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ACADEMIC **Boston University**, Boston, Massachusetts
EMPLOYMENT Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2014–Present

EDUCATION **Harvard University**, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2014.

Dissertation: *Time and Political Power*

A.M., Political Science, May 2012.

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine

A.B., Mathematics & Government and Legal Studies, May 2008.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS Ansolabehere, Stephen, Maxwell Palmer and Benjamin Schneer. Forthcoming. “Divided Government and Significant Legislation, A History of Congress from 1789-2010.” *Social Science History*.

Edwards, Barry, Michael Crespin, Ryan D. Williamson, and Maxwell Palmer. 2017. “Institutional Control of Redistricting and the Geography of Representation.” *Journal of Politics* 79(2): 722–726.

Palmer, Maxwell. 2016. “Does the Chief Justice Make Partisan Appointments to Special Courts and Panels?” *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 13(1): 153–177.

Palmer, Maxwell and Benjamin Schneer. 2016. “Capitol Gains: The Returns to Elected Office from Corporate Board Directorships.” *Journal of Politics* 78(1): 181–196.

Gerring, John, Maxwell Palmer, Jan Teorell, and Dominic Zarecki. 2015. “Demography and Democracy: A Global, District-level Analysis of Electoral Contestation.” *American Political Science Review* 109(3): 574–591.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS Ansolabehere, Stephen and Maxwell Palmer. 2016. “A Two Hundred-Year Statistical History of the Gerrymander.” *Ohio State Law Journal* 77(4): 741–762.

Ansolabehere, Stephen, Maxwell Palmer, and Benjamin Schneer. 2016. “What Has Congress Done?” in *Governing in a Polarized Age: Elections, Parties, and*

Political Representation in America, eds. Alan Gerber and Eric Schickler. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

WORKING
PAPERS

“The Politics of Delay in Local Politics: How Institutions Empower Individuals” (with Katherine Levine Einstein and David M. Glick).

“City Learning: Evidence of Policy Information Diffusion From a Survey of U.S. Mayors” (with Katherine Levine Einstein and David M. Glick). *Under Review*

“Do Mayors Run for Higher Office? New Evidence on Progressive Ambition” (with Katherine Levine Einstein, David M. Glick, and Robert Pressel). *Under Review*.

“Reexamining the Gender Gap in Support of War” (with Katherine Krimmel and Douglas Kriner).

“Corporate Political Activity as a Bundle of Goods” (with Daniel Moskowitz and Benjamin Schneer).

“Why Legislatures Elect and Empower Leaders.”

“The Corporate Boardroom’s Revolving Door” (with Benjamin Schneer).

“Presidential Legacies and Partisan Balance on the Federal Courts.”

CURRENT
PROJECTS

“The Expert’s Guide to Redistricting” (with Stephen Ansolabehere).

“Rainmakers: Former Politicians as Lobbyists” (with Pamela Ban and Benjamin Schneer).

GRANTS
AND AWARDS

The Center for Finance, Law, and Policy, Boston University, Research Grant for “From the Capitol to the Boardroom: The Returns to Office from Corporate Board Directorships,” 2015.

Senator Charles Sumner Prize, Dept. of Government, Harvard University, 2014.
Awarded to the best dissertation “from the legal, political, historical, economic, social or ethnic approach, dealing with means or measures tending toward the prevention of war and the establishment of universal peace.”

The Center for American Political Studies, Dissertation Research Fellowship on the Study of the American Republic, 2013–2014.

The Tobin Project, Democracy and Markets Graduate Student Fellowship, 2013–2014.

The Dirksen Congressional Center, Congressional Research Award, 2013.

The Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Conference Travel Grant, 2014.

The Center for American Political Studies, Graduate Seed Grant for “Capitol Gains: The Returns to Elected Office from Corporate Board Directorships,” 2014.

The Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Research Grant, 2013.

Bowdoin College: High Honors in Government and Legal Studies; Philo Sherman Bennett Prize for Best Honors Thesis in the Department of Government, 2008.

SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS

“How Institutions Enable NIMBYism and Obstruct Development,” Boston Area Research Initiative Spring Conference, Northeastern University, 2017.

“Corporate Political Activity as a Bundle of Goods,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2016.

“The Corporate Boardroom’s Revolving Door,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2015.

“The Corporate Boardroom’s Revolving Door,” Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Vienna, Austria, 2015.

“A Two Hundred-Year Statistical History of the Gerrymander,” Congress and History Conference, Vanderbilt University, 2015.

“A New (Old) Standard for Geographic Gerrymandering,” Harvard Ash Center Workshop: How Data is Helping Us Understand Voting Rights After Shelby County, 2015.

“Capitol Gains: The Returns to Elected Office from Corporate Board Directorships,” Boston University Center for Finance, Law, and Policy, 2015.

“Does the Chief Justice Make Partisan Appointments to Special Courts and Panels?” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 2014.

“Capitol Gains: The Returns to Elected Office from Corporate Board Directorships,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2014.

“Capitol Gains: The Returns to Elected Office from Corporate Board Directorships,” Bowdoin College, 2014.

“Corporate Boards as Legislatures,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2014.

“Presidential Legacies and Partisan Balance on the Federal Courts,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2014.

“Time and Political Power: Setting the Calendar in a Busy Legislature,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2013.

“Using Multiple Elections to Evaluate Districting Maps,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2012.

TEACHING

Boston University

- *Introduction to American Politics* (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016)
- *Congress and Its Critics* (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2017)
- *Formal Political Theory* (Spring 2015, Spring 2017)
- *Prohibition, Regulation, and Bureaucracy* (Fall 2015)
- *Political Analysis* (Fall 2016)

Harvard University

- *American Government* (Head Teaching Fellow, Fall 2012 and Fall 2013)
- *The Politics of Congress* (Head Teaching Fellow, Spring 2013).
- *Introduction to Congress* (Teaching Fellow, Spring 2012).

SERVICE

Boston University

- Graduate Program Committee, 2014–2015.
- American Politics Search Committee, 2016.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Public Choice*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*; *Election Law Journal*; Oxford University Press.

Coordinator, [Harvard Election Data Archive](#), 2011–2014.

SKILLS

Python, Stata, R, L^AT_EX, GIS

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Charles River Associates, Boston, Massachusetts

2008–2010

Associate, Energy & Environment Practice

Economic consulting in the energy sector for electric and gas utilities, private equity, and electric generation owners. Specialized in Financial Modeling, Resource Planning, Regulatory Support, Price Forecasting, and Policy Analysis.