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Academic Appointments

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

Assistant Professor (2022-current) - Department of Political Science

- Fall 2022: On maternity leave

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (*declined*)

Post-Doctoral Fellow (2022-24) - Inequality in America Initiative

Education

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

PhD candidate in Political Science (2016-May 2022) - Department of Politics

Exam Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics

- Committee: Paul Frymer (chair), Grigore Pop-Eleches, Ismail White, Corrine McConaughy
- Harold W. Dodds Honorific Scholarship (competitive fellowship covering full tuition and living stipend)—2021-22
- Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars (competitive fellowship covering full tuition and living stipend)—2019-20
- Co-Founder & Researcher, Philadelphia Behavioral Science Initiative (www.phillybsi.org)

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Master in Public Policy (2013-2015) - Harvard Kennedy School

- McCloy Academic Scholarship (competitive fellowship covering full tuition and living stipend)—2013-15
- Jane Mansbridge Research Award for best Master's thesis on women and politics

Free University, Berlin, Germany

B.A. in Political Science (2008-2012) - Otto-Suhr-Institute for Political Science

Other Training

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (June 2019)

Book Project

“Prisons and Profits: The Political Economy of Race and Incarceration in the Postbellum American South” (*in progress*)

- I examine why convict leasing as a distinct carceral policy emerged in the American South and how it affected Southern fiscal capacity and state building after the Civil War (1865-1930)
- I compiled an original dataset on Postbellum Incarceration in the American South (PIAS) to explore trends in convictions across states and time

Research Articles & Work in Progress

Published Articles

4. **Schwarz, Susanne** (2023). “‘The Spawn of Slavery’? Race, State Capacity, and the Development of Carceral Institutions in the Postbellum South,” *Studies in American Political Development*, 37(2): 181-198.
3. Hopkins, Dan, **Susanne Schwarz**, and Anjali Chainani (2023). “Officially Mobilizing: Iterative Mailings from a Local Government Increase Voter Turnout” *Journal of Politics*, 85(2), 771-777.
2. **Schwarz, Susanne** and Alexander Coppock (2022). “What Have We Learned About Gender From Candidate Choice Experiments? A Meta-Analysis of 67 Factorial Survey Experiments,” *Journal of Politics*, 84(2), 655-668.
1. **Schwarz, Susanne**, Matthew Baum, and Dara Kay Cohen (2020). “(Sex) Crime and Punishment in the #MeToo Era: How the Public Views Rape,” *Political Behavior*, May 2020.

Working Papers

3. **Schwarz, Susanne**. “Statebuilding, Fiscal Capacity, and the Carceral State: Evidence from the Jim Crow South (1880-1910)”
2. **Schwarz, Susanne**. “Black Political Empowerment and Incarceration: Evidence from the Reconstruction South”
1. **Schwarz, Susanne**. “Welfare State Experiences and Trust in Political Institutions: Evidence from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study”

Research in Progress

4. “Bad Men Make Good Roads”: Public Finance, Infrastructure Expansion, and Convict Labor in the Progressive South (1890-1920)
3. “The Poll Tax and Black Primary Education in the Jim Crow South” (with Corrine McConnaughy and Ismail White)
2. “Remembrance Culture in the United States: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Charleston, South Carolina” (with Syon Bhanot)
1. “Deportation as Public Policy” (with Paul Frymer)

Book Chapters & Reviews

2. Anjali Chainani, **Susanne Schwarz**, and Syon Bhanot (2023), “The Philadelphia Behavioral Science Initiative,” in: Bhanot, Syon, Michael Sanders, and Shibeal O’Flaherty (eds.), *Behavioral Public Policy in a Global Context*, Palgrave MacMillan.
1. Susanne Schwarz (2023), “Review of *Captive Markets. Accountability and State Prison Privatization* (Oxford University Press). By Anna Gunderson,” *The Forum*.

Professional Activities

Conference Presentations

- 2023: APSA Annual Conference, Panel on “Reconstruction and Its Aftermath: APD and HPE Perspectives (Panel Organizer)
- 2023: SPSA Annual Conference, Panel on “U.S. Racial Politics in Historical Perspective”
- 2022: Historical Political Economy Workshop, Harvard University
- 2022: APSA Annual Conference, Panel on “The South in American Political Development”
- 2022: Toronto Political Development Workshop
- 2022: MPSA Annual Conference, Panel on “Behavioral and Historical Perspectives on Racial Inequality”
- 2021: APSA Annual Conference, Poster Session of the Class and Inequality Section
- 2021: Summer School on the American Political Economy, Panel on Public Policy
- 2019: APSA Annual Conference, Panel on “The American State’s Retreat from Civil Rights”
- 2019: WPSA Annual Conference, Panel on “Constructing Nation: Racial Identity, Memory and the Politics of Order ”
- 2016: APSA Annual Conference, Panel on “Experiments in Gender and Sexuality”

Academic Presentations and Talks

- 2023: Swarthmore Economics Summer Seminar Series
- 2022: Comparative Politics Workshop, Temple University
- 2021: American Politics Workshop, Columbia University
- 2020: Guest Lecture on Voter Mobilization in the City of Philadelphia, ECON 003, Swarthmore College
- 2019: Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study Workshop, Princeton University
- 2017: ISPS Experiments Workshop, Yale University
- 2016: Junior Faculty Political Science Workshop, Harvard Kennedy School
- 2016: Panel Discussion on “Justice and Accountability in US Rape Culture”, Harvard Kennedy School

Other Invited Talks

- 2023: Horizons Conference, Westminster School, London
- 2019: StartupOnomics Workshop at Google, Dublin
- 2019: Invited talk on Philadelphia Behavioral Science Initiative, University of Texas, Austin
- 2018: Philadelphia Behavioral Science Initiative, Annual Conference
- 2017: StartupOnomics Workshop at Google, Dublin
- 2016: StartupOnomics Workshop at Google, Dublin
- 2015: StartupOnomics Workshop at Google, Dublin

Referee Work

PNAS, World Politics, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Women in Criminal Justice, Comparative Political Studies, Studies in American Political Development

Professional Service

At Swarthmore

AY 2023/24 Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee

To the Profession

2024 WPSA Annual Meeting (Vancouver BC): Politics and History Section Chair

2024 MPSA Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL): Politics and History Section Chair

Research Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Research Grants

- 2022 Swarthmore Faculty Research Grant (\$3,600)
- 2021 Data-Driven Social Science Initiative, Princeton University (\$2,850)
- 2020 Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University (\$4,947)
- 2020 African-American Studies Program, Princeton University (\$998)
- 2020 Data-Driven Social Science Initiative, Princeton University (\$4,936)
- 2019 Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP), Dissertation Research Grant, Princeton University (\$4,760)
- 2018 American Studies Program, Summer Research Funding, Princeton University (\$4,000)
- 2017 Foundations in Human Behavior Research Grant (with Matthew Baum and Dara Cohen), Harvard University (\$36,984.00)
- 2017 TESS Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences, “Uncovering Bias in the Adjudication of Rape Cases in the U.S.” (with Matthew Baum and Dara Cohen) (TESS-0871)

Fellowships

- 2021-
2022 **Harold W. Dodds Honorific Fellowship**, Princeton University (~\$95,000)
- Competitive fellowship covering tuition and stipend as well as research expenses for the academic year 2021/22
 - Highest commendation of the Princeton University Graduate School
- 2019-
2020 **Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars**, Princeton University (~\$91,000)
- Competitive fellowship covering tuition and stipend as well as research expenses for the academic year 2019/20
- 2013-
2015 **McCloy Academic Scholarship**, Harvard Kennedy School (~\$140,000)
- Competitive fellowship covering tuition and living stipend for academic years 2013/14 and 2014/15
 - Funded by the German National Academic Foundation
- 2014 **Adrienne Hall Summer Fellow**, Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School (\$6,000)

- 2012-2013 **2012-13 Carlo Schmid Fellowship, World Bank** (~\$11,000)
- Competitive fellowship living stipend for duration of consultancy assignment
 - Funded by the German National Academic Foundation and the German Academic Exchange Service
- 2008-2012 **German National Merit Foundation Scholar**

Awards

- 2015 **Jane Mansbridge Research Award**, Harvard Kennedy School (\$500)

Popular Press & Commentary

7. Commentary in: Fung, Katherine (Jan 5, 2023): “Kevin McCarthy Gives Critics Enormous Power Over Him,” in: *Newsweek*, available online: <https://www.newsweek.com/kevin-mccarthy-gives-critics-enormous-power-over-him-1771585>
6. Commentary in: Fung, Katherine (Nov 21, 2022): “Biden Sees Major Setback After Big Midterm Win,” in: *Newsweek*, available online: <https://www.newsweek.com/biden-major-setback-after-midterm-win-1761137>
5. Commentary in: Fung, Katherine (Nov 14, 2022): “Joe Biden Could Have the Most Successful Midterms for Democrats in 60 Years,” in: *Newsweek*, available online: <https://www.newsweek.com/joe-biden-could-have-most-successful-midterms-democrats-60-years-1757583>
4. Commentary in: Fung, Katherine (Nov 9, 2022): “Trump's Midterm Failure Won't Hand DeSantis the 2024 Nomination,” in: *Newsweek*, available online: <https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-midterm-election-failure-ron-desantis-2024-nomination-1757472>
3. Commentary in: Fung, Katherine (Nov 9, 2022): “Republicans' Midterm Failure Is Sign 'Waves' Are Now Myth,” in: *Newsweek*, available online: <https://www.newsweek.com/republicans-midterm-failure-sign-waves-are-now-myth-1758396>
2. Commentary in: Fung, Katherine (Oct 26, 2022): “Democrats Losing Voters in 2 Key Pennsylvania Counties,” in: *Newsweek*, available online: <https://www.newsweek.com/democrats-losing-voters-2-key-pennsylvania-counties-1754976>
1. Baum, Matthew, Dara Cohen, **Susanne Schwarz**, and Yuri Zhukov (Sept 27, 2018), “The way Kavanaugh’s supporters are talking about sexual assault allegations can be dangerous, our new study finds,” in: *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, available online: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/09/27/the-way-kavanaughs-supporters-are-talking-about-sexual-assault-allegations-can-be-dangerous-our-new-study-finds/>

Other Employment & Consultancy

- 2017-2018 Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth), Australia
- 2015-2016 Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, USA
- 2012-2013 Gender and Development Group, World Bank, USA
- 2012 German International Development Corporation, Germany
- 2011 European Union Delegation to the United States

2010 European Parliament, MP Michael Gahler, Belgium

2009-2010 European Parliament, MP Elmar Brok, France

Additional Skills

Software R, Stata, Latex, Qualtrics, NVivo

Language German (Native), English (Proficient), French (Advanced), Spanish, Swahili