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Employment

Department of Political Science
University of Nebraska Omaha
Assistant Professor, 2022—present

Institute for Social Research
University of Michigan
Data Scientist, 2021—2022

Department of Politics & Center for the Study of Democratic Politics
Princeton University
Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2021
Senior Research Assistant, 2020—2021

Education

University of California San Diego
Ph.D., Political Science, 2021
M.A., Political Science, 2016

Tulane University
B.A., Political Science and Spanish, *magna cum laude*, 2014

Publications

Liu, Huchen. 2026. “Presidential Messages on Legislation and the Congressional Targets of Lobbying.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

Liu, Huchen. 2024. “Interbranch Competition Over Control of Federal Agencies and the Selection of Career Executives.” *Congress & the Presidency* 51(3): 239-271.

Winner of the 2024 James A. Thurber Article of the Year Award.

Liu, Huchen. 2024. “Career Motives of Presidential Appointees and Agency Communication Across American States.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 54(4): 481-502.

Liu, Huchen. 2024. “Rulemakers’ Professional Experience and Rulemaking Efficiency in U.S. Federal Agencies.” *American Politics Research* 52(3): 320–337.

Dionne, Lee E., **Huchen Liu**, and Samuel Kernell. 2023. “The Impact of Veto Rhetoric on Legislative Rules,” in Samuel Kernell, *Veto Rhetoric: Presidential Leadership in an Age of Divided Party Control*. SAGE.

Liu, Huchen, Sijing Wei, and Jiarui Zhang. 2023. “Corporate Lobbying and ESG Reports: Patterns Among U.S. Companies, 1999-2017.” *Business and Politics* 25: 293–314.

Liu, Huchen, and Jonathan P. Kastellec. 2023. “The Revolving Door in Judicial Politics: Former Clerks and Agenda Setting on the U.S. Supreme Court.” *American Politics Research* 51(1): 3–22.

Liu, Huchen. 2022. “Campaign Contributions and Access to Congressional Offices: Patterns in Foreign Lobbying Data.” *Political Research Quarterly* 75(3): 812–828.

Liu, Huchen. 2020. “Policy Uncertainty and Demand for Revolving-Door Lobbyists.” *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 9:470–494.

Jacobson, Gary C., and **Huchen Liu**. 2020. “Dealing with Disruption: Congressional Republicans’ Responses to Donald Trump’s Behavior and Agenda.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 50(1): 4-29.

Kernell, Samuel, Roger Larocca, **Huchen Liu**, and Andrew Rudalevige. 2019. “New Data for Investigating the President’s Legislative Program: OMB Logs and SAPs.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 49(2): 330-357.

Liu, Huchen, and Gary C. Jacobson. 2018. “Republican Candidates’ Positions on Donald Trump in the 2016 Congressional Elections: Strategies and Consequences.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 48(1): 49-71.

Other Writings

Liu, Huchen. 2024. “Nikki Haley, hanging on through Super Tuesday, says Trump is weak because he’s not getting as many votes as he should—she’s wrong.” *The Conversation*, March 4.

Media appearances

Appear-

Commentary on 2024 presidential, congressional, and Nebraska state legislative elections, December 20, 2024, *Nebraska Examiner*

On-air interviews on 2024 U.S. elections, November 5, 2024, News Channel Nebraska

Commentary on 2024 elections in Nebraska, October 18, 2024, *Omaha World-Herald*

On-air interviews on Nebraska primary elections, May 2024, News Channel Nebraska

On-air interviews on competition for Republican presidential nomination, January 2024, KETV

On-air commentary on midterm elections, November 8, 2022, Local News LIVE

Media Coverage

Steve Jordon (2024), “To be or not to be political? The business question for the ages.” *Omaha B2B* magazine, April/May. https://issuu.com/omahapublications/docs/bb0524_flipbook.

Joan Biskupic (2023), “Inside the exclusive world of Supreme Court clerks driving America’s legal controversies.” *CNN*, December 15. <https://www.cnn.com/2023/12/15/politics/supreme-court-clerks/index.html>.

Teaching

Course development (UNO):

Money in American Politics (undergraduate and graduate)

State Government and Politics (undergraduate and graduate)

As course instructor (UNO):

Introduction to American Government (in-person, Fall 2022—Spring 2026)

Political Parties in American Politics (online, Spring 2023, Summer 2024, Fall 2025)

State Government and Politics (Fall 2025)

Interest Groups (Spring 2024)

Graduate Seminar in American Government (online, Fall 2023; in-person and online, Fall 2025)

Introduction to Political Inquiry and Writing (online, Fall 2022—Spring 2026)

Graduate Seminar on Political Science Research Methods (online, Fall 2024 and Spring 2025)

As course instructor (UC San Diego):

Introduction to American Politics (in-person, Summer 2018 and Spring 2019)

The U.S. Presidency (in-person, Summer 2019)

The U.S. Congress (online, Summer 2020)

Interest Group Politics (online, Summer 2020)

As discussion section instructor (UC San Diego):

Introduction to American Politics (Winter 2017, Spring 2017, and Fall 2018)

Research Methods (Summer 2017, Spring 2018, and Spring 2020)

Ethics and Society (Fall 2016)

As thesis adviser / research mentor:

Several masters students at UNO, 2022-2023

Several undergraduates at UC San Diego, 2017-2020

Training & Awards Artinian Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association, 2024

Service Learning Seminar, UNO, 2023

Foundations of Online Teaching, UNO, 2023

Certificate of Completion in Evidence-Based Strategies for College Teaching, UC San Diego, 2020

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, 2020 (\$3,000)

Dissertation Research Grant, Center for American Politics, UC San Diego, 2019 (\$3,500)

Friends of the International Center Fellowship, UC San Diego, 2018-2019 (\$2,000)

Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, UC San Diego, 2018 (\$500)

Languages
and Skills

Languages:

Mandarin Chinese (native)

English (fluent)

Spanish (intermediate)

Statistics and programming:

R, Stata, SPSS, Excel (advanced)

Python (basic)

References

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