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Appointments

2024-	Boston University, Department of Political Science Assistant Professor
2022-2024	American Economic Liberties Project Research Manager and Editor
2022-2023	Brown University, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs Visiting Scholar
2020-2022	Postdoctoral Research Associate

Education

2020	Brown University Ph.D., Political Science Comprehensive Exams: Comparative Politics (distinction) and International Relations Committee: Mark Blyth (chair), Richard Locke, Nitsan Chorev (sociology)
2016	Brown University M.A., Political Science
2011	University of California at Berkeley B.A., Political Science (Highest Honors) Distinction in General Scholarship Intensive Russian Language Program at International University in Moscow (Fall 2009)

Affiliations

2026-2027	Harvard University Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES), Local Affiliate
2025-Present	American Economic Liberties Project, Senior Fellow
2024-Present	Boston University Center for Innovation in Social Science, Affiliate
2021-2022	Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, Visiting Scholar
May 2019	Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, Dialogue Scholarship
Fall 2018	Sciences Po Center for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Visiting Researcher

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative and International Political Economy
Business-State Relations
Antitrust and Intellectual Property Rights
The Politics of Economic Ideas
Comparative Historical Analysis

Book

- 2025 *Monopoly Politics: Competition and Learning in the Evolution of Policy Regimes*, Oxford University Press.
- Reviewed in *American Bar Association Antitrust Journal*.
 - Book Panels at 2026 ISA (discussants: Amy Pond, Herman Mark Schwartz, and Michael Allen), SASE 2026 (discussants Timur Ergen, Maha Atal, and Sebastian Billows), and Boston University Center for the Study of Europe (discussant: Peter Hall)
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Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2026 “Strong Intellectual Property and Weak Antitrust: How the End of Vertical Restraints Fissured the US Political Economy,” *Socio-Economic Review*, DOI: 10.1093/ser/mwag012. (with Herman Mark Schwartz)
- 2023 “Monopoly Politics: Price Competition, Learning, and the Evolution of Policy Regimes,” *World Politics* 75(3), 566-607, DOI: 10.1353/wp.2023.a900713
- 2021 “Cartels, competition, and coalitions: the domestic drivers of international orders.” *Review of International Political Economy* 28:6, 1652-1676, DOI: 10.1080/09692290.2020.1788971.
- 2018 “Periodizing, Paths, and Probabilities: Why Critical Junctures and Path Dependence Produce Causal Confusion.” *Review of International Political Economy* 25(1): 122-143, DOI: 10.1080/09692290.2017.1387586.
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Edited Volumes

- 2022 “Antitrust, Free Trade, and Fissuring” in *The Cambridge Handbook of Labor in Competition Law*, edited by Sanjukta Paul, Shae McCrystal, and Ewan McGaughey.
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Other Writing

- 2025 “The New Railroad Barons: Why the Union Pacific/Norfolk Southern Railroad Merger Must Be Blocked” (with Ashley Nowicki), American Economic Liberties Project.
- 2025 “Economic Concentration and Its Dual Threats to Democracy,” Promarket.
- 2025 “The Staying Power of the Antimonopoly Movement,” LPE Blog.
- 2024 “Reshoring and Restoring: CHIPS Implementation for a Competitive Semiconductor Industry” (with Todd Achilles and Daniel Rangel), American Economic Liberties Project.
- 2023 “A policy win for Biden that would help us all breathe easier” (with Morgan Harper), The Hill.
- 2023 “Guidelines to Match the Moment,” Promarket.
- 2023 “Intellectual Property and the Fissured Economy,” *American Affairs* 7(2): 13-22.
- 2023 “Break the Monopolies!,” Persuasion.
- 2023 “Saving the News from Big Tech: The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act,” American Economic Liberties Project.
- 2022 “The Roll-Up Economy: The Business of Consolidating Industries with Serial Acquisitions,” (with Denise Hearn, Krista Brown, and Taylor Sekhon), American Economic Liberties Project.

2022	“‘Digital Trade’ Doublespeak: Big Tech’s Hijack of Trade Lingo to Attack Anti-Monopoly and Competition Policies,” (with Daniel Rangel, Taylor Buck, and Lori Wallach), Rethink Trade.
2022	“Canada’s Online News Act is Good for Journalism,” National Post.
2022	“The Needless Desertion of Robinson-Patman” (with Katherine Van Dyck), Promarket.
2022	“The Economics of Reaction,” LPE Blog.
2022	“Mergers and Smoking Guns,” Promarket.
2022	“Inflation, Corporate Power, and the Forgotten New Deal,” Promarket.
2021	Review of Brett Christophers’ <i>Rentier Capitalism: Who Owns the Economy, and Who Pays for It?</i> , <i>Antipode</i> .
2020	“Coordination Rights Beyond Nation States,” LPE Blog.

Work in Progress

- “International Banking Contagion and Authoritarian Sovereign Default” (working paper)
 - “Archives, Historiography, and Inference in Political Science” (working paper)
 - “Narratives of Inflation and the Politics of Responsibility,” (working paper, with Melike Arslan)
 - “A Third Industrial Divide: Growth Models, Technological Paradigms, and the Return of Mass Production Politics” (working paper)
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Awards and Fellowships

2021-2023	Economic Security Project, Anti-Monopoly Fund Grant (\$30,000)
2018-2020	Department of Political Science Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University
2014-2016 & 2017-2018	Brown University Presidential Fellowship

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2020, 2021, 2024, 2026
 Council for European Studies (CES): 2019, 2021
 International Studies Association (ISA): 2025, 2026
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2019, 2021
 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2026
 Business History Conference (2026)

Invited Talks

2026	British Academy’s The Wealth of Nations at 250, Glasgow University, UK
2026	Kings College London, IPE Research Group
2026	Rhodes Center for International Finance, Brown University
2026	Johns Hopkins SAIS, Washington, DC
2026	Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative, Berkeley, CA
2025	Harvard University Mind de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Cambridge, MA
2022	East Coast American Political Economy Workshop, Washington, DC.

2018	EHESS Political Economy Workshop, Paris, France.
2018	Balsillie School Global Political Economy Dissertation Workshop, Waterloo, Canada.

Teaching

Boston University

Capitalism and Freedom (2027 planned)
Monopoly! (spring 2026)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (2025 x 2)
International Political Economy (2024, 2025, 2026)
Comparative Political Economy (2025, 2027 planned)

Training and Skills

Methods Training	2016 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
	2017 Institute for Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Research (IQMR)
Languages	French (C2-ish), German (B1-ish)
Software	Stata, R, L ^A T _E X

Academic Service and Support

	Reviewer for <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>International Relations</i> , <i>Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties</i> , <i>Journal of Evolutionary Political Economy</i> , <i>Journal of Law and Political Economy</i> , <i>Regulation & Governance</i> , <i>Review of International Political Economy</i> , and <i>World Politics</i> .
2026-2027	Co-chair, “Seminar on the State and Capitalism Since 1800,” Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES), Harvard University
2021	Co-organizer, “Disorganized Labor Meets the Franchise Economy,” Virtual Workshop at Rhodes Center for International Finance, Brown University
2019-2020	Editor, Society for Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Newsletter
2014 - 2015	Coordinator for Brown Graduate Comparative Politics Research Workshop

References

References available upon request

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