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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	University of Houston <i>Assistant Professor of Political Science</i>	2021 - present
	Center for Effective Lawmaking University of Virginia & Vanderbilt University <i>Faculty Affiliate</i>	2024 - present
EDUCATION	Princeton University Ph.D. in Politics and Social Policy	2021
	M.A., Politics	2017
	Illinois Wesleyan University B.A., Political Science	2015
BOOK	<i>Paying for the Party: How Fundraising Demands Lead to Less Productive and Representative Legislatures</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under contract with the University of Chicago Press (expected publication date in fall 2025)• Recipient of best dissertation prizes by the Legislative Studies and State Politics & Policy sections of APSA	
JOURNAL ARTICLES	Kaslovsky, Jaclyn and Michael R. Kistner . 2024. "Responsive Rhetoric: Evidence from Congressional Redistricting." <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> . Forthcoming. Shor, Boris and Michael R. Kistner . 2024. "Comparing Leviathans: Agenda Influence in State Legislatures, 2011 to 2023." <i>Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy</i> , 4(4), pp. 551 - 576. Kistner, Michael R. 2022. "Fighting for Majorities? Explaining the Development of Caucus Fundraising in American Legislatures." <i>Journal of Politics</i> , 84(1), pp. 321-34. Canes-Wrone, Brandice and Michael R. Kistner . 2022. "Out of Step and Still in Congress? Electoral Consequences of Incumbent and Challenger Positioning across Time." <i>Quarterly Journal of Political Science</i> , 17(3), pp. 389-420.	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Canes-Wrone, Brandice and Michael R. Kistner . 2023. "Local Newspapers and Ideological Accountability in US House Elections." In <i>Accountability Reconsidered: Voters, Interests, and Information in US Policymaking</i> , pp. 129 - 149. Cambridge University Press.	

WORKING
PAPERS

“Promoting Conspiracy Theories Strategically” with David Hilden

- Invited to revise and resubmit at the *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*

“Immigration and Political Incorporation: Asian American Representation in State Legislatures” with Tanika Raychaudhuri

- Invited to revise and resubmit at *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*

“Ambition and Conflict in State Legislatures” with Christian Fong

“Ideological Bias in Legislator Contact? Evidence From Witness Slips in the Illinois General Assembly” with Michael Pomirchy

“Opening the Gates: Interest Group Influence on Partisan Agenda Control” with Boris Shor

“Credit Claiming and Accountability for Legislative Effectiveness” with Elizabeth Simas, Jamie Wright, and David Hilden

“Measuring Partisanship and Representation in Online Congressional Communication” with Robert Alvarez, Maya Fitch, Lucas Lothamer, and Elizabeth Simas

FELLOWSHIPS,
GRANTS, AND
AWARDS

Graduate Student Mentorship Award, <i>UH Department of Political Science</i>	2024
Research Grant, <i>University of Houston Division of Research</i>	2024
Research Grant, <i>The Center for Effective Lawmaking</i>	2022
Teaching Innovation Grant, <i>University of Houston</i>	2022
Carl Albert Dissertation Award, <i>APSA Legislative Studies Section</i>	2022
Chris Mooney Dissertation Prize, <i>APSA State Politics and Policy Section</i>	2022
Research Grant, <i>University of Houston New Faculty Program</i>	2021
Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorary Fellowship, <i>Princeton University</i>	2020-2021
Graduate Student Fellowship, <i>Princeton University</i>	2015-2020
Research Grant, <i>Center for the Study of Democratic Politics</i>	2017
Intellectual Leadership Award, <i>Illinois Wesleyan University</i>	2015
Eckley Summer Scholars Fellowship, <i>Illinois Wesleyan University</i>	2014

INVITED TALKS

Harris School of Public Policy (University of Chicago)	2024
Carl Albert Center for Congressional Studies (University of Oklahoma)	2023

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2020-2024
Money in Politics Conference (Copenhagen Business School)	2024
Center for Effective Lawmaking Conference Annual Meeting	2024
State Politics and Policy Conference	2019, 2022-2024
Conference on Parties in American Legislatures (University of Houston)	2023
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2015, 2018, 2023

	Conference on Interest Groups and Polarization (Trinity University)	2022
	Carl Albert Center Legislative Studies Conference	2022
	Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2021
TEACHING	POLS 6388: Graduate Course on Causal Inference <i>University of Houston</i>	2025
	Short Workshop: Introduction to Causal Inference <i>ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods</i>	2023, 2024
	POLS 6364: Graduate Seminar in Legislative Process <i>University of Houston</i>	2021, 2024
	GOVT 2305: American and Texas Government <i>University of Houston</i>	2021, 2022, 2024
	Independent Study on Political Representation <i>University of Houston</i>	2023
	POLS 3316: Statistics for Political Science <i>University of Houston</i>	2022, 2023
	POLS 3395: Money in American Politics <i>University of Houston</i>	2022
	WWS 600b: Statistics for Public Policy <i>School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University</i>	2018, 2019
	POL 327: Mass Media, Social Media, and American Politics <i>Department of Politics, Princeton University</i> Preceptor (Instructor: Andrew Guess)	2018
	POL 571: Graduate Quantitative Methods I <i>Department of Politics, Princeton University</i> Preceptor (Instructor: John Londregan)	2017
DISCIPLINARY & UNIVERSITY SERVICE	Graduate Student Research Series, Department of Political Science, University of Houston <i>Co-organizer (with Jae-Hee Jung)</i>	2024 - present
	American Institutions Working Group, Department of Political Science, University of Houston <i>Organizer</i>	2022 - present
	Comprehensive Exam Committee <i>Examiner</i>	2022, 2024
	Christopher Mooney Dissertation Prize Award Committee, American Political Science Association <i>Committee Member</i>	2023
	Conference on Parties in American Legislatures <i>Co-organizer (with Boris Shor)</i>	2023
	Core American Government Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Houston <i>Committee Member</i>	2022-2023

Election Policy and Democracy Reform Competition, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy <i>Competition Judge</i>	2022
Data Cleaning in the Tidyverse, Department of Political Science, University of Houston <i>Workshop Instructor and Organizer</i>	2022
Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Houston <i>Committee Member</i>	2021-2022
MAT 037 (Princeton Prison Teaching Initiative): Beginning Algebra <i>Co-Instructor</i>	2020
Data and Statistical Services Lab, Princeton University <i>Statistical Consultant</i>	2018-2020

GRAD STUDENT ADVISING Robert Alvarez, David Hilden, Maya Fitch

REFeree SERVICE *American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Legislative Studies Quarterly; State Politics and Policy Quarterly; Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*

RELEVANT SKILLS Teaching Certification (Association of College and University Educators), R, Python, STATA, Stan, L^AT_EX

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 Princeton University
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