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## Research Interests

Political Economy, Political Methodology, Political Extremism and Populism, State Capacity

## Education

**University of Rochester**, Rochester NY

Ph.D. Political Science, 2021–present (expected 2026).

*Committee:* Alexander Lee (Chair), Bonnie M. Meguid, Curtis S. Signorino, Anderson Frey.

**Bocconi University**, Milan, Italy

M.A. Economics and Social Sciences, March 2018. (110/110 cum laude)

**Université Catholique de Louvain**, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

Exchange Student, January–June 2017.

**Bocconi University**, Milan, Italy

B.A. Economics and Social Sciences, October 2015.

## Employment

**Bocconi University**, Milan, Italy

Research Assistant to Prof. Massimo Morelli, May 2018–May 2019.

**European Commission**, DG Competition, Brussels, Belgium

Intern, September–December 2016.

## Research

### Selected Work in Progress

“Extremism Is Self-Undermining, but Populism Is Not.”

*Job Market Paper*

“Paying for Moderation: The Impact of Financial Incentives on Political Extremism.”

“War, Politics, and the Birth of Modern Bureaucracy” (with Alexander Lee and Anil Menon)

## Presentations

“Extremism Is Self-Undermining, but Populism Is Not.”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 2026 (forthcoming).

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), East Lansing, MI, July 2026 (forthcoming).

“War, Politics, and the Birth of Modern Bureaucracy” (with Alexander Lee and Anil Menon).

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, 2023.

## Teaching

### University of Rochester Courses

Teaching Assistant, PSCI 205: Data Analysis I [Curtis Signorino] (Fall 2025)

Teaching Assistant, PSCI 205: Data Analysis II [Curtis Signorino] (Spring 2025)

Teaching Assistant, PSCI 248: Discrimination [Kevin Clarke] (Fall 2024)

Teaching Assistant, PSCI 288: Game Theory [Romans Pancs] (Spring 2024)

## Honors and Fellowships

Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award (co-recipient), University of Rochester, 2025.

Democracy Center Graduate Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2025–2026.

W. Allen Wallis Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2024–2025.

## Methods and Software

R, Python, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, SAS

## Languages

Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)

## References

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