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Education

Harvard University

Ph.D. Government, 2021 (EXP.)

A.M. Statistics, 2021 (EXP.)

Princeton University, 2005-2009.

A.B. Politics, Certificates in Political Economy and Finance (with Honors)

Research Interests

Political institutions, international environmental politics and energy policy, formal theory

Peer-Reviewed Publications

[“Quality of service predicts willingness to pay for household electricity connections in rural India,”](#) 2019, *Energy Policy*, with Ryan Kennedy and Johannes Urpelainen

[“Fast, cheap, and imperfect? American public opinion about solar geoengineering,”](#) 2018, *Environmental Politics*, with Dustin Tingley and Gernot Wagner

[“What do people think when they think about solar geoengineering? A review of empirical social science literature, and prospects for future research,”](#) 2016, *Earth's Future*, with Elizabeth Burns, Jane A. Flegal, David W. Keith, Dustin Tingley, and Gernot Wagner

Working Papers

Increasing rural electrification through connection campaigns, with Brian Blankenship, Ryan Kennedy, Jason Chun Yu Wong, and Johannes Urpelainen, funding from the Rockefeller Foundation, Smart Power for Rural Development, *Under Review*

Understanding segmentation in rural electricity markets, with Daniel Thomas, Johannes Urpelainen, Shalu Agrawal, SP Harish, *Under Review*

[Security implications of geoengineering and countergeoengineering](#), with Muhammet Bas, *Under Review*

Collective risk and distributional equity in climate change bargaining, with Reuben Kline and Dustin Tingley

Understanding the behavioral impact of solar lanterns, with SP Harish and Johannes Urpelainen

Supermajority rule, number of equilibria, and policy diversity, with Roland Pongou and Jean-Baptiste Tondji

Drivers of household electricity demand in rural India, with Shalu Agrawal, Johannes Urpelainen, Daniel Thomas, SP Harish, funding from the Rockefeller Foundation, Smart Power for Rural Development

Current Projects

Monitoring electricity quality in rural India using mobile technology, with Ryan Kennedy, and Johannes Urpelainen

How group consciousness informs foreign policy preferences, with Austin Strange

Other writing

[Does service quality predict households' willingness to pay for electricity connections in rural India?](#), with Ryan Kennedy and Johannes Urpelainen in *Ideas for India*, May 2019.

[How Geoengineering can Produce a "Tug-of-War" Over the Climate](#), with Muhammet Bas in *Governance of the Deployment of Solar Geoengineering*. Edited by Robert N. Stavins and Robert C. Stowe. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Project on Climate Agreements, February 2019.

[Connecting People To The Grid In India Isn't Enough](#), with Ryan Kennedy and Johannes Urpelainen in University of Houston Energy, *Forbes.com*, February 2019.

Grants and Awards

German Transatlantic Study Tour, 2018

GSA Research Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2017, 2018

Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy, Student Fellow, 2017-present

Weatherhead Graduate Student Associates Program, 2017-present

EITM Summer Fellowship, Duke University, 2016

Weatherhead Initiative Research Cluster in International Affairs (Principal Investigator David Keith and Project Manager Joshua Horton), Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2015

Professional Presentations

Princeton University Alumni Faculty Forums, May 2019 [“Climate Change: Mobilizing Humanity to Meet the Greatest Threat of Our Time”](#)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2018 “Security implications of geoengineering and countergeoengineering (with Muhammet Bas)”

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2018 “How Group Consciousness Informs Foreign Policy Preferences (with Austin Strange)”

Gordon Research Conference, July 2017 “Fast, Cheap, and Imperfect? American Public Opinion about Solar Geoengineering”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2016 “Soft Solutions to Hard Problems: Crowding out Climate Change Mitigation”

Harvard University - Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference, March 2016 “An Experimental Analysis of Distributional Equity Norms in Climate Negotiations” (with Reuben Kline and Dustin Tingley)

New York University - Center for Experimental Social Science Eight Annual Political Science Conference, February 2016 “An Experimental Analysis of Distributional Equity Norms in Climate Negotiations” (with Reuben Kline and Dustin Tingley)

University of Southern California - Conference on Formal Models of International Relations, February 2016 “An Experimental Analysis of Distributional Equity Norms in Climate Negotiations” (with Reuben Kline and Dustin Tingley)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2015 “An Experimental Analysis of Distributional Equity Norms in Climate Negotiations” (with Reuben Kline and Dustin Tingley)

Teaching

War and Politics, taught by Professor Stephen Rosen, Spring 2019

American Foreign Policy, taught by Professor Joshua D Kertzer, Fall 2017-2018, Fall 2018-2019 (head teaching fellow)

International Political Economy, taught by Professor Jeffry Frieden, Fall 2016-2017

Models of Conflict in International Relations, taught by Professor Muhammet Bas, Spring 2015-2016, Spring 2016-2017

Service

Graduate Student Coordinator, Research Workshop in International Relations, 2016-2017

Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*, *Climate Politics*, *Utilities Policy*

Research Assistance

Dustin Tingley (2014-2015)

Computational skills

Proficient: R, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX, Vim

Basic: Scheme, C, Python, HTML/CSS

Foreign languages

Hindi (fluent)

Nonacademic Employment

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), New York, 2010-2014.

Global Transfer Pricing Senior Associate: Economic / tax consulting focusing on cross-border intercompany pricing arrangements.

The IFF (formerly the Illinois Facilities Fund), Chicago, 2009-2010.

Public Policy Associate: Community Development Financial Institution, lending money to other nonprofit institutions.