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EMPLOYMENT The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2023-present

IE University, Madrid, Spain

Assistant Professor, School of Global and Public Affairs, 2021-23

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, USA

Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Politics, 2020-21

EDUCATION University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, USA

Ph.D., Political Science, 2020 M.A., Political Science, 2017

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Paris, France

M.A., Economics, 2013, (joint with Ecole Polytechnique)

B.A., Political Science, 2011

Publications "Can Descriptive Representation Help the Right Win Votes from the Poor? Evi-

dence from Brazil" with Anderson Frey, American Journal of Political Science, 67

(3), 671-686 (2023)

"Technology and Protest: The Political Effects of Electronic Voting in India" with

Alexander Lee, *Political Science Research and Methods*, 9(2), 398-413 (2021)

"A Model of Interest Group Influence and Campaign Advertising" with John Dug-

gan, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, 16(1), 105-137 (2021)

WORKING "The Core of the Party System" with Tasos Kalandrakis (*Revise and resubmit at The Papers Journal of Politics*)

"A Theory of Electoral Competition in Developing Democracies" (Revise and resubmit at The Journal of Politics)

"Partisan Leaning" with Anderson Frey and Scott A. Tyson (*Revise and resubmit at the American Political Science Review*)

"Demanding More than What You Need" with Scott A. Tyson

Work in	
Progress	

"How Do Gender Quotas Impact Accountability?" with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra and Sergio Montero

"Policy Equivalence in Models of Interest Group Advertising" with John Duggan

"A Case for (Some) Duds: Electoral Accountability in Multiple Dimensions" with Gleason Judd

"Disruptions in the Lok Sabha" with Alexander Lee and Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra

"Give or Take: Legislator Trade-Offs in India" with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra

Invited Conferences & Seminars

2024: Wallis Institute Political Economy Seminar

2022: Virtual Formal Theory workshop, Princeton Political Economy Seminar

2021: OPESS online political economy seminar, Brown-Harvard-MIT Joint Seminar on South Asian Politics, University of Malaga, London School of Economics and Political Science, Madrid Political Economy Workshop (discussant)

2020: Virtual Formal Theory workshop

2019: Comparative Politics and Formal Theory Conference (poster)

2018: Emory-Duke-Rochester Political Economy Graduate Research Conference

Grants and Fellowships

Spanish Ministry of Science Grant, €120,000 (with Nikitas Konstantinidis, Andrew Bertoli, Laura Jakli, Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra, Emmy Lindstam, Henry Pascoe, Francisco Villamil, and Elsa Voytas), 2023

W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy Fellowship, 2017-2018

Honors and Awards

IE Prize for Teaching Excellence, IE University, 2022

Outstanding Dissertation Award, University of Rochester, 2021

URDPS Prize for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student, University of Rochester, 2017-2018

TEACHING

Ohio State University

POLITSC 4781 - Research Methods in Political Science, Fall 2023 POLITSC 7551 - Quantitative Political Analysis I, Fall 2023

IE University

Game Theory (Bachelor in Economics)

Game Theory and Strategic Decision Making (Bachelor in Politics, Philosophy,

Law, and Economics)

Game Theory and International Strategy (Master in International Relations)

University of Rochester

Introduction to Positive Political Theory, Summer 2019

Refereeing American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, European

Political Science Review, Economic Journal, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Political Science Research and Methods, Public

Choice, Quarterly Journal of Political Science

Service Second IE-Rochester Workshop on PE and IR, organizing committee, 2024

New Perspectives on the Political Economy of Development, co-organizer with Varun

Karekurve-Ramachandra (USC), 2024

First IE-Rochester Workshop on PE and IR, organizing committee, 2023

Riker Seminar Series, coordinator, 2018-2019

LANGUAGES English (fluent), Hindi (native), Gujarati (excellent), French (excellent), Spanish

(beginner)

Programming Mathematica, Matlab, Python, R, Stata