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Academic Positions

Hamilton College July 2026 –
Assistant Professor, Department of Government

APSA Congressional Fellow September 2025 – July 2026
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Minority Staff

Education

University of Chicago, Ph.D. Political Science September 2019 – August 2025

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. (2026) "The Genesis of a Reform Effort: The Political and Institutional Origins of the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress", *Congress & the Presidency*. Links: Journal SSRN

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*. 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)

"Connecting the Campaigns: Shared Consultants and Political Advertising in U.S. Congressional Elections" *(invited to revise and resubmit)*

"Speaking in Sync? Interest Groups and Issue Consistency in Congressional Elections", with E. Craig Asberry

"Pledges and Payoffs: Evidence from NRA Resource Allocation in Congressional Elections, 2009-17"

"Who Watches the Watchmen? Institutional Norm Erosion in Congressional Oversight"

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

Invited Talks and Conferences

Benjamin F. Shambaugh Memorial Conference, University of Iowa - 2026
American Political Science Association (APSA) – 2026, 2025, 2024
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) – 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) – 2027 (scheduled), 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

"Redboxing: The Loophole That Lets Campaigns Tell Super PACs Exactly What To Do", *OpenSecrets*, September 29th, 2026. Link

"Coded Messages, 'Red Boxing' and Other Allegations in California's Testy Race for Governor", *Los Angeles Times*, May 1st, 2026. Link

"Becerra's Rise in California Governor's Race Sparks 'Red Boxing' Accusations", *Washington Examiner*, May 1st, 2026. Link

"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

"Maine Regulators Consider Warning Candidates Against Coordinating with PACs via 'Red Boxing'", *Maine Public Radio*, May 6th, 2026. Link

"Nirav Shah and Hannah Pingree Use Loophole to Push Tough-on-Trump Messages", *Bangor Daily News*, April 7th, 2026. Link

"48th Congressional District Campaigns Find Ways Around Campaign Finance Rules", *KPBS*, May 22nd, 2026. Link

"How Mysterious Super PACs and 'Redboxing' are Influencing Colorado's Democratic Primaries", *Colorado Newsline*, June 23rd, 2026. Link

Featured Briefs and Policy Statements

"Brief of America First Policy Institute as Amicus Curiae in *National Republican Senatorial Committee et al. v. Federal Election Commission et al.* in the Supreme Court of the United States", August 28th, 2025. Link

"Statement to Minnesota State Legislature in Support of Senate File 1996 - Campaign Legal Center", March 10th, 2025. Link

"Statement in Support of Proposed Rulemaking by New York City Campaign Finance Board - Campaign Legal Center", September 27th, 2024. Link

"Comments to Maine Ethics Commission - Campaign Legal Center", May 21st, 2026. Link

Service

Coordinator – American Politics Workshop August 2020 – June 2022
University of Chicago

Peer Reviewer: *Political Research Quarterly*, *Election Law Journal*

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

Teaching

As Instructor of Record:

American Political Process (Intro. to American Politics)	Fall 2026
Political Parties and Ideologies	Spring 2027
Campaigns, Elections, and American Democracy	Spring 2027

As Teaching Assistant:

Survey Questionnaire Design	Spring 2021
Introduction to American Politics	Fall 2021
The Practice of Social Science Research	Winter 2022
The American Presidency	Spring 2022

Skills

Programming languages: **R**, LaTeX
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**
  Email: blochrubin@uchicago.edu
- **Professor Paul S. Herrnson**
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