Batten School; Princeton conference on policing; University of Maryland Computational Social Science workshop

**2018:** Penn State Political Science Speaker Series; SUNY New Paltz, King Lecture in Applied Social Science; Yale American Politics & Public Policy Workshop; Georgetown American Politics Speaker Series; Princeton Identity & Inequality Conference; Political Economy Workshop, Michigan State University; SUNY Stony Brook Departmental Speaker Series

**2017:** Stanford American Politics Workshop; Boston University American Politics Workshop; Yale ISPS Experiments Workshop; UVA Batten School

**2016:** Dartmouth QSS Workshop; MIT American Politics Conference; UCLA American Politics Workshop

**2015:** “How Data is Helping Us Understand Voting Rights After Shelby County” Conference (Harvard Kennedy School); Yale CSAP American Politics Conference (graduate student poster)

**2014:** The Media Consortium Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL; University of Connecticut: Public Interest Law Journal Symposium

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018  
Visions in Methodology Meeting: 2017

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2022

APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference: 2015

Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference: 2015

Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting: 2014, 2022

TEACHING “Mass Incarceration in the US”, MIT, Fall 2020, Spring 2023

“Electoral Politics,” MIT, Fall 2017, Spring 2020

“Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics,” MIT, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019,

Fall 2022, Fall 2023

“Political Behavior I” graduate seminar, MIT, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2019, fall 2023

“Political Behavior II” graduate seminar, MIT, Spring 2021, Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant, “Political Psychology,” Prof. Ryan Enos, Harvard, Spring 2013

Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to American Politics,” Profs. Stephen Ansolabehere and Paul Peterson, Harvard, Fall 2012

Senior Thesis Advisor, Harvard, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014

Undergraduate Research Mentor through Harvard MAPS (Mentoring in American Politics and Society) program, 2011-2012

DISCIPLINARY  
SERVICE

Co-Founder/Co-Organizer, “Pathways@GDL” summer program for prospective PhD students (2023, 2024)

Co-Founder/Co-Organizer, “Justice and Injustice” (APSA Mini-Conference, 2018-2021, standalone conference 2022-2024)

Poster Award Committee Member, Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting, 2022

Program Committee Member, Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting, 2019

Committee Member, Hahn-Sigelman Prize (best paper published in *American Politics Research*) Committee, 2018

Committee Member, Best Dissertation Award Committee, Political Psychology Section of American Political Science Association, 2018

Panel Discussant: MPSA (2016, 2018), APSA (2022, 2023), PolMeth (2022), Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference (2017, 2018, 2020), “Justice and Injustice” mini-conference (2020)

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Nature*; *Science Advances*; *Political Analysis*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Political Behavior*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Political Science Research & Methods*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *DuBois Review*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *American Politics Research*; *Law & Social Inquiry*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Public Administration*; *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*; *Election Law Journal*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Communication*; *Political Studies Review*; *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*; *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Politics, Groups and Identities*; *PLOS One*; *Social Forces*; *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*; *Urban Affairs Review*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

Member, Graduate Student Diversity Working Group (Harvard Department of Government), 2012-2015

RELATED  
WORK

Expert Witness, Southern Coalition for Social Justice (*Holmes v. Moore*), 2020-2021

Consultant (with Professor Gary King), New York Civil Liberties Union (*Hurrell-Harring et al. v. the State of New York*), 2013-2014

Research Assistant, Professor Claudine Gay, Harvard University, 2011-2015

Research Assistant, Professor Stephen Ansolabehere, Harvard University, 2010-2015

Research Assistant, Professor Walter Mebane, Cornell University, 2006-2007