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EDUCATION

Georgetown University

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

Dissertation Advisor: Laurent Bouton

Aug 2015 - Present

Duke University

M.A. in Economics

Duke Economics Masters Scholar Award

Aug 2013 - May 2015

Stern School of Business, New York University

B.S. in Economics and Finance

University Honors Scholar, Dean's List, Dean's Honor Key

Aug 2006 - May 2010

FIELDS

Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Georgetown University Law Center

Neel Sukhatme

May 2017 - Nov 2017

Steven Salop

May 2016 - Jul 2016

Fuqua School of Business, Duke University

Sharon Belenzon

Sep 2014 - Dec 2014

Research Consultant

Social Science Research Institute, Duke University

Sep 2013 - Apr 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Georgetown University

Graduate Math Camp

Summer 2018 - Summer 2019

Intermediate Microeconomics

Summer 2019

Principles of Microeconomics

Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant

Georgetown University

Fall 2016 - Spring 2019

Graduate: Political Economy, Microeconomics

Undergraduate: Political Economy, Topics in Competition and Regulation

AWARDS AND GRANTS

GradGov Research Project Award

Spring 2019

Georgetown University Summer Research Grant

Summer 2018

Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award - Nominee

Fall 2017

Georgetown University Doctoral Assistantship

Fall 2016 - Present

Georgetown University Doctoral Fellowship

Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Voting on the US Supreme Court: Dynamic Incentives and Precedent”

Existing models of voting on the US Supreme Court largely ignore the effect of precedent on judicial decision-making and hence limit their analysis to static games between the justices. Incorporating a cost of deviating from precedent in the judicial objective function creates dynamic incentives that may lead to strategic voting by members of the dispositional minority. I structurally estimate this dynamic game to recover the justices’ cost of deviating from precedent and their ideal points.

“Polling Place Location, Turnout, and Strategic Reprecincting” with Juan Margitich and Allison Stashko

Previous literature has attempted to investigate the importance of distance to the polling place as a determinant of an individual’s decision to vote using county or state-wide data, and found contradictory results. Due to the lack of a comprehensive dataset on polling locations across the US, researchers have not been able to test the validity of either of these local findings across all states. We have two main goals: building a comprehensive dataset on the location of polling places for several states in the US to determine the causal effect of increasing distance to the polling place on turnout, and then to investigate whether politically motivated officials strategically place polling locations to drive turnout of favorable groups while dampening turnout of others.

“Testing Theories of Voter Turnout Using Social Connectedness Data” with Laurent Bouton and Garance Genicot

Pivotal-voter models and models of voter mobilization predict opposite effects of an increase in the cost of voting for a group on aggregate voter turnout. We plan on empirically testing the implications of these two classes of models due to an exogenous change in the cost of voting for some citizens through election-day weather shocks. We can account for the level of information a voter in a county may have about the voting behavior of those in their social network residing in other counties using the Facebook Social Connectedness Index data, which allows us to study how voting cost shocks propagate to other counties in a network, and thereby impact aggregate turnout and party vote shares.

SKILLS

Software: Stata, Matlab, R, Python, L^AT_EX

Languages: English, Hindi, Marathi, French (intermediate)