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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Lyon College, Aug 2023-present

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Lyon College, Aug 2022-July 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder, 2022

Dissertation Title: “The Western Advantage: Governments and Credit in the Age of Financialization.”

Committee: David H. Bearce (Chair), Adrian J. Shin, Andy Baker, B. Clara Park, and Thomas Zeiler (History)

M.A., Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder, 2018

M.A., International Affairs, American University, 2015

Study Abroad: The Graduate Institute, Geneva, CH, Summer 2014

B.A., Political Science, Binghamton University, 2013

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

International Relations · Political Economy · Migration · Sovereign Debt · Public Opinion

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[6] Bessen, Brett R. and **Brendan J. Connell**. 2024. “[Another Day, Another Currency: Personal Experience and Attitudes Toward Dollarization in Ecuador.](#)” *Political Behavior* 46 (1): 587-608.

[5] **Connell, Brendan J.** and Adrian J. Shin. 2023. “[Fed Up: The Global Ascension of the Federal Reserve in the Era of Migration.](#)” *International Studies Quarterly* 67 (2): sqad029.

[4] Bearce, David H. and **Brendan J. Connell**. 2023. “[Government Compensation and Citizen Support for Immigration Openness.](#)” *Economics & Politics* 35 (1): 5-27.

[3] **Connell, Brendan J.**, Dalton C. Dorr, and Adrian J. Shin. 2021. “[Inequality and the Partisan Political Economy](#).” *Representation* 57 (4): 575-601.

[2] **Connell, Brendan J.**, Samantha L. Moya, and Adrian J. Shin. 2021. “[Migration and Economic Coercion](#).” *Foreign Policy Analysis* 17 (3).

[1] **Connell, Brendan J.** 2019. “[Electoral Rules, Interest Group Pressures, and the Price of Democratic Default](#).” *International Studies Quarterly* 63 (4): 987-1000.

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

“A Western Advantage? Diplomacy and State Access to Credit.” [**Revise and Submit** at *International Interactions*]

“Democracy at the Limit: Does the U.S. Debt Ceiling Really Enhance Fiscal Accountability?” [**Revise and Submit** at *Representation*]

“Fairweather Cosmopolitans: The Origins of Anti-immigrant Sentiment in Latin America.” (with Brett Bessen and Ken Stallman) [**Revise and Submit** at *Latin American Politics & Society*]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lyon College (Undergraduate)

The American Experience (Fall 2022–Spring 2024)

Comparative Politics (Spring 2023, 2024)

World Politics (Fall 2022, 2023)

International Law & Organizations (Spring 2024)

International Migration (Fall 2023)

International Political Economy (Fall 2022)

Human Behavior in World Politics (Spring 2023)

University of Colorado Boulder (Undergraduate)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (F2021, S2022)

Introduction to International Relations (F2021, S2022)

Current Events in International Relations (F2019)

International Political Economy (S2020)

Mentoring

Faculty Advisor, Lyon College Model UN Team (Fall 2022-present)

Undergraduate Research Supervisor, [STUDIO Research Lab](#) (Spring 2020-2021)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Racial Diversity and Immigration Attitudes: Evidence from the United States.” (with David Bearce) [Working Paper Available]

“Capitol Controls: Congress and the Bretton Woods Twins in the Era of Migration.” (with Adrian Shin) [Working Paper Available]

“Speaking the Language of Capital: Measuring the Economic Ideas of Policymakers Through Speech.” [Working Paper Available]

“Congressional Attitudes Toward the Diversity Visa Program.” [Data Collection]

SERVICE

Lyon College

Student Creative Arts and Research Forum (SCARF) Committee, January 2023-present

Curriculum Committee Member, August 2023-present

Faculty Supervisor, *Lyon College Political Science Club*, October 2023-present

Faculty Supervisor, *Lyon College Chess Club*, February 2023-present

Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor in History, Spring 2024

Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor in Chemistry, Spring 2024

Lyon College Behavioral World Politics Symposium, April 2023

Professional Activity

Arkansas Political Science Association, Undergraduate Best Paper Award Committee

Journal Referee: *International Studies Quarterly*; *Political Research Quarterly*

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Ardsley High School, Ardsley NY, April 2024.

Presentation on Careers in Political Science

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City, MX, April 2023.

Paper Presentation on Dollarization in Ecuador (with Brett R. Bessen)

Villa Le Piazzole, Anti-Globalization Backlash Workshop, Florence IT, May 2019.

Paper Presentation on Government Compensation and Immigration Attitudes (with David H. Bearce)

Institute of Behavioral Science, Boulder CO, September 2018.

Paper Presentation on Migration and Economic Sanctions (with Adrian J. Shin and Samantha L. Moya)

RECENT & UPCOMING CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

March 2024 · Arkansas Political Science Association. Monticello, AR.

“Racial Diversity and Immigration Attitudes: Evidence from the United States.”
(with David Bearce)

Undergraduate Student Research Section Chair

January 2024 · Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA.

“Fairweather Cosmopolitans: Origins of Anti-immigrant Sentiment in Latin America.” (with Brett Bessen and Ken Stallman)

September 2023 · American Political Science Association. Los Angeles, CA.

“Fairweather Cosmopolitans: Origins of Anti-immigrant Sentiment in Latin America.” (with Brett Bessen and Ken Stallman)

“Racial Diversity and Immigration Attitudes: Evidence from the United States.”
(with David Bearce)

May 2023 · Political Economy of International Organization. San Diego, CA.

“Capitol Controls: Congress and the Bretton Woods Twins in the Era of Migration.”
(with Adrian Shin)

March 2023 · Arkansas Political Science Association. Conway, AR.

“Speaking the Language of Capital: Measuring Neoliberalism Through the Speech of Policymakers.”

October 2022 · International Political Economy Society. Pittsburgh, PA.

“Capitol Controls: Congress and the Bretton Woods Twins in the Era of Migration.”
(with Adrian Shin)

September 2022 · American Political Science Association. Montréal, CA.

“Speaking the Language of Capital: Measuring Neoliberalism Using UNGD Statements.”

Chair for Panel: “Detecting Emotion in Text and Audio Data”

April 2022 · International Studies Association. Nashville, TN.

“A ‘Western Advantage’? How Ties to the West Shape State Access to Capital.”

Panelist on IO Editorial Café

October 2021 · American Political Science Association. Seattle, WA (Virtual).

“A ‘Western Advantage’? How Ties to the West Shape State Access to Capital.”

April 2021 · Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL (Virtual).
Discussant for Panel: “Immigration Policy.”

January 2021 · Southern Political Science Association. Virtual.

- “Another Day, Another Dollar: How Personal Experience Affects Attitudes Toward Dollarization.” (with Brett Bessen)

November 2019 · International Political Economy Society. San Diego, CA.

“Migration in Hard Times: Migrant Pressure and International Crisis Cooperation.”
(with Adrian Shin)

August 2019 · American Political Science Association. Washington, DC.

“Poor Institutional Reputations and Lack of Demand for the IMF”

March 2019 · International Studies Association. Toronto, CA.

“The Compensation Hypothesis and Immigration Policy Attitudes: Just Preaching to the Choir?” (with David Bearce)

Discussant for Panel: “Regime Type and Foreign Policy.”

February 2019 · Political Economy of International Organization. Salzburg, AT.

“Migration and Economic Coercion.” (with Samantha Moya and Adrian Shin)

AWARDS

Summer Research Assistant Award, *Institute of Behavioral Science*, Summer 2020 and Summer 2021.

Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, *University of Colorado Boulder*, Spring 2020.

Annual Graduate Students in Political Science (GIPS) Best Paper, *University of Colorado Boulder*, 2019.

IBS Summer Research Assistant Award, *Institute of Behavioral Science*, Summer 2018.

GRANTS

Center to Advance Research and Teaching in Social Sciences (CARTSS) Grant, *University of Colorado Boulder*, Fall 2020 (\$2000).

Political Science Department Large Research Grant, *University of Colorado Boulder*, Spring 2020 (\$2,587).

Political Science Department Small Research Grant, *University of Colorado Boulder*, Spring 2018; Fall 2018; Fall 2021 (\$750 each).

Departmental Faculty-Grad Co-Authorship Grant, *University of Colorado Boulder*, Spring 2018 (\$700).

IHS Hayek Fund Award, *Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University*, Spring 2018 (\$400).

Teamwork Research Grant, *Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder*, Summer 2017 (\$500).

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Research Associate, *Institute of Behavioral Science*, 2018-2022.

Research Assistant, *The American Security Project*, Washington, DC, 2013-2014.

ORIGINAL DATA

United Nations Neoliberal Speech (UNNS) Data

Relying on U.N. General Debate statements from 1970 to 2018, I employ a machine-learning-augmented dictionary-based approach to systematically capture neoliberal language used by state diplomats when discussing macroeconomic policy. This process yields a novel country-year measure of neoliberalism with global coverage and avoids some of the major pitfalls of existing proxies.

United States Economic Diplomacy (USED) Data

This dataset identifies the date and location of 2,690 US presidential meetings and 1,936 U.S. Treasury Secretary meetings using archival documents and news articles from 1990 to 2016. The data capture the strength of a country's diplomacy with the U.S. in ways that are missed by conventional proxies of formal diplomacy.

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

STATA, , L^AT_EX, Qualtrics.

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