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Academic Employment

University of California, Los Angeles

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics (2023 – present)

Princeton University

Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (2020 – 2021)

New York University

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics (2017 – 2023)

Education

Stanford University

Ph.D. in Political Science (2017)

Committee: Terry Moe, Bruce Cain, Clayton Nall, and Andrew Hall

University of Southern California

B.A. in Political Science (2010)

Minor in Piano Performance

Summa Cum Laude

Research

Book

Payson, Julia (2022) *When Cities Lobby: How Local Governments Compete for Power in State Politics*. Oxford University Press.

Publications

“Residency Blues: The Unintended Consequences of Police Residency Requirements.” With Srinivas Parinandi (Conditionally Accepted at *Journal of Politics*).

“Local Leaders and the Pursuit of Growth in U.S. Cities: The Role of Managerial Skill.” With Maria Carreri. FirstView at *Political Science Research and Methods*.

“Using Social Media Data to Reveal Patterns of Policy Engagement in State Legislatures.” With Andreu Casas, Jonathan Nagler, Richard Bonneau, and Joshua A. Tucker. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 22(4): 371–395.

Simonovits, Gabor, and Julia Payson (2023) "Locally Controlled Minimum Wages Are No Closer to Public Preferences." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 18(4).

Payson, Julia, Alexander Fourinaies, and Andrew B. Hall (2022) "Decomposing the Source of the Gender Gap in Legislative Committee Service: Evidence from U.S. State Legislatures." *Political Science Research and Methods* 11(1): 191–197.

Carreri, Maria, and Julia Payson (2021) "What Makes A Good Local Leader? Evidence From U.S. Mayors and City Managers." *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 2(2): 199–225.

Payson, Julia A. (2020) "The Partisan Logic of City Mobilization: Evidence From State Lobbying Disclosures." *American Political Science Review* 114(3): 677–690.

Payson, Julia A. (2020) "Cities in the Statehouse: How Local Governments Use Lobbyists to Secure State Funding." *Journal of Politics* 82(2): 403–417.

Payson, Julia A. (2017) "When Are Local Incumbents Held Accountable for Government Performance? Evidence from U.S. School Districts." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 42(3): 421–448.

Working Papers

"A Nationalized Agenda or Laboratories of Democracy? Issue Attention in State Politics." With Andreu Casas, Jonathan Nagler, Richard Bonneau, and Joshua A. Tucker.

"When Progressives Took Power: The Political and Economic Effects of Progressive Era Reforms." With Maria Carreri and Dan Thompson.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

College of Arts and Sciences Golden Dozen Teaching Award (2022)
New York University

Stephen Charney Vladeck Junior Faculty Fellowship (2021-22)
New York University

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) Fellowship (2020-21)
Princeton University

Christopher Mooney Best Dissertation Award in American State Politics & Policy (2018)
American Political Science Association

Thomas D. Dee II Graduate Fellowship (2016-17)
Bill Lane Center for the American West, Stanford University

Dissertation Fellowship (2016-17)
Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS), Stanford University

Political Science Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (2016-17)
National Science Foundation

Graduate Public Service Fellowship (2014-15)
Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford University

Invited Conferences and Presentations

2022-2023 Boston University (American Politics Seminar), NYU Abu Dhabi (Political Science Seminar Series), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (American Politics Research Group), University of Barcelona (Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (IEB) Political Economy Seminar), American University (Department of Government Speaker Series), Stanford GSB Political Economy Seminar, University of Chicago (American Politics Workshop)

2020-2021 Harvard Kennedy School (Inequality and Social Policy Seminar), Oxford University (Social Policy Series), Stanford University (Political Science Workshop), University of Southern California (Local Political Economy Symposium), George Washington University (American Politics Workshop), Princeton University (CSDP Colloquium), Stanford University (Democracy and Polarization Lab), NYU (American Politics and Political Economy Workshop), Brigham Young University (Politics Seminar)

2018-2019 Columbia University (Political Economy Seminar), George Washington University (Local Political Economy Conference), University of Pittsburgh (American Politics Mini Conference), Princeton University (Workshop on Lobbying and Institutional Performance), Berkeley (Research Workshop in American Politics), Columbia University (American Politics Seminar), NYU Law School (Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics), MIT (American Politics Annual Conference), London School of Economics (LSE–NYU Conference on Political Science and Political Economy), University of Southern California (Political Institutions and Political Economy (PIPE) Conference), Harvard University (Center for American Political Studies (CAPS) Speaker Series)

2016-2017 University of Pennsylvania (American Politics Workshop), Princeton University (CSDP Colloquium), University of Chicago (Harris School of Public Policy Political Economy Workshop), New York University (NYU Furman Center and Marron Institute Urban Studies Seminar), Vanderbilt University (Urban Political Economy Conference), Yale University (Center for the Study of American Politics (CSAP) Conference)

Teaching

New York University

Graduate
Local Political Economy (2018, 2021, 2022)

Topics in Federalism and Decentralization (2018, 2020, 2023)

Undergraduate

Congress and Legislative Assemblies (2021, 2022)

Power and Politics in America (2018, 2019)

Urban Government and Politics (2017, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023)

Professional Service

Editorial Board, Journal of Politics (2021-present), Legislative Studies Quarterly (2021-present), State Politics and Policy Quarterly (2021-present), Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy (2023-2025)

Executive Council, APSA Urban and Local Politics Section (2020-2022)

Division Chair, APSA Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Section (2020)

Career Achievement Award Committee, APSA State Politics and Policy Section (2022)

Deil Wright Paper Award Committee, APSA Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Section (2021)

Reviewer, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Urban Affairs Review, Political Communication, Research and Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Economics and Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, Advances in Science

University Service

New York University

Organizer, American Politics Workshop and Speaker Series (Spring 2019, Fall 2022)

Member, CAS Women in Science Selection Committee (Summer 2022)

Co-Founder, Political Institutions and Political Economy Research Lab (2021 – 2023)

Co-Organizer, American Politics and Political Economy Workshop (Spring 2020)

Member, DURF Selection Committee (Spring 2019)

Co-Chair, Women's Faculty Caucus (2018 – 2020)

Guest Speaker, Politics Society (Fall 2018), College Democrats (Fall 2019)

Discussant, Politics Honors Undergraduate Research Conference (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022)

Participant, Job Market Workshop (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)