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## EDUCATION

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**Stanford University**, Ph.D. in Political Science, expected 2022  
Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellow  
Dissertation Committee: Bruce Cain, Daniel E. Ho, Pam Karlan, Nate Persily, Jonathan Rodden

**Stanford Law School**, J.D. 2016  
Judge Thelton E. Henderson Prize for Outstanding Performance in Supreme Court Clinic  
Stanford Public Interest Fellow; Ford Foundation Public Interest Fellow  
Summer Intern, ACLU Voting Rights Project, 2017, 2015, & 2014  
Summer Law Clerk, Bredhoff & Kaiser PLLC, 2016  
Extern, Campaign Legal Center, Winter 2016

**Cornell University**, B.A. with distinction in Government, Economics, & French, 2011,  
*magna cum laude*  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Exchange student, Institute d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, France, Spring 2010  
Cornell Speech & Debate Society, Worlds Debating Championships 2009, 2010, & 2011

## EMPLOYMENT

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**ACLU Voting Rights Project**  
Skadden Fellow / Attorney, 2017-2019.  
Led state constitutional challenge to New York's 25-day voter registration deadline and argued motion to dismiss; litigated partisan gerrymandering challenge to Ohio's congressional districts before three-judge panel district court (including depositions and examinations at trial); litigated challenge to Kansas's documentary proof of citizenship law (elicited expert witness's testimony at trial).

Temporary Attorney, Fall 2020.  
Prepared litigation materials in advance of 2020 election; assisted with Supreme Court briefing of *Trump v. New York*, 141 S. Ct. 530 (2020) (case concerning Executive Order to exclude non-citizens from apportionment base).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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*The American West* (Bruce Cain, Shelley Fishkin, David Freyberg, David Kennedy, Connie Wolf), Stanford University, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2016.

*Introduction to American Law* (Lawrence Friedman), Stanford University, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2015 & Fall 2016.

*Statistical Inference in Law* (Daniel E. Ho), Stanford Law School, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2014.

*Introduction to American Politics* (David Brady & Bruce Cain), Stanford University, Teaching Assistant, Winter 2014.

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Questioning Questions in the Law of Democracy: What the Debate over Voter ID Laws' Effects Teaches about Asking the Right Questions*, 69 UCLA L. REV. (2022) (forthcoming).

*Voting Rights Lawyering in Crisis*, 24 CUNY L. REV. (2021) (forthcoming).

*Bolstering Faith with Facts: Supporting Independent Redistricting Commissions with Automated Redistricting Algorithms*, 109 CAL. L. REV. (2021) (symposium) (forthcoming).

*Native American Representation in the Next Decade*, 55 IDAHO L. REV. 323 (2020) (symposium).

*New Tricks for an Old Dog: Felon Disenfranchisement and Voter Confusion*, 85 MO. L. REV. 1037 (2019) (symposium).

*Our Fellow American, the Registered Sex Offender*, 2016-2017 CATO SUP. CT. REV. 59 (with David T. Goldberg).

*A Reasonable Bias Approach to Gerrymandering: Using Automated Plan Generation to Evaluate Redistricting Proposals*, 59 WM. & MARY L. REV. 1521 (2018) (symposium) (with Bruce Cain, Wendy Tam Cho & Yan Liu).

*Blurred Lines: Conjoined Polarization and Voting Rights*, 77 OHIO ST. L. REV. 867 (2016) (symposium) (with Bruce Cain).

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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**Primary:** Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Law of Democracy/Election Law, Remedies, Constitutional Litigation.

**Secondary:** Statistics and Law, Evidence, First Amendment.

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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American Political Science Association Conference, *Protecting Voting Rights in Redistricting and at the Ballot Box: Past and Future; Bush v. Gore 2.0? Foreign Inteference, Incompetence, and Misinformation in 2020*, September 2020.

California Law Review Symposium, *Democracy Reform for the 21st Century*, April 2020.

Idaho Law Review Symposium, *Democracy Evolved: The Future of American Elections*, April 2020.

Bay Area APALSA Conference, *Roundtable: Census Litigation & Voting Rights*, Jan. 2020.  
February 2020.

American Political Science Association Conference, *Voting Rights Restoration in Virginia*, August 2019.

ACLU Summer Institute, *Voting Rights Panel*, Summer 2018 (with Sarah Brannon) & Summer 2019.

Missouri Law Review Symposium, *Felon Disenfranchisement*, April 2019.

American Political Science Association Conference, *Assessing Redistricting Outcomes with Automated Redistricting Algorithms*, August 2018 (with Bruce Cain & Wendy Tam Cho).

William & Mary Law Review Symposium, *2020 Redistricting: Mapping a New Political Decade*, Feb 2017 (with Bruce Cain & Wendy Tam Cho).

## **OTHER WRITINGS**

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*New York Registration Deadline Prevents Tens of Thousands from Voting*, ACLUBlog (Nov. 7, 2018).

*Symposium: Strategy from a punt*, SCOTUSblog (Jun. 19, 2018) (with Theresa Lee).

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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Reviewer, American Political Science Review; Election Law Journal; PNAS.

New York Bar, admitted December, 2017; United States District Court for S.D.N.Y., admitted April, 2018; United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, admitted January, 2019.

## **LANGUAGES**

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Fluent in Cantonese, Mandarin, and French.