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Education	Ph.D., University of Wisconsin–Madison Dissertation: “ <i>Election Policy Polarization in American Legislatures</i> ” Committee: Barry Burden, Eleanor Powell, Katherine Cramer, Rob Yablon M.A., Political Science	Anticipated 2027 2023
	B.S., University of Utah Majors: Economics, Psychology (Honors) Minor: Political Science	2016

Publications	Burden, Barry C., and Jess Esplin . 2024. “People Versus Places: The Unrepresentative Nature of Local Election Administration.” In <i>Local Election Administrators in the United States</i> , eds. Paul Gronke, David C. Kimball, Thessalia Merivaki, Mara Suttman-Lea, Christian R. Grose, and Bridgett A. King. Palgrave Macmillan. doi:10.1007/978-3-031-70227-3_10 .
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Working Papers	“Contemporary Election Policy Polarization in American Legislatures” “The Vertical Politics of Misinformation: Election Narratives in Congress and State Legislatures” (with SoRelle Wyckoff Gaynor and Jessie Munson) “Polarized Accountability: Voter Partisanship, LEO Selection Method, & Ballot Drop Box Provision” “Can Experience Mitigate Partisanship? The Effect of Voting by Mail on Voter Fraud Beliefs”
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Talks & Presentations	Invited Talks Notre Dame Representation and Politics in Legislatures Lab	Scheduled 2026
	Conferences American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association State Politics and Policy Women in Legislative Studies Election Science, Reform, and Administration	2026 2025, 2026 2026 2025, 2026 2023
	Other Presentations UW-Madison American Politics Workshop UW-Madison Graduate Student Works-in-Progress Workshop UW-Madison International Student Services “Understanding U.S. Elections”	2022, 2026 2025 2024

Teaching	Teaching Assistant	
	PS 311 Congress (Prof. Eleanor Powell)	Fall 2026
	PS 373 Introduction to Survey Research (Prof. Eleanor Powell)	Spring 2023
	PS 305 Elections and Voting Behavior (Prof. Barry Burden)	Fall 2022
	Pedagogical Training	
	Delta course: “Using Writing to Teach in Any Discipline”	Spring 2026
	“Teaching at UW” Workshop Series	Spring 2026
	Political Science Teaching Colloquium	Fall 2024
	Political Science Syllabi Incubator Workshop	Fall 2023
	The Discussion Project (weekly meetings)	Spring 2023
	The Discussion Project (3-day intensive)	Fall 2022
Service	Co-Founder & Organizer, Political Science Graduate Student Works-in-Progress Workshop	AY25-26, 2025
	Co-Developer, Political Science Accessible Reading Curriculum	2024
	Co-Organizer, Political Science Graduate Workshop for Professional Development	AY22-23, AY23-24
	Graduate Student Representative, ASM Student Council	AY22-23
	Political Science Peer Mentor	AY21-22, AY22-23
	Community Organizer, Political Science Graduate Students	2020-2024
Awards	Political Science Job Market Award	2026
	Political Science Summer Initiative Funding	2022-2024, 2026
	Elections Research Center Conference Travel Grant	2022, 2024-2025
	Political Science Two-Year University Fellowship	AY20-21, 2025
Additional Research Experience	Research Assistant, Elections Research Center (Prof. Barry Burden)	
	National Election Worker Survey	2026
	Every Minute Counts: Voter Operations and Experience	2026
	Consequences of Final-Five Voting for Communities of Color	2021
	The Distortive Effects of Local Election Official Representation	2021
	Survey Interviewer, University of Wisconsin Survey Center	
	Wisconsin Family Health Study	2025
	Milwaukee Area Family Finances Study	2025
Skills	R, Qualtrics, L ^A T _E X, Stata, Adobe Creative Cloud Suite	