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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>University of Houston</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Political Science</i>	2021 - present
	<b>Center for Effective Lawmaking</b> University of Virginia & Vanderbilt University <i>Faculty Affiliate</i>	2024 - present
EDUCATION	<b>Princeton University</b> Ph.D. in Politics and Social Policy	2021
	M.A., Politics	2017
	<b>Illinois Wesleyan University</b> 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"><li>• Under contract with the University of Chicago Press</li><li>• Recipient of best dissertation prizes by the Legislative Studies and State Politics &amp; Policy sections of APSA</li></ul>	
JOURNAL ARTICLES	Kaslovsky, Jaclyn and <b>Michael R. Kistner</b> . 2025. "Responsive Rhetoric: Evidence from Congressional Redistricting." <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> . Online Early View.	
	Hilden, David and <b>Michael R. Kistner</b> . 2025. "Promoting Conspiracy Theories Strategically." <i>Quarterly Journal of Political Science</i> . Accepted.	
	<b>Kistner, Michael R.</b> and Tanika Raychaudhuri. 2025. "Immigration and Political Incorporation: Asian American Representation in State Legislatures." <i>State Politics &amp; Policy Quarterly</i> . 25(2), pp. 212 - 236.	
	Shor, Boris and <b>Michael R. Kistner</b> . 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.	
	<b>Kistner, Michael R.</b> 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 <b>Michael R. Kistner</b> . 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 <b>Michael R. Kistner</b> . 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	<p>"Ambition and Conflict in State Legislatures" with Christian Fong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invited to revise and resubmit at the <i>Journal of Politics</i></li> </ul> <p>"Ideological Bias in Legislator Contact? Evidence From Witness Slips in the Illinois General Assembly" with Michael Pomirchy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invited to revise and resubmit at <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i></li> </ul> <p>"Opening the Gates: Interest Group Influence on Partisan Agenda Control" with Boris Shor</p> <p>"Credit Claiming and Accountability for Legislative Effectiveness" with Elizabeth Simas, Jamie Wright, and David Hilden</p> <p>"Measuring Partisanship and Representation in Online Congressional Communication" with Michael Heseltine, Robert Alvarez, Maya Fitch, Lucas Lothamer, and Elizabeth Simas</p> <p>"Constituent Communications in the U.S. House of Representatives, 2018-2024" with Jaclyn Kaslovsy and Michael Olson</p>	
FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS	<p>Graduate Student Mentorship Award, <i>UH Department of Political Science</i> 2024</p> <p>Book Completion Grant, <i>University of Houston CLASS</i> 2024</p> <p>Research Grant, <i>The Center for Effective Lawmaking</i> 2022</p> <p>Research Grant, <i>University of Houston Division of Research</i> 2024</p> <p>Teaching Innovation Grant, <i>University of Houston</i> 2022</p> <p>Carl Albert Dissertation Award, <i>APSA Legislative Studies Section</i> 2022</p> <p>Chris Mooney Dissertation Prize, <i>APSA State Politics and Policy Section</i> 2022</p> <p>Research Grant, <i>University of Houston New Faculty Program</i> 2021</p> <p>Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship, <i>Princeton University</i> 2020-2021</p> <p>Graduate Student Fellowship, <i>Princeton University</i> 2015-2020</p> <p>Research Grant, <i>Center for the Study of Democratic Politics</i> 2017</p> <p>Intellectual Leadership Award, <i>Illinois Wesleyan University</i> 2015</p> <p>Eckley Summer Scholars Fellowship, <i>Illinois Wesleyan University</i> 2014</p>	
INVITED TALKS	<p>Assistant Professor Excellence Series, University of Houston 2026</p> <p>Department of Political Science, Stanford University 2024</p> <p>Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago 2024</p> <p>Department of Political Science, American University 2024</p> <p>Carl Albert Center for Congressional Studies, University of Oklahoma 2023</p>	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2020-2025
	TexMeth Conference	2025
	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 - 2025
	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</i>	2024 - present
	American Politics Working Group, Department of Political Science, University of Houston <i>Organizer</i>	2022 - present

	Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Houston <i>Committee Member</i>	2021 - 2024
	Comprehensive Exam Committee <i>Examiner</i>	2022, 2024, 2025
	Job Search Committee, Political Theory <i>Committee member</i>	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</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
	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, Sebastian Ege	
REFeree SERVICE	<i>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</i>	
RELEVANT SKILLS	Teaching Certification (Association of College and University Educators), R, Python, STATA, Stan, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X	
REFERENCES	Brandice Canes-Wrone Professor of Political Science Stanford University <a href="mailto:bcwrone@stanford.edu">bcwrone@stanford.edu</a>	
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