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APPOINTMENTS **Boston University**, Boston, Massachusetts

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2014–Present
Junior Faculty Fellow, Hariri Institute for Computing, 2017–Present
Faculty Fellow, Initiative on Cities, 2019–Present

EDUCATION **Harvard University**, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2014.
A.M., Political Science, May 2012.

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine

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

BOOK *Neighborhood Defenders: Participatory Politics and America's Housing Crisis*
(with Katherine Levine Einstein and David M. Glick). Forthcoming, Cambridge
University Press.

REFEREED
ARTICLES Ban, Pamela, Maxwell Palmer, and Benjamin Schneer. Forthcoming. “From
the Halls of Congress to K Street: Government Experience and its Value for
Lobbying.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

Palmer, Maxwell and Benjamin Schneer. 2019. “Postpolitical Careers: How
Politicians Capitalize on Public Office.” *Journal of Politics* 81(2): 670–675.

Einstein, Katherine Levine, Maxwell Palmer, and David M. Glick. 2019. “Who
Participates in Local Government? Evidence from Meeting Minutes.” *Perspec-
tives on Politics* 17(1): 28–46.

Einstein, Katherine Levine, David M. Glick, and Maxwell Palmer. 2019. “City
Learning: Evidence of Policy Information Diffusion From a Survey of U.S. May-
ors.” *Political Research Quarterly* 72(1): 243–258.

Einstein, Katherine Levine, David M. Glick, Maxwell Palmer, and Robert Pres-
sel. 2018. “Do Mayors Run for Higher Office? New Evidence on Progressive
Ambition.” *American Politics Research*.

Ansolabehere, Stephen, Maxwell Palmer and Benjamin Schneer. 2018. “**Divided Government and Significant Legislation, A History of Congress from 1789-2010.**” *Social Science History* 42(1): 81–108.

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.

POLICY
REPORTS

Einstein, Katherine Levine, David Glick, Maxwell Palmer and Stacy Fox. 2019. “**2018 Menino Survey of Mayors.**” Research Report. Boston University Initiative on Cities.

Einstein, Katherine Levine, Katharine Lusk, David Glick, Maxwell Palmer, Christiana McFarland, Leon Andrews, Aliza Wasserman, and Chelsea Jones. 2018. “**Mayoral Views on Racism and Discrimination.**” National League of Cities and Boston University Initiative on Cities.

Einstein, Katherine Levine, David Glick, and Maxwell Palmer. 2018. “**As the Trump administration retreats on climate change, US cities are moving forward.**” The Conversation.

Einstein, Katherine Levine, David Glick, and Maxwell Palmer. 2018. “**2017 Menino Survey of Mayors.**” Research Report. Boston University Initiative on Cities.

WORKING
PAPERS

“Descended from Immigrants and Revolutionists: How Family Immigration History Shapes Representation in Congress” (with James Feigenbaum and Benjamin Schneer).

“The Gender Pay Gap in Congressional Offices” (with Joshua McCrain).

“Who Represents the Renters?” (with Katherine Levine Einstein and Joseph Ornstein).

“Racial Disparities in Local Elections” (with Katherine Levine Einstein).

“Racial Disparities in Housing Politics: Evidence from Administrative Data” (with Katherine Levine Einstein and David M. Glick).

“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).

GRANTS
AND AWARDS

The Rockefeller Foundation, “Menino Survey of Mayors” (Co-principal investigator). 2017. \$325,000.

Hariri Institute for Computing, Boston University. Junior Faculty Fellow. 2017. \$10,000.

The Rockefeller Foundation, “2017 Menino Survey of Mayors” (Co-principal investigator). 2017. \$100,000.

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

“Who Represents the Renters?” Local Political Economy Conference Washington, D.C., 2019.

“Descended from Immigrants and Revolutionists: How Family Immigration History Shapes Representation in Congress,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2019.

“Racial Disparities in Local Elections,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2019.

“Housing and Climate Politics”, Sustainable Urban Systems Conference, Boston University 2019.

“Redistricting and Gerrymandering,” American Studies Summer Institute, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, 2019.

“The Gender Pay Gap in Congressional Offices”, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2019.

“The Participatory Politics of Housing,” Government Accountability Office Seminar, 2018.

“Descended from Immigrants and Revolutionists: How Immigrant Experience Shapes Immigration Votes in Congress,” Congress and History Conference, Princeton University, 2018.

“Identifying Gerrymanders at the Micro- and Macro-Level.” Hariri Institute for Computing, Boston University, 2018.

“Descended from Immigrants and Revolutionists: How Immigrant Experience Shapes Immigration Votes in Congress,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2018.

“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.

“Congressional Gridlock,” American Studies Summer Institute, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, 2016.

“Capitol Gains: The Returns to Elected Office from Corporate Board Directorships,” Microeconomics Seminar, Department of Economics, Boston University, 2015.

“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.

EXPERT
TESTIMONY

Bethune-Hill v. Virginia (3:14-cv-00852-REP-AWA-BMK), U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Prepared expert reports and testified on racial predominance and racially polarized voting in selected districts of the 2011 Virginia House of Delegates map. (2017)

Thomas v. Bryant (3:18-CV-441-CWR- FKB), U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. Prepared expert reports and testified on racially polarized voting in a district of the 2012 Mississippi State Senate map. (2018–2019)

The General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Joint Committee on Housing, Hearing on Housing Production Legislation. May 14, 2019. Testified on the role of public meetings in housing production.

TEACHING

Boston University

- *Introduction to American Politics* (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)
- *Congress and Its Critics* (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2019)
- *Formal Political Theory* (Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2019)
- *Prohibition, Regulation, and Bureaucracy* (Fall 2015)
- *Graduate Research Workshop* (Fall 2019)
- *Political Analysis (Graduate Seminar)* (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

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

- College of Arts and Sciences
 - General Education Curriculum Committee, 2017–2018.
- Department of Political Science
 - Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee, American Politics, 2019.
 - Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee, Political Methodology, 2016, 2017.
 - Co-organizer, Research in American Politics Workshop, 2016–2018.
 - American Politics Search Committee, 2017.
 - American Politics Search Committee, 2016.
 - Graduate Program Committee, 2014–2015, 2018–2019.

Co-organizer, *Boston University Local Political Economy Conference*, August 29, 2018.

Member, Malcolm Jewell Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 2019.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *Journal of Politics*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Political Analysis*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *Public Choice*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*; *Election Law Journal*; *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*; *Applied Geography*; Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press.

Arlington Election Reform Committee Member, August 2019–Present.

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

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.