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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

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.

REFEREED Einstein, Katherine Levine, Maxwell Palmer, and David M. Glick. Forthcoming.  
PUBLICATIONS “Who Participates in Local Government? Evidence from Meeting Minutes.”  
*Perspectives on Politics*.

Palmer, Maxwell and Benjamin Schneer. Forthcoming. “Post-Political Careers: How Politicians Capitalize on Public Office.” *Journal of Politics*.

Einstein, Katherine Levine, David M. Glick, and Maxwell Palmer. Forthcoming. “City Learning: Evidence of Policy Information Diffusion From a Survey of U.S. Mayors.” *Political Research Quarterly*.

Einstein, Katherine Levine, David M. Glick, Maxwell Palmer, and Robert Pres- sel. Forthcoming. “Do Mayors Run for Higher Office? New Evidence on Pro- gressive 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 Crespín, Ryan D. Williamson, and Maxwell Palmer. 2017. “Institutional Control of Redistricting and the Geography of Representa- tion.” *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, and Maxwell Palmer. 2018. “[2017 Menino Survey of Mayors.](#)” Research Report. Boston University Initiative on Cities.
- WORKING PAPERS
- “[Racial Disparities in Housing Politics: Evidence from Administrative Data](#)” (with Katherine Levine Einstein and David M. Glick).
- “[Descended from Immigrants and Revolutionists: How Immigrant Experience Shapes Congressional Decision-making on Immigration Votes](#)” (with James Feigenbaum and Benjamin Schneer).
- “[Rainmakers: Former Politicians as Lobbyists](#)” (with Pamela Ban and Benjamin Schneer).
- “[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.](#)”
- “[Presidential Legacies and Partisan Balance on the Federal Courts.](#)”
- CURRENT PROJECTS
- Book Project: *The Participatory Politics of Housing* (with Katherine Levine Einstein and David M. Glick).
- Co-principal Investigator, Menino Survey of Mayors, Boston University Initiative on Cities, 2018.

GRANTS  
AND AWARDS

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

“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.

TEACHING

Boston University

- *Introduction to American Politics* (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017)
- *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, 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
  - American Politics Search Committee, 2017.
  - American Politics Search Committee, 2016.
  - Graduate Program Committee, 2014–2015.

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

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

SKILLS

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