

# Nathan D. Gibson

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RESEARCH INTERESTS Presidential management of the executive branch; Congress; separation of powers; bureaucratic capacity

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute**  
Postdoctoral Fellow Fall 2022–2023

**Princeton University**  
Postgraduate Research Associate and Lecturer Spring 2022

EDUCATION **Princeton University**  
Ph.D., Politics 2021

*Dissertation:* Presidential Use of Centralization and Politicization

*Fields:* American Politics, Formal & Quantitative Methods

*Committee:* Brandice Canes-Wrone (Chair), Charles Cameron, Nolan McCarty

M.A., Politics 2017

**Vanderbilt University**  
B.A., Public Policy Studies, *Cum Laude* 2015

*Policy track:* Education Policy

Minor in Mathematics

## PUBLISHED WORKS

Cameron, Charles M., and Nathan D. Gibson. 2020. “New Directions in Veto Bargaining: Message Legislation, Virtue Signaling, and Electoral Accountability.” In *SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science & International Relations*, eds. Luigi Curini and Robert J. Franzese. London: SAGE. 224-243.

Canes-Wrone, Brandice, and Nathan D. Gibson. 2019. “Does Money Buy Congressional Love? Individual Donors and Legislative Voting.” *Congress & the Presidency* 46(1): 1-27.

Canes-Wrone, Brandice, and Nathan D. Gibson. 2019. “Developments in Congressional Responsiveness to Donor Opinion.” In *Can America Govern Itself?*, eds. Frances E. Lee and Nolan M. McCarty. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 69-92.

WORKING PAPERS

- “A Theory of Presidential Centralization and Politicization” (*Under review*)
- “The Politics of Presidential Centralization”
- “The Strategic Contexts of Presidential Centralization”
- “The Politicization of Congressional Capacity” (with Ben Hammond and Leah Rosenstiel)
- “Congressional Capacity and Committee Oversight of the Executive Branch” (with Ben Hammond and Leah Rosenstiel) (*In progress*)

TEACHING

- Postgraduate Lecturer:* POL 329 Policy Making in America      Spring 2022  
*Co-Instructor:* Charles Cameron
- Graduate Teaching Fellow:* Assistant in Instruction Orientation      Fall 2021  
*McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, Princeton University*
- Head Preceptor:* POL 325 The Presidency and Executive Power      Fall 2020  
*Instructor:* Lauren Wright  
*(Note: Taught virtually using Zoom)*
- Preceptor:* POL 325 The Presidency and Executive Power      Fall 2018  
*Instructor:* Lauren Wright
- Preceptor:* POL 220 American Politics      Fall 2017  
*Instructors:* Paul Frymer and Sarah Staszak

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award      2022  
*Awarded by APSA’s Presidents and Executive Politics section for the best dissertation on the presidency completed in 2021*
- Dean’s Completion Fellowship      2021  
*Competitive Princeton fellowship for an extended semester of funding*
- Summer Institute for Collaborative Teaching Grant      2021  
*Competitive \$1,000 summer grant plus semester of funding for collaboration with Charles Cameron to re-design and co-teach POL 329*
- University Fellowship      2016–2021  
*Princeton University full-time Ph.D. fellowship*
- CSDP Graduate Student Research Grant      Fall 2018  
*\$4,200 grant for archival research on presidential centralization*
- CSDP Graduate Student Research Grant      Spring 2018  
*\$5,000 grant for congressional staff capacity project (with Ben Hammond and Leah Rosenstiel)*
- William S. Carpenter Fund in Politics      2015–2016  
*Fellowship awarded to outstanding applicants in Princeton Politics*

PRESENTATIONS	Centralization, Politicization, and the Trump Administration <i>American Political Science Association</i>	2021
	Centralization, Politicization, and the Modern Presidency <i>American Political Science Association</i>	2020
	Empirical Implications of Presidential Centralization with Politicization <i>American Political Science Association</i>	2019
	Presidential Use of Centralization and Politicization (JSS Session) <i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	2019
	The Politicization of Congressional Capacity (with Ben Hammond and Leah Rosenstiel) <i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	2019

REFERENCES

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 Stanford University  
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