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**ACADEMIC  
APPOINTMENTS**

Princeton University  
Assistant Professor of Politics and Public Affairs (July 2020 - present)  
Postdoctoral Research Associate (July 2019 - June 2020)

**EDUCATION**

Stanford University Graduate School of Business  
Ph.D. in Business Administration (Political Economics) (September 2014 - June 2019)  
University of Rochester  
B.A. *magna cum laude* in Economics, Political Science, and Russian Studies with minor in Mathematics (September 2010 - May 2014)

**PEER-REVIEWED  
PUBLICATION**

Li, Zhao. 2018. "How Internal Constraints Shape Interest Group Activities: Evidence from Access-Seeking PACs." *American Political Science Review* 112(4): 792–808.

- Co-winner of the 2020 Jack Walker Award from the Political Organizations and Parties section of the American Political Science Association.

**INVITED  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

Li, Zhao. 2019. "Looking Inside the Black Box of Firms: A Proposal for A Research Agenda." *The Political Economist* 15(2): 17–19.

Li, Zhao. "Analyzing the Evidence: Who's Funding Google's PAC?" Forthcoming in *American Politics: Power and Purpose*, 16th edition, Theodore J. Lowi, Benjamin Ginsburg, Ken Shepsle, and Stephen Ansolabehere. New York: W.W. Norton.

**SELECTED WORK  
PAPERS**

[The Foreclosure Crisis and the Tea Party Movement: Evidence from Nationwide Campaign Finance and Real Estate Transactions](#)

[Inferring Issue-Specific Candidate Positions from Itemized Campaign Contributions Using Supervised Machine Learning \(with Adam Bonica\)](#)

[Economic Geography and Special Interest Entrenchment: Evidence from the Shale Boom and State Campaign Finance \(with Richard DiSalvo\)](#)

<b>RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS</b>	<p>Stanford Graduate School of Business</p> <p>Research Assistant for Prof. Anat Admati on Admati, Anat R. 2017. "A Skeptical View of Financialized Corporate Governance." <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> 31(3): 131-50.</p> <p>Research Assistant for Prof. Anat Admati on her comment to the UK Parliament's Treasury Committee on bank resolution and recovery (2017)</p>
<b>TEACHING</b>	<p>As instructor</p> <p>Money and Influence in Policymaking (undergraduate): 2020-2021</p> <p>Money in American Politics (undergraduate): 2021</p> <p>Graduate Reading Course (PhD): 2020</p> <p>As course assistant</p> <p>Economic Analysis of Political Institutions (PhD): 2016-2018</p> <p>Microeconomic Theory (PhD): 2015-2017</p>
<b>INVITED PRESENTATIONS</b>	<p>2020</p> <p>"Corporate Welfare: Who Comes Out on Top" Seminar, Institute for Humane Studies and the Program in Corporate Welfare at the University of California, Irvine</p> <p>Interest Groups, Policy Outcomes, and Representation in U.S. Politics, Princeton University (discussant)</p> <p>Annual Conference on Political Institutions and Political Economy, University of Southern California (canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic)</p> <p>University of California, Los Angeles (canceled due to COVID-19)</p> <p>2019</p> <p>California Institute of Technology</p> <p>Annual Research Conference on Strategy and the Business Environment (discussant)</p> <p>Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability (IDEA), The Ohio State University</p> <p>2017</p> <p>Center for the Study of American Politics Summer Conference, Yale University (poster)</p>

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

American Political Science Association Pre-conference on Frontiers on Money in Politics Research: 2020

Annual Summer School on American Political Economy in Comparative Perspective: 2020

Annual Strategy and the Business Environment Conference: 2020

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2018-2020

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2018-2019, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology: 2017-2018 (poster), 2019

**FELLOWSHIPS,  
AWARDS, AND  
HONORS**

American Political Science Association

Jack Walker Award (2020)

National Science Foundation

Travel Grant for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (2017-2018)

Stanford University

Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship (2017-2019)

Stanford Graduate School of Business

GSB PhD Tuition Fellowship (2014-2019)

GSB PhD Stipend Fellowship (2014-2019)

University of Rochester

Rochester International Scholarship (2010-2014)

Phi Beta Kappa (2014)

Omicron Delta Epsilon (2014)

James D. McGill Memorial Prize (2014)

Book Award (2012)

Burton Fellowship (2011)

<b>SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION</b>	<p>Founding co-organizer for the American Political Science Association Pre-conference on Frontiers on Money in Politics Research (2020)</p> <p>Referee for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> (2019×2), <i>American Political Science Review</i> (2019, 2020), <i>Business and Politics</i> (2020), <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> (2020), <i>Journal of Politics</i> (2019×2, 2020×2), <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> (2019), and <i>Science Advances</i> (2019)</p> <p>Panel chair for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2020)</p> <p>Panel discussant for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2020)</p> <p>Poster discussant for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (2019, 2020)</p>
<b>SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY</b>	Co-organizer of the Political Economy Workshop (2020-2021)
<b>COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS</b>	R, SQLite, Stata, Matlab, Mathematica, Qualtrics
<b>REFERENCES</b>	Available upon request