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Current Positions: **McMahon Family Professor of Political Economy**
Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA

(7/24 –) **Chair, Robert Day School of Economics and Finance**

(7/17 –) **Director, Lowe Institute of Political Economy**
Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA

(1/17 –) **Co-founder and Director**
[Suited](#), Inc.

(7/18 –) **Research Fellow**
Inland Empire Economic Council

(8/22 –) **Associate Editor**
Public Finance Review

Previous Positions: McMahon Family Associate Professor of Political Economy
(4/16 – 4/24) Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA

(9/21 – 6/22) Visiting Scholar, Institute for Advanced Study
Toulouse, France

(2/14 – 4/16) Associate Professor of Economics
Robert Day School of Economics and Finance
Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA

(7/08 – 1/14) Assistant Professor of Economics
Robert Day School of Economics and Finance
Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA

(8/06 – 6/09) Assistant Professor
Department of Economics
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

(9/05 – 7/06) Postdoctoral Fellow
International Policy Studies
Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Education:
(9/00 – 9/05) Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford, CA
Ph.D. in Political Economy

Advisor: Romain Wacziarg
Essays on the Political Economy of Fiscal and Monetary Policy

(9/96 – 6/00) Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Physics
Bachelor of Arts (A.B.) in Economics
Elected Phi Beta Kappa

Publications: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

* *undergraduate coauthor*

“Mobilization and Backlash: Campaign Ads and the Importance of Targeting” 2024.
Review of Economics and Statistics, forthcoming

“Where Does Opportunity Knock? Executives and Distributive Politics” 2023.
Journal of Public Economics. 225: 104961.

Gründler, Klaus, Niklas Potrafke, and Cameron A. Shelton. *Forthcoming*. “Outcomes of Partisan Politics.” *Elgar Encyclopedia of Public Choice*

Shelton, Cameron. 2022. “Age Demographics and the Tax Mix in US States.” *Public Finance Review*. 50(1): 120-130.

Sabouni, Hisam and Cameron Shelton. 2022. “Gerrymandering in State Legislatures: Frictions from Axiomatic Bargaining.” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. 14(4): 1-25.

Sabouni, Hisam and Cameron Shelton. 2021. “State Legislative Redistricting: The Effectiveness of Traditional Districting Principles in the 2010 Wave.” *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy* 20.2: 198-214.

“Fleeing a Lame Duck: Policy Uncertainty and Manufacturing Investment in U.S. States” (with Nathan Falk*) *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* (2018), 10 (4): 135-52.

“Congress and the Federal Reserve” (with Gregory Hess)
Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking (2016), 48(4), 603-633.

“Attribution Error in Economic Voting: Evidence from Trade Shocks” (with Masami Imai and Rosa Hayes*), *Economic Inquiry* (2015), 51(1), 258-275.

“Legislative Electoral Budget Cycles” *Public Choice* (2014), 159(1), 251-275.

“Cleaning up the Kitchen Sink: Specification Tests and Average Derivative Estimators for Growth Econometrics” (with Francisco Rodríguez), *Journal of Macroeconomics* (2013), 38, 260-273.

“Caught in a poverty trap? Testing for single vs. multiple equilibrium models of growth” (with Francisco Rodríguez) *Journal of Globalization and Development* (2013), 3(2), 1-25.

“The Vicious Cycle: Fundraising and Perceived Viability in US Presidential Primaries” (with James Feigenbaum*) *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* (2012) 7: 1-40.

“The Information Content of Elections and Varieties of the Partisan Political Business Cycle” *Public Choice* (2012) 150(1-2) 209-240

“Elections and Political Risk: New Evidence from Political Prediction Markets in Taiwan” (with Masami Imai) *Journal of Public Economics* (2011), 95(7-8) 837-849

“Comment on Lederman and Maloney’s ‘In Search of the Missing Resource Curse’” *Economia* (2009), 9(1) 44-52.

“The Aging Population and the Size of the Welfare State: Is There A Puzzle?” *Journal of Public Economics* (2008), 92(3-4) 647-651.

“The Size and Composition of Government Expenditure” *Journal of Public Economics* (2007), 91(11) 2230-2260.

Working Papers

“Dead Money: Measuring the Influence of Representatives on Post-Passage Appropriations” (with Adhitya Venkatraman*) 2024
Under Review

“Elections and Domestic Violence” (with Anson Bouchard* and Minjae Kim) 2024

“Estimating the Productivity Cost of Crony Capitalism in Russia” 2019

Publications: Book Chapters

“Sleeping in the Bed One Makes: The Venezuelan Fiscal Policy Response to the Oil Boom” (with María Antonia Moreno), in *Venezuela, Anatomy of a Collapse*, Eds. Ricardo Hausmann and Francisco Rodriguez, Penn State University Press. *December 2013*

Publications: Book Reviews

Review of “Modeling the Composition of Government Expenditure” (2011) by Creedy J. and Moslehi, S., *Journal of Economics and Statistics* (2012) vol. 232, no. 5, p590-592

Teaching [Instructor of record]

Economics Tutorial for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics [undergraduate, tutorial]

Public Finance [undergraduate, upper division]

Intermediate Macroeconomics [undergraduate, core]

Advanced Macroeconomics [undergraduate, upper division]

Introduction to Game Theory [undergraduate, lower division],

Growth and Development: Theory and Implications (masters)

The Political Economy of Governance (masters)

Applied Game Theory for Political Economy (masters)

Political Economy (doctoral, undergraduate)

Related Experience

AY 2021-22 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Advanced Study, Toulouse, France

Summer 2018 Visiting Scholar, Condorcet Center for Political Economy, Rennes, France

Summer 2016 Visiting Scholar, CESifo, Munich, Germany

May 2008 Honors Examiner in Public Finance, Swarthmore College

Summer 2002 Trento Summer School in Adaptive Economic Processes, Trento, Italy

Summer 2002 SSRC Summer Workshop in Applied Economics: Risk and Uncertainty

Research Funding

BLAIS Challenge Grant [2013]

Lowie Institute Summer Research Grant [2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2020]

Professional Awards

Wicksell Prize for the best paper by a young author presented at the First World Meeting of the Public Choice Societies (Amsterdam, April 2007)

Jaedicke Merit Award (outstanding graduate students at Stanford GSB) (2001)

Referee Activity

American Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economic Studies, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, European Journal of Political Economy, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, Public Choice, American Politics Research, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Economic Letters, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Economics and Politics, Eastern Economic Journal, International Tax and Public Finance, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Systems, Berkeley Economic Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, International Review of Law and Economics, China Economic Review, Review of Economics and Institutions, British Journal of Political Science, Economica, Economica, Public Finance Review, Public Finance Analysis, Comparative Political Studies,

Professional Associations

Member: CESifo, American Economic Association, American Political Science Association, Public Choice Society