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Employment

Civiqs

Director of Data Science 2019-

Northwestern University

External Faculty (by courtesy) 2019-

Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems

Postdoctoral Data Science Scholar 2017-2019

Appointments in the Institute for Policy Research and Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems

Education

University of Michigan

Ph.D., Political Science 2017

M.A., Political Science 2014

The Ohio State University

B.A., Political Science 2011

(with Honors in the Arts & Sciences, with honors research distinction, *summa cum laude*)

B.A., English 2011

(with Honors in the Arts & Sciences, *summa cum laude*)

Publications

Broockman, David E., Nicholas Carnes, Melody Crowder-Meyer, and **Christopher Skovron**. "[Why Local Party Leaders Don't Support Nominating Centrists.](#)" *British Journal of Political Science*. Forthcoming.

Broockman, David E. and **Christopher Skovron**. "[Bias in Perceptions of Public Opinion Among Political Elites.](#)" 2018. *American Political Science Review* 112(3), 542-563.

Nyhan, Brendan, **Christopher Skovron** and Rocío Titiunik. "[Differential Registration Bias in Voter File Data: A Sensitivity Analysis Approach.](#)" 2017. *American Journal of Political Science* 61(3), 744-760.

Lupia, Arthur, Logan S. Casey, Kristyn L. Karl, Spencer Piston, Timothy J. Ryan, and **Christopher Skovron**. "[What Does it Take to Reduce Racial Prejudice in Individual-Level Candidate](#)

Evaluations? A Formal Theoretic Perspective." 2015. *Political Science Research and Methods* 3(1), 1-20.

Working Papers

["What Politicians Believe About Electoral Accountability"](#)

["Using Nationwide Voter Files to Study the Effects of Election Laws"](#) (with Bernard Fraga and John Holbein)

Teaching

As Graduate Student Instructor at Michigan

Statistics 485, Senior Seminar, Upper-level Writing Requirement (Prof. Ben Hansen)	2017
Political Science 140, Introduction to Comparative Politics (Prof. Ron Inglehart)	2016
Political Science 101, Introduction to Political Theory (Prof. Lisa Disch)	2013
Political Science 300, Contemporary Political Issues (Prof. Greg Markus)	2012

Workshops at Northwestern

Computing Essentials for Social Scientists (with Jon Atwell)	2018
Introduction to tidyverse	2018

Grants

External

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2013–2016
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At Michigan

Converse-Miller Award, Center for Political Studies (with Rocío Titiunik)	2014
Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop grant (with Logan Casey and Hunter Werkheiser): <i>Interdisciplinary Workshop in Empirical Queer Studies</i>	2012–13
Center for Public Policy in Diverse Societies workshop grant (with Logan Casey and Hunter Werkheiser), Gerald R. Ford School: <i>Interdisciplinary Workshop in Empirical Queer Studies</i>	2012–2013
Rackham-ISR Summer Training Grant, Survey Research Center Summer Institute	2012

Service

Referee ([Profile on Publons](#))

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, British Journal of Political Science, Electoral Studies, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Open Source Software, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly

External

Scholars Strategy Network National Graduate Fellow 2013-14

At Northwestern

Coordinator, [Data Science in the Social Sciences Initiative](#) (with Jon Atwell) 2018

At Michigan

Professional Development Committee, Department of Political Science 2013-14

Political Action Chair, Treasurer and Acting President,
Graduate Employees Organization, AFT Local 3550 2013-15

Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Workshop in Empirical Queer Studies
(with Logan S. Casey and Hunter Werkheiser) 2012-13

Honors & Awards

The Top 30 Thinkers Under 30, *Pacific Standard* 2016

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2013-16

Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2011

At Michigan

Eldersveld Prize for best graduate student paper, "What Politicians Believe About Their
Constituents: Asymmetric Misperceptions and Prospects for Constituency Control" 2013

At Ohio State

Henry R. Spencer Award for best honors thesis in political science 2011

Francis R. Aumann Award for most outstanding undergraduate political science major 2011

Phi Beta Kappa (elected as a junior) 2010

Invited Presentations

University of Chicago	2018
Northwestern University MPPA Program <i>Inaugural lecture of the Practical Policies series</i>	2018

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association	2013-15 2018
Midwest Political Science Association <i>Discussant</i> <i>Panel chair</i>	2013-18 2016-19 2017-18
State Politics & Policy Conference	2018
Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration Conference	2018
Stanford Conference on Marriage Equality, Stanford University	2013
Political Representation: Fifty Years After Miller & Stokes, Vanderbilt University	2013