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## EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Economics, Brigham Young University, 2020-Present  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Brigham Young University, 2011-2020  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Brigham Young University, 2010-2011  
Instructor, Brigham Young University, 2009-2010

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Rochester, 2010  
M.A., Economics, University of Rochester, 2006  
B.A., Economics, BYU, 2004

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy, Microeconomic Theory

## TEACHING

Political Economics (undergraduate), BYU  
Mathematical Statistics (undergraduate), BYU and University of Rochester  
Game Theory (undergraduate), BYU  
Career Preparation Seminar (undergraduate), BYU

## PUBLICATIONS

2022, Polarization and Pandering in Common Interest Elections, *Games and Economic Behavior*, 133: 150-161.

2019, The Marginal Voter's Curse, with Helios Herrera and Aniol Llorente-Saguer, *Economic Journal*, 129(624): 3137-3153

2019, Information Aggregation and Turnout in Proportional Representation: A Laboratory Experiment, with Helios Herrera and Aniol Llorente-Saguer, *Journal of Public Economics*, 179: 104051

2017, Ideology as Opinion: A Spatial Model of Common-value Elections, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, 9(4): 108-140

2017, Voting as Communicating: Mandates, Multiple Candidates, and the Signaling Voter's Curse, *Games and Economic Behavior*, 102: 199-223

2015, The Paradox of Information and Voter Turnout, *Public Choice*, 165(1-2): 13-23

2013, Aggregating Information by Voting: The Wisdom of the Experts versus the Wisdom of the Masses, *Review of Economic Studies*, 80(1): 277-312

## **WORKING PAPERS**

Candidate Opinions Versus Voter Opinions: The Pivotal Calculus of Political Candidates

Why the Political World is Flat: An Endogenous “Left” and “Right” in Multidimensional Elections

Do Voters Trust Other Voters?

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

The Swing Voter’s Curse and Marginal Voter’s Curse in Proportional Representation Elections

Mandates from Other Politicians’ Voters, with Alex Lloyd

Policy Motivated Candidates in Common Interest Elections

The Invisible Hand of Politics: Inefficiently Efficient Political Tug-of-war

The Puzzle of Political Polarization: A Review of 65 Theories

## **PRESENTATIONS**

2023: Utah Applied Economics conference, Hong Kong Baptist University, University of Southern California

2020: Econometric Society world congress

2019: Econometric Society winter meetings, Stonybrook Game Theory Festival

2018: Cornell University, University of Warwick, London School of Economics, London Business School, Royal Holloway University of London

2017: Econometric Society Summer Meetings, Caltech, UC Riverside

2016: Game Theory Society world congress

2015: Econometric Society world congress, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory annual conference

2014: University of Oregon, Wallis Conference on Political Economy, American Political Science Association annual meeting, Public Economic Theory conference, Utah Valley University

2013: University of Chile

2012: Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting

2011: Wallis Conference on Political Economy, APET Public Economic Theory conference

2010: Stony Brook Game Theory Festival political economy workshop, American Economic Association winter meeting

2008: Wallis Conference on Political Economy, SED Conference on Economic Design, NBER Political Economy Group student conference, NYU Hamilton Center student conference on political economy

## **AWARDS/HONORS**

Wallis Fellowship, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, 2007-2008  
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2007-2008  
Graduate Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2005-2008  
Gordon B. Hinckley Presidential Scholarship, Brigham Young University, 1998-2004

## **REFEREE SERVICE**

American Economic Journal: Microeconomics  
American Economic Review  
American Journal of Political Science  
American Political Science Review  
British Journal of Political Science  
Chilean National Research and Development Agency  
Comparative Economic Studies  
Econometrica  
Economic Inquiry  
Economic Journal  
Economics Letters  
European Research Council  
Games  
Games and Economic Behavior  
International Journal of Game Theory  
International Journal of Public Opinion Research  
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization  
Journal of Economic Theory  
Journal of the European Economic Association  
Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization  
Journal of Political Economic Theory  
Journal of Political Economy  
Journal of Politics  
Journal of Public Economics  
Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy  
Journal of Theoretical Politics  
Management Science  
Mathematics  
Political Behavior  
Political Science Research and Methods  
Public Choice  
Quarterly Journal of Economics  
Quarterly Journal of Political Science  
Rationality and Society

Review of Economic Studies  
Social Choice and Welfare  
Southern Economic Journal  
Theoretical Economics  
World