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Education

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Political Science, in progress (ABD, anticipated completion May 2024)

M.A., Political Science, 2020

Master's Thesis: "Constraining Governance: Presidential Incentives to Undermine Bureaucratic Capacity"

Dissertation: *Unilateral Action Reconsidered: Congressional Responses to Presidential Directives* (Prospectus defense completed May 2021)

New York University, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service

Master of Public Administration, 2015

Swarthmore College

B.A., Russian and Political Science (with Honors), 2008

Other Training

EITM summer institute, 2021

Publications

Benn, Annie. 2023. "Presidential Partisanship and Regulatory Review." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 1-18.

Benn, Annie. Forthcoming. "The Administrative Politics of Unilateral Action: Measuring Delegation and Discretion in the Executive Branch." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

Working Papers

"Participatory Unilateralism: Understanding Congress's Role in Presidential Unilateral Policymaking" – Argues that the administrative politics of unilateral action create an opportunity for Congressional influence on unilateral policy outcomes.

"Delegation by Executive Order: Discretionary Windows in Presidential Unilateralism" – Shows that executive orders drafted by agencies contain narrower grants of discretion than those drafted by White House staff.

"Examining the Complementarity of Political Appointments and Regulatory Review" – Argues that presidents use political appointments and *post-hoc* regulatory review as strategic substitutes.

"Constraining Governance: Strategic Incentives to Undermine Bureaucratic Capacity" – A formal model identifying conditions of purposive presidential changes to bureaucratic capacity.

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association 2023*, 2022*, 2020*

Midwest Political Science Association 2023, 2022

Southern Political Science Association 2022, 2020

Virtual American Executive Politics Seminar 2021

Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Student Conference 2022

Bureaucratic Politics Pre-APSA Workshop 2023*

Women in Legislative Studies Workshop 2023

(*indicates accepted paper but unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances)

Invited Talks

UC Berkeley Research Workshop on American Politics 2022, 2023

Executive Politics at University of Michigan 2022

Reagan Presidential Library “Age of Reagan” Conference 2023

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Research Grant for the Study of Political Institutions, UC Berkeley Travers Dept. of Political Science, 2022

Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley Institute for Governmental Studies, 2022

Research Grant, UC Berkeley Center for the Study of American Democracy, 2021

Peter H. Odegard Award, UC Berkeley Travers Dept. of Political Science, 2021

Formal Theory Fellowship, UC Berkeley Travers Dept. of Political Science, 2020-2021

Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship, UC Berkeley Center for the Study of Law and Society, 2020-2021

Lucretia Mott Fellowship, Swarthmore College, 2008

Marion L. Dannenberg Scholar, Swarthmore College, 2005-2008

Margaret Fraser Bell Scholar, Swarthmore College, 2006-2008

Teaching

UC Berkeley, Travers Department of Political Science – Graduate Student Instructor

The US Executive Branch and Its Political Context – Undergraduate, Spring 2023

Formal Models of Political Science – Graduate, Fall 2022

The American Presidency – Undergraduate, Fall 2021

Introduction to American Politics – Undergraduate, Spring 2020

Congress – Undergraduate, Fall 2019

New York University, Wagner School of Public Service – Teaching Colleague

Multiple Regression and Econometrics – Graduate, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

Introduction to Policy Analysis – Undergraduate, Fall 2014

Service

UC Berkeley, Travers Department of Political Science

Political Science Graduate Student Association Co-President, 2021-2022

PhD Admissions Committee Member, 2021-2022

Women in Political Science co-chair, 2020-2021

Professional Experience

Rocky Mountain Institute; New York, NY

Senior Associate, 4/2016 – 5/2018

Associate 6/2015 – 4/2016

Research Intern 12/2014 – 6/2015

CINCS, LLC and Carbon Credit Capital; New York, NY

Summer Analyst, 5/2014 – 8/2014

NYC Department of Environmental Protection

Legislative and Policy Research Intern, 3/2014 – 5/2014

TransPerfect Translations; New York, NY

Project Coordinator, 9/2011-6/2012