

Jonathan Colner

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Academic Employment

Data Science Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow 2024 - Present

New York University, Center for Data Science

NSF SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowship 2024 - Present

City University of New York, Graduate Center

Education

PhD Political Science, 2024

Designated Emphasis in Computational Social Sciences

University of California, Davis

- Dissertation: “Legislative Attention and Electoral Institutions in City Councils”
- Committee: Scott MacKenzie, Ryan Hübert, Christopher Hare

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science 2017

University of Chicago

Research

Publications

Going into Government: How Hiring from Special Interests Reduces Their Influence

Coauthored with Ryan Hübert and Janna King Rezaee

2023. *American Journal of Political Science* 67(2): 485–498. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12701>.

Conditionally Accepted and Forthcoming

Running Towards Rankings: Ranked Choice Voting’s Impact on Candidate Entry and Descriptive Representation

Conditionally accepted at the *American Journal of Political Science*

Working Papers

Detecting Formatted Text: Data Collection Using Computer Vision

Under Review

Ward Against Ward? District Elections and Particularism in U.S. City Councils

2024 Best APSA Paper Award (Urban and Local Politics Section/Urban Affairs Review)

Ranked Choice Voting and Political Expression: How Voting Aids Influence Informed and Uninformed Citizens’ Decision-making

Coauthored with Cheryl Boudreau and Scott MacKenzie

What a DRAG! Data from Retrieval-Augmented Generation

Start Spreading the Views? An Experimental Study of the Effects of Endorsements in Local Elections Using RCV

Coauthored with Cheryl Boudreau and Scott MacKenzie

Local Birds or a National Flock: Measuring Ideology at the Local Level Using Twitter

Policy Reports

The Short-Term Impact of Ranked-Choice Voting on Candidate Entry and Descriptive Representation 2023, Available at [New America](#).

Lessons from Cities Considering Congestion Pricing

Coauthored with Mollie D'Agostino

2022, UC Office of the President: [University of California Institute of Transportation Studies](#)

Ranked-Choice Voting and Political Expression: How Voting Aids Narrow the Gap between Informed and Uninformed Citizens

Coauthored with Cheryl Boudreau and Scott MacKenzie

2020, Available at [New America](#).

Awards and Grants

National Science Foundation Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (2024 – present)	\$160,000
University of California, Davis Living Expense Fellowship (2024)	\$1,650
University of California, Davis Jackman Award (2023)	\$500
Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship (2022-2023)	\$50,000
New America Research Grant (2022)	\$7,000
University of California, Davis Summer Methods Grant (2021)	\$500
Bret Hewitt Incoming Student Award (2019)	\$1,500
Dean's Distinguished Graduate Fellowship (DDGF) L & S Fellowship (2019-2021)	\$96,000

Conferences

CSAP American Politics Conference (Invited)	2024
Junior Americanists Workshop MPSA Pre-Conference (Invited)	2023
Annual Midwest Political Science Conference	2022, 2023, 2024
Annual Western Political Science Conference	2023
Annual Urban Affairs Association Conference	2023

Annual American Political Science Conference
APSA Pre-conference on Language Models in Social Science

2023, 2024
2024

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

University of California, Davis

- Courses: Local Government and Politics, The Legislative Process, and International Migration

Professional Service

Graduate Association of Political Science Students

2020 –2021

Graduate Student Association Representative

Graduate Association of Political Science Students

2021 –2022

Vice President

Political Science Research Workshop, UC Davis

2021 – 2024

Administrative Assistant

Additional Skills

Programming: R, Python, Stata, LaTeX, SQL, ArcGIS