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🗨️ languages

english: native speaker

bengali: oral fluency

</> programming

JavaScript, \LaTeX ,

Python, SQL, Julia

📊 statistical

Stata, R,

Matlab/Octave

🌐 mapping

ArcGIS, RSpatial

🌐 web development

HTML, CSS, Jekyll,

Markdown, SASS,

RShiny

education

2015-Present **Harvard University**

Ph.D. Candidate in Government

fields: Historical Political Economy, American Politics, and Political Methodology
James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration Institute for Quantitative Social Science Affiliate

Advisors: Dan Carpenter (Chair), Jennifer Hochschild, Matt Blackwell, Ryan Enos, and Nathan Nunn (Economics)

2011–2015 **Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service**

B.S. in Foreign Service

Major: International Political Economy (Honors)

Awards: Leslie H. Jacobson Medal

Thesis: Autocracies and the International Sources of Cooperation

Additional Training

2018

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models

research interests

substantive: culture, violence, identity, intergroup relations, historical political economy, and labor economics

methodological: record linkage, causal inference, machine learning, applied formal theory

teaching: historical political economy, social identity, and causal inference/program evaluation

publications (peer-reviewed)

3. Mazumder, Soumyajit. Forthcoming. “The Persistent Effect of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement on Political Attitudes”. *American Journal of Political Science*
2. Mazumder, Soumyajit. 2017. “Autocracies and the International Sources of Cooperation.”. *Journal of Peace Research* 54(3): 412-426.
1. Mazumder, Soumyajit. 2016. “Can I Stay a BIT Longer? The Effect of Bilateral Investment Treaties on Political Survival.”. *The Review of International Organizations* 11(4): 477-521.

under review

4. “From Immigrants to Americans: Race, Status and Assimilation during the First Great Migration” (with Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini)
3. “Policy Feedbacks and the Structure of Redistribution: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Medicare”
2. “The Slave Order in American Political Development: Evidence from the New Deal Era”
1. “Implausibly Exogenous? Sensitivity Analysis of the Ignorability Assumption in Instrumental Variables Designs”

working papers

4. “Becoming White: How Mass Warfare Turned Immigrants into Americans”
3. “Rich Man’s War, Immigrants’ Fight? The Social Dimensions of Military Service in the U.S. Civil War, 1850-1865”
2. “The Economic Origins and Legacies of Racial Repression: Evidence from a Historical Natural Experiment in the U.S. South” (with James Feigenbaum and Cory Smith)
1. “Long-Term Causes of Partisanship: Evidence from Linked Census and Voter File Data” (with Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)

ongoing projects

Substantive

4. Immigrants into Americans: The Political and Social Origins of American National Identity, 1880-1930 (Dissertation Book Project)
3. Substrates of National Identity
2. The Political and Industrial Origins of Convict Lease (with Cathrin Mohr)
1. The Economic and Political Legacies of the Works Progress Administration (with Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)

Quantitative Methodology

2. Precision Learning: Using Machine Learning to Learn More from Experiments
1. Record Linkage as Prediction: A Machine Learning Approach

popular writing

2. *The Washington Post*. 2018. "The census has always been political. Especially when it comes to race, ethnicity, and national origin."
1. *The Washington Post*. 2017. "Yes Marches Can Really Matter: These Three Factors Make the Difference."

software

2. *ivsens*: An R package for implementing sensitivity analyses for the ignorability and exclusion restriction assumptions for instrumental variables designs.
1. *complier*: An R package for assessing compliance behavior in instrumental variables designs.

awards, grants, and fellowships

2018	Long-Term Effects of Racial Diversity: Evidence from Linked Census and Voter File Data (w/ Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)	Inequality in America
	\$50,000	
2017	From Immigrants into Americans (w/ Vicky Fouka and Marco Tabellini)	Russell Sage Foundation
	\$30,000	
2017-Present	James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar Dissertation Fellowship	Harvard Kennedy School
2017	Historical Sources of Intergenerational Mobility (w/ Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and James Feigenbaum)	Russell Sage Foundation
	\$18,450	
2015	Leslie H. Jacobson Medal	Georgetown School of Foreign Service
2014	Lisa J. Raines Fellowship	Georgetown University
	\$5,000	
2011	Undergraduate Research Fellow	Georgetown School of Foreign Service
	\$20,000	

presentations

Invited

2018

Russell Sage Foundation, University of Zurich Department of Economics

Conferences and Workshops

2018

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Chicago Area Comparative Historical Conference, Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference, Politics and History Network, Toronto Political Behavior Workshop

2017

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Society of Political Psychology, Politics and History Network

2016

Midwest Political Science Association, Politics and History Network, International Political Economy Society, Political Economy of International Organizations

service

Department: Co-Organizer of the Harvard University American Politics Workshop (2016-2017), Co-Organizer of the Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference (2016-2017, 2017-2018)

Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Economic Journal, Journal of Conflict Resolution, and Review of International Organizations

non-academic employment

Palantir Technologies: Evangelism Fellow (2015)

National Public Radio: Audience Insight and Research (2014)