

CONTACT INFORMATION	Department of Political Science Northwestern University 601 University Place, 2nd Floor Evanston, IL 60202	(847) 467-4067 thurston@northwestern.edu http://sites.northwestern.edu/cnt993/
RESEARCH INTERESTS	American Politics, American Political Development, Public Policy, Housing and Credit Policy, American Political Economy	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Northwestern University Associate Professor, Political Science Department, 2022- Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, 2018- Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, 2015-2022 College Fellow, 2014-2015 Johns Hopkins University Charles and Amy Scharf Post-Doctoral Fellow, Political Science Department, 2013-2014	
EDUCATION	University of California at Berkeley Ph.D. in Political Science, 2013 Dissertation: <i>Pushing the Boundaries: Citizens Groups and the Expansion of Access to Homeownership in the United States</i> Committee: Paul Pierson (co-chair), Nick Ziegler (co-chair), Margaret Weir, Neil Fligstein M.A. in Political Science, 2008 Johns Hopkins University B.A. in Economics and Political Science, 2007 Departmental honors in political science University honors	
PUBLICATIONS/ IN PRESS	In Press. "Racial Orders and Market Logics in American Political Development." In Randall Hansen and Kimberley Johnson, eds., <i>Race, Illiberalism, and the Executive State: A Festschrift for Desmond King</i> (Oxford University Press), chapter 13. In Press. "Building a Liberalism that Builds: Scaffolding in the FHA's Early Years." In Sarah Igo and Ganesh Sitaram, eds. <i>How the New Deal Was Run</i> (University of Chicago Press) 2026. "Understanding employee trade-offs in remote work: toward more sustainable workplace design." Joint with Beata Wozniak-Jechorek, Megha Patnaik, and Amanda d'Urso. <i>Journal of Strategic Information Systems</i>. 2026. "Building a Nation of Investors." In Lawrence Jacobs and Desmond King, eds., <i>Picking Winners: Citizenship, Central Banks, and Consumer Finance</i> (Oxford University Press) 2026. "Financial Epidemiology: Linking Financialization to Population Health." Joint with Joseph Bruch. <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>.	

2025. "The Political Economy of Racial Capitalism in the United States." *Annual Review of Political Science*.

2024 *The Political Development of American Debt Relief*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Joint with Emily Zackin.

Honorable Mention, J. David Greenstone Award, American Political Science Association Politics and History section

Coverage: *New Books in Public Policy Podcast*, June 2024; *Balkanization* symposium, August 2024; *The Nation*, October 2024; *The Atlantic*, October 2024; *Economic Sociology*, November 2024.

2023. "How should we govern housing markets in a moral political economy?" *Daedalus*, Vol. 152, No. 1: 194-197.

2023. "Race and Historical Political Economy." In *Oxford Handbook in Historical Political Economy*, edited by Jeffrey Jenkins and Jared Rubin. Joint with David Bateman and Jacob Grumbach.

2022. "APD as a Problem-Driven Enterprise" Joint with Daniel Galvin. *Studies in American Political Development*.

2022. "From the Margins to the Center: A Bottom-Up Approach to Welfare State Scholarship." Joint with Jamila Michener and Mallory SoRelle. *Perspectives on Politics*. Vol. 20, No. 1: 154-169.

Heinz Eulau Award, American Political Science Association, 2023

2021. "Racial Inequality, Market Inequality, and the American Political Economy." Chapter 4 in Jacob Hacker, Alex Hertel-Fernandez, Paul Pierson, and Kathleen Thelen, eds., *American Political Economy* (New York: Cambridge University Press)

2020. "Hidden Fees? The hidden state framework and the reform prospects for systems of monetary sanctions." *UCLA Criminal Justice Law Review*, Vol. 4, No. 1.

2020. "The Limited Party-Building Effects of Policy Feedback," chapter 2, in Phil Rocco and Zac Callen, eds. *An Unsettled Time: American Political Development and the Trump Presidency*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. Joint with Daniel Galvin.

2020. "From Personal to Partisan: Abortion, Party, and Religion Among California State Legislators." Joint with David Karol. *Studies in American Political Development*. Vol. 34. No. 1.

2018. *At the Boundaries of Homeownership: Credit, Discrimination and the American State*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

J. David Greenstone Award, American Political Science Association Politics and History section

Finalist, Association of American Publishers PROSE Award, Social Sciences

Reviewed by *Journal of American History*

Coverage: *New Books in Political Science Podcast*, October 2018; Niskanen Center, "How Public Policy Intentionally Segregated American Homeowners," December 2018; and *Majority Report with Sam Seder*, April 2019; *Marketplace*, October 2024

2018. "American Political Development in the Era of Black Lives Matter." *Politics*,

Groups, and Identities 6(1): 116-19. Joint with Debra Thompson.

Reprinted in Nadia Brown, Ray Block Jr., and Christopher Stout, eds. *The Politics of Protest: Readings on the Black Lives Matter Movement*, Routledge, 2021, chap. 1.

2018. "Black Lives Matter, American Political Development, and the Politics of Visibility." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 6(1): 162-70.

2017. "The Democrats' Misplaced Faith in Policy Feedback." *The Forum* 15(2): 333-343. Joint with Daniel Galvin.

2015. "Policy Feedback in the Public-Private Welfare State: Citizens Advocacy Groups and the Expansion of Access to Government Homeownership Programs." *Studies in American Political Development* 29(2):250-67.

2014. "From Metaphors to Measures: Observable Indicators of Gradual Institutional Change." *Journal of Public Policy* 34(1): 35-62. Joint with Phil Rocco.

UNDER REVIEW

"On 'Deliverism' and the Presumed Link Between Policy Feedback and Party Success." Joint with Dan Galvin and John McGovern. *Revise and resubmit*.

"Race, Capitalism, and Comparative Historical Analysis." Joint with Molly Schiffer. *Revise and resubmit*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

An Investor's Republic. Book project in progress.

"Re-examining the Role of Families and Schools in Teen Political Socialization." Joint with Tabitha Bonilla, Claire Mackevicius, and Matthew Nelson.

PUBLIC WRITING

"An Investor's Republic: How America Fell in Love with Stocks" *The Berlin Journal* 2025-2026, No. 39

"Can Personal Debt Mobilize Voters?" *LPE Blog*, 6/25/24, <https://lpeproject.org/blog/can-personal-debt-mobilize-voters/> (Joint with Emily Zackin.)

"What's Next for American Democracy? Eighteen top experts lay out our emerging threats—and how we might come together to address them." *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*, Fall 2023, No. 70 (Joint with many others.)

"History Says Student Loan Debt Relief Isn't Un-American." *Washington Post: Made by History*, 6/30/23, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/made-by-history/2023/06/30/debt-relief-history/> (Joint with Emily Zackin)

"How Abortion Politics Finally Ate Dan Lapinski." *The Daily Beast*, 3/19/20. (Joint with David Karol.)

"Gender Matters in the Fight for Contraceptive Coverage." *Ms.*, 5/11/17 at <http://ms-magazine.com/blog/2017/05/11/gender-matters-fight-contraceptive-coverage/>

"What Organizers Can Learn From the Women in Mississippi." *Ms.*, 1/13/17 at <http://ms-magazine.com/blog/2017/02/13/organizers-can-learn-women-mississippi/>

"How Patronage Politics Ate the Port Authority" (with Phil Rocco) *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*, 1/13/14 at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/01/13/how-patronage-politics-ate-the-port-authority/>

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Berlin Prize Fellow, American Academy in Berlin, Fall 2025

J. David Greenstone Prize, Honorable Mention, 2025
 Northwestern Institute for Policy Research Seed Grant, 2023
 Northwestern Racial Justice Seed Grant, 2023
 AT&T Research Fellow, Northwestern WCAS, 2022-24
 Distinguished Teaching Award, Northwestern Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, 2022
 Baker Faculty Fellow, Northwestern WCAS, 2022
 Political Science Department Curricular Development Award, 2021
 J. David Greenstone Book Prize, APSA Politics and History Section, 2020
 Member, School of Social Sciences, Institute for Advanced Study, 2019-20
 Northwestern Public Voices Fellowship Program, 2016-7
 Northwestern WCAS Hewlett Teaching Fellow, 2016-7
 Kellogg School of Management Dispute Resolution Research Center Grant, 2015, 2016
 Miller Center National Fellowship, UVA (declined), 2013
 APSA Congressional Fellowship (declined), 2013
 Outstanding GSI Award, UC Berkeley, 2012
 Moody Research Grant, Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation, 2012
 Hagley Library Exploratory Grant, 2012
 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Honorable Mention, 2012
 DAAD Intensive German Study Grant, 2011
 Simpson Fellowship, Berkeley Institute for International Studies, 2010
 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2010
 Mellon Fellowship, Council of European Studies, Columbia University, 2009
 Research Grant, Berkeley Center for European Studies, 2009
 Regents Intern Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2007-2009

INVITED TALKS,
 WORKSHOPS, AND
 PANEL
 PRESENTATIONS

How Americans Became Investors, Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary, November 2025.
 The Political Development of American Debt Relief, Center for American Studies, University of Heidelberg, Germany, November 2025.
 Bringing the Culture War Home? Political Science Workshop, Central European University, Vienna, Austria, November 2025.
 How Americans Became Investors. Historical Association of Deutsche Bank, Frankfurt, Germany, October 2025.
 How Americans Became Investors. American Academy in Berlin, American Political Economy Lecture, September 2025.
 An Investor's Republic, Yale American Politics Workshop, April 2025.
 The Political Development of American Debt Relief, University of Oregon, April 2025.
 The Political Development of American Debt Relief, Harvard Kennedy School, November 2024.
 Investor Citizenship, Oxford Central Banking Working Group, Nuffield College, Oxford University, May 2024.
 Building a Liberalism that Builds: Scaffolding and Implementation in the FHA's Early Years, How the New Deal Was Run, Vanderbilt University, May 2024.
 The Political Development of American Debt Relief, University of Notre Dame, Rooney Series, April 2024.
 What's Next for American Democracy? University of Minnesota Humphrey School Panel, November 2023.

The Political Development of American Debt Relief, Harvard Law School, Program on Law and Political Economy, October 2023.

The Political Development of American Debt Relief, University of Chicago Crown School of Social Work, Michael M. Davis Lecture Series, October 2023.

Credit, Debt and Inequality, Complex Systems Approaches to 21st Century Challenges Workshop, Santa Fe Institute, July 2023.

Race, Reconstruction and the Bankruptcy Act of 1867, Workshop on Race and the Nature of Capitalism, Princeton CDSP, May 2023.

The Political Development of American Debt Relief. University of Virginia, Department of Politics, April 2023.

The Political Development of American Debt Relief. Cornell University, Brooks School Public Policy Workshop, December 2022.

The Politics of Debt Relief and Economic Rights in U.S. History: Race, Gender, and Class: A book talk and conversation with Sara Chatfield, Emily Zackin, and Chloe Thurston. University of Denver. May 2022.

The Politics and History of U.S. Federal Credit Policy, Institute for New Economic Thinking Meeting on Household Debt Restructuring, New York, NY, February 2022.

The Political Economy of American Debt Relief, Queen Mary University of London, October 2021.

Moral Markets in Housing, CASBS Stanford, May 2021.

Debtors and American Political Development. University of Maryland American Politics Workshop, March 2021.

Housing, Race and Economic Discrimination. UC Davis/Aoki Center Speaker Series, March 2021.

Debtors and American Political Development. University of Georgia Politics and History Conference, January 2021.

At the Boundaries of Homeownership. UCLA Luskin School, Public Policy Department, December 2020.

The Politics of Financial Inclusion. Johns Hopkins, SNF Agora, November 2020.

Racial Divides, the Knowledge Economy, and the Politics of Welfare State Adaptation in the United States."MIT Workshop on American Political Economy, February 2020.

Market Logics, Racial Orders, and the Study of American Political Development, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, December 2019.

Market Logics, Racial Orders, and the Study of American Political Development, Columbia University American Politics Workshop, November 2019.

Market Logics, Racial Orders, and the Study of American Political Development, Yale Center for the Study of American Politics Workshop, October 2019.

The Political Economy of Monetary Sanctions, Progressing Reforms of Fees and Fines: Towards a Research and Policy Agenda, Harvard Law School, September 2019.

Racial Orders, Market Logics, and the Study of American Political Development, Paper presented at the 2019 Workshop on Race and History, University of Oregon, June 2019.

Expanding the Margins of the Welfare State (joint with Jamila Michener and Mallory

SoRelle), Paper presented at the 2019 Workshop on APD and Social Policy, Northwestern University, May 2019.

An American Dilemma? Race, Assets, and the American Political Economy. Paper presented at the 2019 Workshop on the American Political Economy, MIT, May 2019.

The Dividing Welfare State: Race, Differential Inclusion and the Politics of Home Lending in the 1960s, Paper presented at the 2018 Workshop on Political Geography and Inequality, Brown University, December 2018.

The Dividing Welfare State: Race, Gender, and the Development of Asset-Building Social Policies in the United States. Johns Hopkins University, Twenty-First Century Cities Workshop on Inequality and Social Policy, April 2018.

At the Boundaries of Homeownership: Credit, Discrimination, and the American State. University of Chicago American Politics Workshop, November 2017.

The Politics of Homeownership in the United States. 2017 Chicago Area Political Behavior Workshop.

Credit and Citizenship in the United States. American Bar Foundation, November 2014.

Religion, party, and the shifting abortion vote in the California State Assembly, 1967 to 2000. (Joint with David Karol.) University of Maryland American Politics Research Workshop, in April 2014.

Bankers in the Bedroom: Women and Credit in the 1970s. Johns Hopkins Political Science Seminar, October 2013.

The Expansion of Government Homeownership Policies. Berkeley-Warwick-Uppsala working group, Uppsala, Sweden, June 2013.

Presenter at the U.C. Washington Center Research Lunch Series, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013.

Just How Many Immigrants from Heaven? The politics of Eastern European labor market access in Britain. Paper presented at the Harvard-Manchester Workshop on Immigration and Social Change, Manchester, United Kingdom, June 2008.

Updated version presented in April 2010 at EU Center for Excellence Teacher's Conference, invited.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Panel on Credit and Debt, Consortium for American Political Economy Annual Conference, August 2022.

The Political Economy of American Debt Relief, APSA Annual Conference, September 2021.

"Racial Inequality, Market Inequality, and the American Political Economy." APSA, September 2020.

Market Logics, Racial Orders, and the Study of American Political Development. Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2019.

Panelist, "Racial Conflict in the United States," Roundtable for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2019.

Author Panelist, Author Meets Critics, *At the Boundaries of Homeownership*, by Chloe Thurston, MPSA 2019, APSA 2019.

Panelist, "Historical Perspectives on US Housing Policy," Roundtable sponsored by the National History Center of the American Historical Association for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago IL, January 2019.

Panelist, Author Meets Critics, *The Polarizers*, by Sam Rosenfeld. MPSA 2018.

Contesting Bureaucratic Autonomy: The Post-Enactment Politics of Fair Lending Law. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 2017.

American Dream Denied: The Politics of Homeownership in the US. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2017.

Roundtable: Barrington Moore at 50. Social Science History Conference, November 2016.

Minority Rights Movements and the Delegated State. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2016.

Advocacy Groups and Mortgage Lending in the 1950s. Paper presented at the Policy History Conference, June 2016.

Credit and Citizenship in the United States. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2014; To be presented at 2015 Social Sciences History Conference, November 2015, Baltimore, MD.

Policy Preference Shifts in Organized Labor: An Examination of Post-War Pensions and Housing. (With Mike McCarthy.) Paper presented at the Policy History Conference, June 2014.

Religion, party, and the shifting abortion vote in the California State Assembly, 1967 to 2000. (With David Karol.) Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, April 2014.

Pushing the Boundaries: African Americans, Veterans and the Expansion of Government Homeownership Policies. Paper presented at the APSA 2013 and MPSA 2013.

Housing Policy in the New Deal and Fair Deal. Paper presented at the Policy History Conference, June 2012.

From Metaphors to Measurements: Rethinking Indicators of Gradual Institutional Change (with Phil Rocco). Paper presented at the Policy History Conference, June 2012.

Going for Broke? Consumer Credit, Bankruptcy and the Welfare State. Paper presented at the Council of European Studies Conference of Europeanists, March 2012.

Drifting Towards Non-Standard Employment? Labor Market and Social Policy in the United States, Germany, and the Netherlands. Paper presented at the Council for European Studies Conference of Europeanists, March 2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University

Graduate: Qualitative Methods, American Political Development, American Political Economy

Undergraduate: Introduction to American Politics and Government (220); First Year Seminar in Political Inequality (101); Public Policy (328); The Politics of U.S. Housing Policy (390); Policy Problems and Policy Reform (395); Interest Groups, Social Movements, and the Policy Process (395)

Johns Hopkins University

Interest Groups, Social Movements, and the Policy Process
American Political Economy

Graduate Tutor, University of California, Washington Center

General Research Design Seminar

Graduate Student Instructor, University of California at Berkeley

Introduction to American Politics
Urban and Metropolitan Politics and Policy
Varieties of Capitalism [Comparative Political Economy]

Other teaching related experience

Connecticut Black & Latino History Project, Gilder Lerman Center (Yale) 2022, Guest instructor

Teaching American Politics in the Age of Trump, 2019 APSA Short Course Facilitator

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Associate Editor, *Perspectives on Politics*, 2025 -

Series Co-Editor, American Governance: Politics, Policy, and Public Law, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2024 -

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research, Advisory Board, 2024 -

APSA American Political Economy Organized Section, Co-Chair, 2022-2025

APSA Politics and History Section: Council, 2021-2023; Program Co-Chair, 2023-2024; J. David Greenstone Book Prize Committee, 2021

APSA Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section: Program Chair, 2021-2022; Emerging Scholar Workshop Steering Committee, 2023-25; Sartori Best Book Award Committee 2023; Koivu Best Article Award, 2021

APSA Public Policy Section: Best Paper on Public Policy Committee, 2020

APSA Urban Politics Section: Dissertation Award Committee, 2022

Living New Deal: Research Board, 2023- ; Book Prize Committee, member 2021- ; Book Prize Committee chair 2024-2026

Politics of Finance Summer School (Brown University Watson Institute), Instructor: 2025 Consortium on the American Political Economy, Summer Academy Instructor: 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference: Politics and History Section Chair, 2018

Western Political Science Association: Politics and History Section Chair, 2017

Editorial Board, *Business and Politics*, 2014-

Managing Editor, *Business and Politics*, 2010-2013

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Political Science Review*; *Business and Politics*; *Cambridge University Press*; *Comparative Politics*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Du Bois Review*; *European Political Science Review*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *MIT Press*; *Oxford University Press*; *Palgrave Macmillan*; *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*; *Journal of Politics*; *Princeton University Press*; *Social Problems*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Policy Studies Journal*; *Public Administration*; Russell Sage Foundation; *Social Policy and Administration*; *Socio-Economic Review*; *Sociological Perspectives*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Studies in American Political Development*; *Government and Opposition*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Urban Affairs Review*; *University of Chicago Press*; *Yale Law Journal*

SERVICE AT NORTHWESTERN	Institute for Policy Research: Executive Committee (2024-2027); Chair, Section on Race, Poverty, Inequality (2024-) Center for Civic Engagement: Faculty Steering Committee (2024 -) American Politics subfield chair (2024-2025) Faculty search committees: American Politics (2017, 2021), History (2021), Environmental Politics and Culture (2022, chair 2024) Northwestern Humanities Council (2020-22) Political Science Department Advisory Committee (2020-2021) One Book, One Northwestern Steering Committee (2017-18, 2022-23) Comparative Historical Social Sciences Program Political Science Faculty Representative (2017-18) Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Workshop Co-Organizer (2016-2018; 2022-23) American Politics Workshop Co-Organizer (2015-2018) Dissertation Committee Member: Sean Diamant (2022), Kumar Ramanathan (2023), Warren Snead (2023), Dara Gaines (2023), Irene Kwon (in progress), Nicolette Ayalon (2025); Michelle Bueno Vasquez (in progress), Jack Garigliano (in progress); Jack McGovern (in progress); Jacob Ball (Rutgers - in progress) Dissertation Committee Chair: Molly Schiffer (in progress); Shai Karp (2025) Senior Thesis Advisor (Political Science: 2016-17; 2017-18; 2020-2021; 2022-2023; 2024-2025; American Studies: 2020-2021; SESP: outside advisor, 2022-23; MMSS: 2023-2024) Political Science Graduate Student Professional Development Programs Panelist: Designing and Teaching Political Science Courses (2017); Job Placement Conference (2015); Dissertation Writing (2015) Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (2015, 2016, 2018, 2021) Faculty Mentor, Farrell Fellowship Program (2015; 2017; 2019; 2024) Fall First Year Seminar Advisor, (2015, 2016, 2017, 2021)
RELATED SKILLS AND TRAINING	Languages: German (reading, intermediate speaking) Goethe Institute Berlin, 2011 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Summer Institute, 2011 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, 2010 Pedagogy Course, UC Berkeley, 2009
VISITING RESEARCHER	University of California, Washington Center 2011-2013 Social Sciences Research Center Berlin (WZB) Summer 2009