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**Education:**

Ph.D in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, 2021.

B.A., Political Science (with Honors), American University, 2016

**Research Interests:**

Brian studies American politics with particular interests in distributive politics, public policy, elections, and political behavior. Current projects explore electoral reforms and voter turnout, policy voting in the New Deal era, inequalities in city service delivery, and the politics of local education spending. His research has been published in the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, and *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, among other outlets, and covered in *The New York Times*.

**Classes Taught:**

POLI 2051: American Government

POLI 4035: The Legislative Process

Outside of academia, Brian is an amateur dodgeball player, red wine enthusiast, and devoted Swiftie.