

PROFILE I am a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, working with Tariq Thachil and Adam Auerbach. I finished with a PhD in political science from Yale University. My research focuses on the political economy of development, with a regional specialization in South Asia. My dissertation and book project explain why clientelism and identities continue to matter in the distributive politics of multiethnic developing democracies, and the consequences of this for democratic accountability, representation, and policymaking. A second strand of my work focuses on partisanship and democratic accountability. I do multi-method research, relying on experiments, regression discontinuity designs, observational analyses, and fieldwork in six Indian districts. I have taught graduate level quantitative methods courses, and undergraduate level comparative politics courses. In 2020, I received a university award, the Prize Teaching Fellowship, for my teaching. I have worked as research assistant for the Metaketa II project. Prior to the PhD, I worked for an Indian political party, fielding and analyzing their surveys in five state elections and a national election.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS Postdoctoral Research Fellow July 2022 — Present
Center for the Advanced Study of India
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

EDUCATION Yale University, New Haven, CT
Ph.D, Political Science Aug 2015 — May 2022
M.Phil., M.A., Political Science 2018

Dissertation: Three Essays on Distributive Politics in India

Committee: Steven Wilkinson (Chair), Susan Stokes, Gregory Huber

Fields: Comparative Politics (with Distinction), Quantitative Methods, American Politics

Balliol College, University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.

B.A., History and Politics (First Class) 2011 — 2013

On an Inlaks Scholarship (10 merit scholarships awarded across India in 2011)

St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, Delhi, India

B.A. (Honours), History (First Division) 2008 — 2011

PUBLICATIONS	<p>“Candidate Caste Effects in Uttar Pradesh Elections”, <i>Studies in Indian Politics</i>, Vol. 3, Issue 2. (179-197), 2015</p>
ONGOING PROJECTS	<p>Partisan Selectivity in Blame Attribution: Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic (with Matthew Graham) (Revise and Resubmit, <i>American Political Science Review</i>)</p> <p>Do Voters Reward Programmatic Distribution? Evidence from Survey Experiments in India</p> <p>Winning Support by Distributing Houses? Evidence from India</p> <p>House Versus Cooking Gas Cylinder: Assessing the Political Impact of Two Benefits</p>
PRESENTING WORK	<p>External: NYU-CESS Conference on Experimental Political Science (2021, Poster Session), American Political Science Association Conference (2021, 2019), Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2022, 2021, 2019), Chicago Area Political and Social Behavior Workshop (2021).</p> <p>Internal: Comparative Politics Workshop (2021), ISPS Experiments Workshop (2019), South Asian Studies Council Brown Bag Colloquium (2018), Leitner Political Economy Seminar (2017)</p>
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>Prize Teaching Fellowship for 2020-21 (recognizes “outstanding talent” for teaching and is “one of the highest honors that a graduate student can attain at Yale”, \$3,000)</p> <p>MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2018-20 (up to \$18,000)</p> <p>South Asian Studies Summer Research Awards, 2021 (\$3000), 2019 (\$2500), 2018 (\$2800), 2017 (\$2000)</p> <p>Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy Fellowship, 2017 (\$5000), 2019 (\$5000)</p> <p>Inlaks Scholarship, 2011-13 (£56,140 or ≈ \$91,500)</p>
TEACHING	<p>The Logic of Randomized Experiments in Political Science (Undergraduate Course, Instructor: Alex Coppock, Spring 2022, Student Evaluation: 4.8/5)</p> <p>Visualization of Political and Social Data (Undergraduate Course, Instructor: Alex Coppock, Fall 2021, Student Evaluation: 4.7/5)</p> <p>Advanced Quantitative Methods (Graduate Course, Instructor: Alex Coppock, Fall 2019, Student Evaluation: 5/5)</p> <p>Challenges of Young Democracies (Undergraduate Course, Instructor: Ana de la O, Spring 2019, Student Evaluation: 4.2/5)</p> <p>The Design and Analysis of Randomized Field Experiments (Graduate Course, Instructor: Alex Coppock, Spring 2018, Student Evaluation: 5/5)</p>

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate Course, Instructor: David Simon, Fall 2017, Student Evaluation: 4/5)

EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICE

Editorial Assistant to the Co-Editor of the *American Political Science Review* (Elisabeth Wood) (June 2021 - January 2022)

Research Assistant, E-Gap Metaketa II Steering Committee (Donald Green, Ana de la O, Peter John) (2018-20)

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review* (2021)

Graduate Student Coordinator/Organizer, Leitner Political Economy Seminar (Fall 2018), ISPS Experiments Workshop (2018, 2019)

Research Assistant, Deborah Beim (2016) and Alexander Coppock (2018)

Electoral Analyst, Indian National Congress (August 2013 - April 2015)

FIELDWORK

India: Guntur, Belgaum, Calcutta, Kheda, Madurai, Lucknow, Delhi (18 Weeks, 65 Interviews, Multiple visits between June 2017 and February 2020)

I studied how voters form political preferences and parties mobilize support. I focused on the role of brokers, ethnicity, material benefits, and government programs in elections. I also studied party organizations and functioning. I am creating a qualitative time series, comparing my interviews and field notes with those of Myron Weiner and Atul Kohli. Weiner conducted fieldwork in Guntur, Belgaum, Calcutta, Kheda, and Madurai in the 1960s, Kohli revisited them in the late 1980s.

India: Lucknow and New Delhi (August-September 2012)

I identified the caste of candidates from four major parties in three state elections.

SKILLS

Fluent in English and Hindi

Proficient in R, STATA, and \LaTeX

REFERENCES

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