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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Virginia | Charlottesville, VA

Aug'25 — Aug'26

Post-Doctoral Research Associate in the Program on Constitutionalism and Democracy within the Department of Politics

EDUCATION

University of Michigan | Ann Arbor, MI

Sep'18 – June'25

- Ph.D. in Political Science awarded June, 2025
- Areas of Specialization: American Political Development, Subnational Politics, Constitutional Law, Labor Mobilization, and the Origins of Authoritarian Regimes

Wesleyan University | Middletown, CT

Sep'10 - May'14

Bachelor of Arts, with Honors, in the College of Social Studies

University of Haifa | Haifa, Israel

Aug'12 - Jan'13

Semester Long Participation in Honors Program in Peace and Conflict Studies

DISSERTATION and PUBLICATIONS

- Blinderman, Daniel Gordon. "Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: The Legacy of Southern Populism for Public Goods Provision" (2025). Unpublished Dissertation. Dissertation Committee: Rob Mickey (Chair), Dan Slater and Pamela Brandwein.
- Blinderman, Daniel Gordon. "Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: The Legacy of Southern Populism for Public Goods Provision". Draft article submitted to *Studies in American Political Development*. Currently under review.
- Blinderman, Daniel Gordon, Mickey, Rob and Waldner, David, "Political Coalitions, State Capacity and the Political Economy of Reconstruction" (2025). Working Paper, to be submitted to Studies in American Political Development
- Blinderman, Daniel Gordon, "Self-Determined People: Liberal Zionism and the Renewal of Israeli Democracy" (2014). Honors Theses - All. 1263.
 Available at: http://wesscholar.wesleyan.edu/etd hon theses/1263

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Rackham One-Term Fellowship: internal tuition funding, standard stipend (January-April 2025)
- Gerald R. Ford Fellowship: internal tuition funding, \$24,000 stipend and \$5,000 research budget (2023-2024)
- Gerald R. Ford Fellowship: internal tuition funding, \$24,000 stipend and \$2,800 research budget (2022-2023)
- Michigan Center for Emerging Democracies Graduate Student Research Grant: \$5,000 (2022)
- Phi Beta Kappa (2014)
- John W. Macy Summer Fellowship in Government and Public Policy Research (2013)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan, Graduate Student Research Assistant, MI

May-Aug'20 & May-Aug'22

- Primary and secondary literature collection and analysis for Professor Rob Mickey
- Analyzed secondary literature for confirmation or disproof of project hypothesis
- Project focuses on generating a new theory that explains the failure of Southern Reconstruction

University of Michigan, Graduate Student Research Assistant, MI

May-Aug'19

- Primary and secondary literature collection and analysis for Professor Pamela Brandwein
- Analyze and produce memos on conclusions of existing literature
- Locate important primary sources from US government archives
- Project focuses on the relationship between anti-slavery politics and capitalist development in the US

Conference Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association Conference

April'25

- Presented my updated job market paper, Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: The Legacy of Southern Populism for Public Goods Provision
- Presented an updated draft article from a collaborative project on US Reconstruction in Comparative Perspective with Rob Mickey and David Waldner

Southern Political Science Association Conference

Jan'25

 Presented my job market paper, Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: The Legacy of Southern Populism for Public Goods Provision

American Political Science Association Conference

Sep'24

 Presented my job market paper, drawn from my dissertation, entitled Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: The Legacy of Southern Populism for Public Goods Provision

Midwest Political Science Association Conference

April'24

• Presented an updated paper, Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: The Legacy of Southern Populism for Public Goods Provision

Emerging Scholars Conference in Public Law, Hosted by UT Austin

March'24

 Presented a paper, Has the Ballot Lost Its Value? State Constitutions, Voting Rights and the Development of the American Constitutional Order

Southern Political Science Association Conference

Jan'24

Presented a paper, Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: The Legacy of Southern Populism for Public Goods Provision

American Political Science Association Conference

Sep'23

- Presented paper from my dissertation project as part of a panel entitled Southern Reconstruction and its Aftermath: APD and HPE Perspectives
- Presented draft article from a collaborative project on US Reconstruction in Comparative Perspective with Rob Mickey and David Waldner as part of a panel entitled Southern Reconstruction and its Aftermath: APD and HPE Perspectives

Midwest Political Science Association Conference

April'23

• Presented paper, Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: The Redistributionist Legacy of Southern Populism, from my dissertation project

Jan'23

 Presented co-authored paper, American Reconstruction as Unsuccessful Nation Building, with Rob Mickey and David Waldner

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The American Political Tradition — PLAP 2250 University of Virginia Instructor of Record	Aug'25-Dec'25
Introduction to Comparative Politics – POLSCI 140 University of Michigan • Administrative Assistant and Graduate Student Instructor with Professor Mary Gallagher	Jan'22-April'22
Introduction to Comparative Politics – POLSCI 140 University of Michigan • Graduate Student Instructor with Professor Allen Hicken	Sep'21-Dec'21
Graduate Student Instructor Training – POLSCI 993 University of Michigan Graduate Student Instructor with Professor Rob Mickey	Jan'21-April'21
The Stability of American Democracy in Comparative Perspective – POLSCI 389 University of Michigan • Graduate Student Instructor with Professor Rob Mickey	Sep'20-Dec'20
American Constitutional Politics – POLSCI 318 University of Michigan • Graduate Student Instructor with Professor Mariah Zeisberg	Jan'20-May'20
The Politics of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights – POLSCI 319 / HIST 411 University of Michigan • Graduate Student Instructor with Professor Pamela Brandwein	Sep'19-Dec'19
The Emergence of Modern Europe - CSS 240 Wesleyan University • CSS History Preceptor for Professor Erik Grimmer-Solem	Sep '13-May'14

INVITED TALKS

Political Science Research Workshop, University of South Carolina

January 2024

"Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: The Redistributionist Legacy of Southern Populism"

SERVICE

Co-Organizer of the Program on Constitutionalism and Democracy (PCD) Speaker Series	Sep '25 to Aug '26
Co-President of Graduate Student Association of Political Science (GAPS)	Sep '21 to Aug '22
Participant in Foundational Course Initiative (FCI) Redesign of PS 140	May '21 to Aug '22
Student Co-Organizer for Interdisciplinary Workshop on Comparative Politics (IWCP)	Jan '21 to April '21

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, New York, NY

Oct'16-Jan '18

Community Organizer: Responsible for building local chapters of rabbis and cantors committed to T'ruah's mission.
 Organized successful rabbinic convening attended by 200 rabbis and cantors and guided organizing campaigns to protect asylum seekers in Israel.

JOIN for Justice, Boston, MA

Sep'15-June '16

Fellow: Participated in a diverse array of organizing trainings and engaged in multi-faceted educational sessions.

• Community Organizer: Responsible for strengthening organization by recruiting new member institutions. Organized successful annual MICAH fundraising dinner and expanded organization's geographic reach and issue profile.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Familiar with: R