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Academic Positions

Hamilton College	August 2026 –
Assistant Professor (incoming), Department of Government	
APSA Congressional Fellow	September 2025 – August 2026

Education

University of Chicago , Ph.D. Political Science	September 2019 – August 2025
Committee: Will Howell, Jon Rogowski, Ruth Bloch Rubin, Paul Herrnson	
London School of Economics , MSc Int'l Relations	September 2016 – September 2017
University of Manchester , BA Pol., Phil., and Econ.	September 2012 – May 2015

Published Research

Foy-Sutherland, G. (2025) “Working Hand in Hand: Interest Groups and Cooperative Dynamics in Elections”, *The Journal of Politics*. Links: Journal SSRN

- Best Paper on Political Organizations and Parties (APSA 2024)

Foy-Sutherland, G. (2025) “Candidate B-Roll as Super PAC Subsidy”, *American Politics Research*. Links: Journal SSRN

Foy-Sutherland, G., & Ghosh, S. (2024) “Coordination in Plain Sight: The Breadth and Uses of ‘Redboxing’ in Congressional Elections”, *Election Law Journal*, 23(2). Links: Journal SSRN

- Best Overall Paper Award (SPSA 2024)

Working Papers

“Direct Election and Senate Representation”, with Jon C. Rogowski and Daniel J. Moskowitz

- Patrick J. Fett Award for best paper on the scientific study of Congress and the presidency (MPSA 2023)

“Breaching the Firewall: Political Consultants and Information Transmission in Campaigns” (*under review*)

“Speaking in Sync: Interest Groups and Strategic Advocacy in Congressional Elections”, with Craig Asberry (*under review*)

“Copy-Paste Campaigns? Competition, Common Vendors, and Convergence in Electoral Discourse” (*under review*)

“The Genesis of a Reform Effort: The Political and Institutional Origins of the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress” (*under review*)

“Pledges and Payoffs: Evidence from NRA Resource Allocation in Congressional Elections”, with Benjamin Shaver

Book Project

“Law’s Limits: Why Formal Rules Fail to Govern American Elections”

In this manuscript, I examine the failure of law and the legal system to constrain political behavior in an electoral setting. Through analysis of strategic adaptations such as “redboxing” and visual resource provision, the book outlines how candidates and their outside allies comply with the letter of the law while routinely undermining its spirit. These practices expose the weaknesses of formal regulation in an environment characterized by asymmetric resources, weak enforcement, and ongoing strategic innovation. The result is a system in which legal rules shape behavior not by effectively constraining it, but by providing a roadmap for circumvention.

Awards and Honors

Stan I. Bach Fellowship for Congressional Studies - \$75,764

University of Chicago Forum for Free Inquiry and Expression Research Grant - \$9,950

Malyi Center for the Study of Institutional and Legal Integrity at the University of Chicago Law School Grant - \$7,000

Bradley Fellowship, University of Chicago Booth School of Business - \$5,000

Center for Effective Lawmaking (CEL) at the University of Virginia and Vanderbilt University Grant - \$2,500

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute Grant - \$750

University of Oxford Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR) Spring School Bursary - £400

Prestage-Cook Travel Award (SPSA) - \$300

Academic Conferences and Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA) – 2025, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) – 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) – 2025, 2024

Junior Americanist Workshop Series (JAWS) - 2024
Monash-Warwick-Zurich-CEPR Text-as-Data Workshop - 2024
Stigler Center Workshop, Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago – 2024
American Politics Workshop, University of Chicago – 2024, 2023, 2022, 2020
American Politics Conference, Harris School of Public Policy - 2024
University of Oxford Spring School – 2023
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute – 2022
University of Essex Summer School - 2020

Featured Media

“U.S. Politicians Exploit Loophole to Skirt Campaign Finance Rules, Study Finds”. *The Guardian*, March 23rd, 2024. [Link](#)

“Super PACs Keep Testing the Limits of Campaign Finance Law”. *Politico*, April 8th, 2024. [Link](#)

“FEC Lets Peter Thiel-Funded Super PAC Off the Hook”. *Business Insider*, May 23rd, 2024. [Link](#)

“Voters Need to Know that ‘Redboxing’ Remains a Widespread Problem”. *Campaign Legal Center*, March 20th, 2024. [Link](#)

“Voters Need to Know About New Legislation to Prevent “Redboxing” in Campaigns”. *Campaign Legal Center*, September 12th, 2024. [Link](#)

“Voters Need to Know What ‘Redboxing’ is and How it Undermines Democracy”. *Campaign Legal Center*, March 27th, 2025. [Link](#)

“Findings: Whose Democracy”. *National Affairs*, March 29th, 2024. [Link](#)

“Findings: Consequences Have Elections”. *National Affairs*, June 27th, 2025. [Link](#)

“Influential Pro-Israel Group Enters Maryland Congressional Race”. *The Baltimore Banner*, April 3rd, 2024. [Link](#)

Additional Research

Research Assistant to Professor Will Howell
University of Chicago

Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Research Assistant to Professor Ruth Bloch Rubin
University of Chicago

Winter 2020 – Spring 2021

Service

Coordinator – American Politics Workshop
University of Chicago

August 2020 – June 2022

Graduate Student Mentor

September 2022 – July 2025

Peer Reviewer: *Election Law Journal*

Other: Junior Americanist Workshop Series (JAWS) Organization Board;
Award Committee (Best Overall Paper), SPSA 2025

Teaching

Teaching Assistant – Survey Questionnaire Design	Spring 2021
• <i>Dr Rene Bautista - Co-PI and Director of the General Social Survey (GSS)</i>	
Teaching Assistant – Introduction to American Politics	Fall 2021
• <i>Professor Ruth Bloch Rubin</i>	
Teaching Assistant – The Practice of Social Science Research	Winter 2022
• <i>Professor Patricia Conley</i>	
Teaching Assistant – The American Presidency	Spring 2022
• <i>Professor William G. Howell</i>	

Skills

Programming languages: **R**, **L^AT_EX**

Elite Interviewing

Survey Design:

- Visual design principles
- Question design and psychology
- Cognitive interviewing

References

- Professor William G. Howell
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- Professor Jon C. Rogowski
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- Professor Ruth Bloch Rubin
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- Professor Paul S. Herrnson
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