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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	**University of Utah**, 2021 – Present Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science **Michigan State University**, 2020 – 2021 Post-doctoral Research Associate, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research
AFFILIATIONS	**Policing Accountability and Policy Evaluation Research Lab** (Director). University of Utah **Governance and Responsible AI Lab** (Faculty Affiliate). Purdue University
EDUCATION	**Emory University** Ph.D., Political Science, 2020. **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** M.A., Political Science, 2013. B.A., Political Science, 2011.
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	**McCrain, Joshua**, Adrianna McIntyre and Danielle Pavliv. *Forthcoming.* "Medicaid by Any Other Name? Investigating Malleability of Partisan Attitudes Toward the Public Program." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law.* Schiff, Kaylyn Jackson, Daniel Schiff, Ian Adams, **Joshua McCrain** and Scott Mourtgos. 2023. "Institutional Factors Driving Citizen Perceptions of AI in Government: Evidence from a Survey Experiment on Policing." *Public Administration Review.* **McCrain, Joshua** and Erik Peterson. *Forthcoming.* "Local Elections Do Not Increase Demand for Local News." *Political Science Research and Methods.* Bolton, Alexander and **Joshua McCrain**. 2023. "A foot out the door: what drives bureaucratic exit into lobbying careers?" *Political Science Research and Methods.* Arel-Bundock, Vincent and **Joshua McCrain**. 2023. "Software Citations in Political Science." *PS: Political Science and Politics.* Fortunato, David, **Joshua McCrain** and Kaylyn Jackson Schiff. 2023. "Public Support for Professional Legislatures." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly.* Egerod, Benjamin C.K. and **Joshua McCrain**. 2023. "Lobbyists into Government." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science.* Lelkes, Yphtach, Eunji Kim and **Joshua McCrain**. 2022. "Measuring Dynamic Media Bias." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.* · Coverage: The Washington Post **McCrain, Joshua** and Stephen D. O'Connell. 2022. "Experience, institutions, and candidate emergence: The political career returns to state legislative service." *Political Science Research and Methods.* Bussing, A., Furnas, Z., Ladam, C., **McCrain, J.**, Miller, D. and Porter, R. 2022. "The Junior Americanist Workshop Series (JAWS)." *PS: Political Science and Politics.*

Grossmann, Matt, Marty Jordan and **Joshua McCrain**. 2021. "The Correlates of State Policy and the Structure of State Panel Data." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly.*

Martin, Gregory J. and **Joshua McCrain**. 2019. "Local News and National Politics." *American Political Science Review.*
 · Winner of 2019 Pi Sigma Alpha Award and Best Paper in American Politics Award, MPSA
 · Coverage: Nature Human Behavior; CNN; NPR; NY Magazine; USA Today; Vox; Washington Post

Montagnes, B. Pablo, Zac Peskowitz and **Joshua McCrain**. 2019. "Bounding Partisan Approval Rates Under Endogenous Partisanship: Why High Presidential Partisan Approval May Not Be What It Seems." *Journal of Politics.*

McCrain, Joshua. 2018. "Revolving Door Lobbyists and the Value of Congressional Staff Connections." *Journal of Politics.*
 · Winner of 2018 Political Networks Section John Sprague Award, APSA

EDITOR
SOLICITED

McCrain, Joshua . 2022. "News Hole: The Demise of Local Journalism and Political Engagement. By Danny Hayes & Jennifer L. Lawless. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021." *Perspectives on Politics.*

UNDER
REVIEW

"Campaign Contributions, Reciprocity, and Gender Solidarity" (R&R, *American Political Science Review*) with Christian Fong and Cathy Wineinger

"Public Pressure or Peer Influence: What Shapes Police Executives' Views on Civilian Oversight?" (R&R, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*) with Ian Adams, Scott Mourtgos, Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, and Daniel Schiff

"Hiring Faithful Agents, Expertise, or Connections? A Conjoint Survey Experiment on Lobbyist Hiring Decisions" (R&R, *Journal of Law, Economics and Organizations*) with Benjamin Egerod, Hans Hassell, and David Miller

"Command Voice: Changes in Police Executive Attitudes to Oversight Following Public and Peer Information" (R&R, *Criminology and Public Policy*) with Scott Mourtgos, Ian Adams, Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, and Daniel Schiff

"Lobbying Against Discrimination: The Effects of Race and Gender in Lobbyist Hiring Decisions" with Benjamin Egerod, Hans Hassell, and David Miller

"Gendered Barriers to Entry: Responses to Requests for State Legislative Internships" with Hans Hassell and Matthew Miles

"The Congressional Leadership Tournament" with Christian Fong

WORKING
PAPERS

"Legislative Resources and Inequality in Representation"

"Media Coverage of Police Killings" with Ian Adams, Michael Dillman, Scott Mourtgos

"Human Capital Exiting Capitol Hill? Differences in Congressional Staff Turnover by Race and Gender" with Alexander Bolton and Hans Hassell

"Experimental Evidence for Mutable Inflation Expectations" with David Lee (Utah undergraduate)

"Public Opinion on Police Oversight" with Chandler Robinson, Ian Adams, Scott Mourtgos, Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, and Daniel Schiff

"Human Capital on Capitol Hill"

"Media Consolidation" with Gregory Martin, Niccolo Mastrorocco, and Adrianna Ornaghi

GRANTS

External Grants:

Policing Leadership and Accountability: Harnessing Big Data and Causal Inference for Evaluating Police Reform Practices (2023) – **$972,083**
>   National Institute of Justice (Principal Investigator).
>   Co-PIs: Ian Adams, Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, Daniel Schiff

Representation, Responsiveness, and COVID-19. Russell Sage Foundation – **$138,832**
>   William Bianco, Rachel Blum, and Joshua McCrain (2022)

Internal Grants & Fellowships:

Univ. of Utah Political Science Betty Glad Award (2023) – **$12,000**

APSA Centennial Center Research Grant (2022) – **$9,943**
>   Co-PIs: A. Bussing, L. Christiani, A. Furnas, C. Ladam, D. Miller, R. Porter

Levin Center Oversight Fellowship, Wayne State University (2022) – **$10,000**

Policing Policy, Reforms, and Human Capital. Univ. of Utah. (2022) – **$26,796**
>   Vice President of Research Seed Grant. Co-PIs: Ian Adams & Scott Mourtgos.

Support for Police Reforms. University of Utah Faculty Small Grant Program (2022) – **$5,320**

Cataloging State Legislation. University of Utah Faculty Small Grant Program (2022) – **$6,000**
>   James Curry, David Carter, and Joshua McCrain

Emory Professional Development Support Research Grant – **$1500**

Emory Professional Development Support Training Award (2018) – **$950**

Political Networks Fellowship (National Science Foundation) – **$800**

Emory Professional Development Support Training Award (2017) – **$681**

SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING

congress: An R Package for Comprehensive Congress Data, 20222.

Caleb Lucas, **Joshua McCrain**, and Ian Ostrander. github.

cspp: An R Package for the Correlates of State Policy Project Data (Version 0.2), 2020.
Caleb Lucas and **Joshua McCrain**. CRAN.

nicknameR: Match names to nicknames for name merging (GitHub)

Congressional Data in R: A Guide, available at congressdata.joshuamccrain.com

AWARDS

National Institute of Justice Measuring Community Perceptions Competition ($2,500)
>   *With Ian Adams, Scott Mourtgos, Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, Daniel Schiff*

2019 APSA Class & Inequality Section Best Poster in Economic Inequality

2019 MPSA Pi Sigma Alpha Award with Gregory J. Martin
>   *Awarded for best overall paper presented the MPSA annual meeting.*

2019 MPSA Best Paper in American Politics Award with Gregory J. Martin

2019 Malcolm Jewell Award
>   *Awarded for best graduate student paper presented at the SPSA annual meeting.*

2018 APSA Political Networks Section John Sprague Award
>   *Awarded for best paper on political networks presented by a graduate student in the previous year.*

SELECTED PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Memo on Congressional Staff Salaries in the House and Senate, prepared for Congressional Select Committee on Modernization, 2020

Testimony in support of *HB 1978: Legislative Staff Development Fund*, Virginia House of Delegates, January 2021.

"Congress is bumping up its top staffers' salaries. But its real problem is the underpayment of junior staffers." Monkey Cage Blog, *The Washington Post* (August 20, 2021.).

"Yes, Sinclair Broadcast Group does cut local news, increase national news and tilt its stations rightward." With Gregory Martin. Monkey Cage Blog, *The Washington Post* (April 10, 2018).

"What Does Donald Trump Need for a Successful Presidency? Bureaucrats." Monkey Cage Blog, *The Washington Post* (November 14, 2016; Republished January 27, 2017).

"Convincing evidence that congressional staff do, in fact, matter." LegBranch.com (January 23, 2018.

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

- *Public Support for Police Reform*, Purdue University, April 2024.
- *Media Consolidation and Demand for Local Media*, Duke University, October 2023.
- *Patrolling the Police: Experimental Evidence on Police Executives' Support for Oversight*, Yale University, Center for the Study of American Politics, September 2023.
- *Media Consolidation*, University of Pennsylvania, September 2023.
- *Human Capital on Capitol Hill*, University of Bologna, September 2023.
- *Inequality and Covid-19*, University of Oklahoma, August 2023.
- *Media Consolidation*, Columbia University, May 2023.
- *Local Elections Do Not Increase Local News Demand*, George Washington University, October 2022.
- *The Political Consequences of Media Ownership*, Money in Politics Conference, Copenhagen Business School, June 2022.
- *Human Capital on Capitol Hill*, Thursday Group, Brigham Young University, January 2022.
- *Differences-in-Differences with Staggered Treatments*, Workshop in Methods, Indiana University, September 2021.
- *Human Capital on Capitol Hill*, Copenhagen Business School, Money in Politics Workshop, November 2021.
- *Human Capital on Capitol Hill*, American Politics Workshop, Indiana University, March 2021 (Virtual).
- *Local News and National Politics*, Seminar on Causal Inference, University of Massachusetts Amherst, March 2021 (Virtual).
- *Human Capital on Capitol Hill*, Democracy and Information Group, University of Pennsylvania, October 2020 (Virtual).
- *R for Congressional Data*, Carl Albert Center, University of Oklahoma, July 2020 (Virtual).
- *News Coverage of US Elections*, Workshop (Canceled due to COVID), Social Science Research Council, Brooklyn, NY, April 2020.
- *Legislative Staff and Inequality in Representation*, Florida State University, March 2020.
- *An Introduction to R for Data Manipulation and Analysis*, Georgia State University, October 2017 and October 2018.

SERVICE
TO THE
DISCIPLINE

Reviewer: *Journal of Politics, American Politics Research, American Journal of Political Science, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Public Choice, Organization Studies, American Political Science Review, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, European Union Politics, Interest Groups & Advocacy, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Research Quarterly, Sociological Forum, Political Communication, The Review of Economics and Statistics, PS: Political Science & Politics, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, World Politics, The Journal of Common Market Studies, Political Behavior, Research and Politics, Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media, Business and Politics, Journal of European Political Economy, Congress and the Presidency, The Journal of Legislative Studies, Nature Communications, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Police Practice and Research, The International Journal of Press/Politics*

External Grant Reviewer:
National Science Foundation (2023)

Committees & Workshops:
Organizer, Utah Policing Policy Research Workshop (2023, 2024)
State Politics and Policy Career Achievement Award Committee (2023)
MPSA Best Paper in American Politics Award Committee (2022)
John Sprague Award Committee, APSA Political Networks Section (2019)
Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, Junior Americanist Workshop Series, 2020-2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	2024 Berkeley Winter American Politics Research Meeting

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2024   Berkeley Winter American Politics Research Meeting
        Southern Political Science Association
2023   Southern Political Science Association
        European Society of Criminology
2022   Southern Political Science Association
        Midwest Political Science Association
        Political Methodology Conference
        American Political Science Association
        American Society of Criminology
2021   Midwest Political Science Association
        American Political Science Association
        Southern Political Science Association
2020   Midwest Political Science Association (Canceled due to COVID)
        Southern Political Science Association
        American Political Science Association (Canceled due to COVID)
2019   Southern Political Science Association
        Midwestern Political Science Association
        Western Political Science Association
        State Politics and Policy Conference
        Local Political Economy Conference (APSA)
        American Political Science Association
2018   American Political Science Association
        Southern Political Science Association
        Midwest Political Science Association
        Emory Conference on Causal Inference, Institutions & Law Making
        Annual Political Networks Conference
2017   Southern Political Science Association
        Midwest Political Science Association
        Annual Political Networks Conference
        Atlanta Symposium on Political Science

DISCUSSANT

Polarization Research Lab Annual Meeting (2023, 2024)
APSA Pre-Conference in Money in Politics (2021)
Virtual Workshop on Interest Groups (2021)
MPSA (2019, 2021)
APSA (2019)
SPSA (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024)
WPSA (2019)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Utah
POLS 7980 - Statistical Programming (Graduate; 2023)
POLS 6002 - Advanced Quantitative Analysis for Political Science (Graduate; 2022, 2023)
POLS 6001 - Quantitative Analysis for Political Science (Graduate; 2021, 2022)
POLS 1101 - Introduction to US National Government (Undergraduate; 2021, 2022, 2024)

Emory University
POLS 200: Intermediate American Government (Undergraduate, Co-Instructor, Spring 2019)
POLS 208: Research Design and Methods (Undergraduate, TA, Spring and Fall 2018)
Introduction to R for Data Manipulation and Analysis (Graduate, Instructor, Fall 2018)

ADVISING	Scott Mourtgos, University of Utah (PhD Candidate), Committee Member
	University of South Carolina, Assistant Prof., Dept. of Criminology and Criminal Justice (2024)
	Matthew Kumar, University of Utah (PhD Student), Committee Member
	Michael Dillman, University of Utah (PhD Student), Committee Member
	Andrew Welhouse, University of Utah (PhD Student), Committee Co-Chair
UNIVERSITY SERVICE	Hinckley Institute of Politics Forum Series participant, *The Role of Local Media*. Sept. 2021
	Sutherland Institute Round-table on Ranked Choice Voting, April 2022.
	Political Research Colloquium Speaker Series Organizer (2022-2023)
	Interdisciplinary Methods Colloquium Co-Organizer (2022)
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	EITM Summer Institute, 2018. Ann Arbor, Michigan.
	Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program, 2017. Emory University.
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	NCAA Lacrosse Official (2018-present).
	Associate, M+R Strategic Services, Washington D.C. (2014-2015).
	Assistant Director for Government Relations, Consortium of Social Science Associations, Washington D.C. (2013-2014).
	Intern, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington D.C. (2013).
	Project Assistant, National Democratic Institute, Washington D.C. (2012)