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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate, Government Expected 2021
Harvard University
Concentration: American Politics, Inequality, and Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Philosophy 2014-2016
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Magna Cum Laude
Pearl L. Cavin Scholarship Recipient, Renwick Award Recipient, Ralphe Bunche Scholar

Associate in Science, Natural Sciences 2013-2014
Durham Technical Community College, Durham, NC
Honors designation

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

Deadly Justice: A Statistical Portrait of the Death Penalty
Forthcoming, Summer 2017
With Professor Frank Baumgartner, UNC-Chapel Hill
Oxford University Press

Mass Incarceration and U.S. Politics
June 2017
With Professor Ariel White, MIT
Oxford Annotated Bibliographies

The Geographic Distribution of US Executions
2016
With Professor Frank Baumgartner, UNC-Chapel Hill
Duke Journal of Constitutional Law and Public Policy

Americans are Turning Against the Death Penalty. Are Politicians Far Behind?
December, 2015
Washington Post, the Monkey Cage Blog

Arkansas Plans to Execute 7 Men in 11 Days. They're Likely to Botch one
April, 2017
Washington Post, the Monkey Cage Blog

Contextual Punishment: Explaining Prison Entry Rates in North Carolina Counties
July, 2015
Presented at the 2015 APSA Annual Meeting, and the 2015 Emerging Scholars Con-

ference at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE EXPERIENCE

Graduate RA, Professor Jennifer Hochschild, Harvard University
Survey analysis and assistance with other projects.

Undergraduate RA, Professor Frank Baumgartner, UNC-Chapel Hill
Tracking capital punishment indicators over time, including public opinion and geography, which is part of a wider book project and under contract for publication.

Undergraduate RA, Professor Charles Seguin, UNC-Chapel Hill
Collecting and verifying lynching cases in U.S. history, and analyzing local newspapers through historical online databases.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017 Fellow, Freedom Summer Collegiate, Mississippi
May-June 2017

In this program I will design and teach a course on criminal justice in the United States, with a focus on the death penalty and inequality. Students are upper high schoolers and come from an underrepresented background, with the goal to be admitted to and attend college. Students will receive college credit for the course.

GRADUATE COURSES

Power in American Society, Harvard University
American Democracy, Harvard University
Social Capital and Public Affairs, Harvard University
History of Modern Political Thought, Harvard University
American Government and Politics, Harvard University
Public Opinion and Survey, Harvard University
Introduction to Quantitative Analysis, Harvard University
Statistical Methods I & II, Duke University
Race and American Politics, Duke University

SKILLS

R, Stata, Latex, Basic HTML, basic CSS, Microsoft Office, databases, survey design and analysis