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2. Bonica, Adam and Zhao Li. “[Inferring Candidates’ Issue-Specific Positions from Itemized Campaign Contributions Using Supervised Machine Learning.](#)”

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13. [“Democrats’ fundraising tactics aren’t just annoying. They’re backfiring.”](#), MSNBC Opinion, December 13, 2024
12. [“Democrats Must Reform the Electoral Count Act and Pass Comprehensive Voting Rights Legislation.”](#), Democracy Docket, January 19, 2022 (with Charlotte Hill, Jake Grumbach, and Hakeem Jefferson)
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10. [“We Should Never Have to Vote in Person Again”](#), New York Times, May 4, 2020 (with Charlotte Hill, Jake Grumbach, and Hakeem Jefferson).
9. [“Want Americans to vote? Give them the day off.”](#), Washington Post, October 10, 2018 (with Michael McFaul).
8. [“Helping citizens unite in post-Citizens United America”](#), The Hill, September, 25, 2018 (with Gisel Kordestani).
7. [“What’s Good for Democracy Is Also Good for Democrats”](#), New York Times, July 26, 2018.
6. [“The political donations made by Robert Mueller’s team are not evidence of bias”](#), Los Angeles Times, July 28, 2017 (with Adam Chilton and Maya Sen).
5. [“New data show how liberal Merrick Garland really is”](#), Washington Post, March 30, 2016 (with Adam Chilton, Jacob Goldin, Kyle Rozema and Maya Sen).

4. “[How wealthy campaign donors may reduce political polarization and weaken the tea party](#)”, Washington Post, April 24, 2014 (with Jenny Shen).
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**INVITED
PRESENTATIONS**

Duke Sanford School, 2024

UC Berkeley, Political Economy Workshop, 2023

University of North Carolina, American Politics Workshop, 2023

Harvard Business School, Political Economy Workshop, 2022

Harvard Law School Law and Politics Workshop, 2021

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National Press Foundation, 2020

Stanford Conference on Political Reform, CDDRL, 2019

University of Copenhagen, 2019

Northeast Political Methodology Meeting, New York University, 2019

University of Southern California, Law School, 2019

Candidates and Competition in American Elections, Princeton CSDP, 2019

Brigham Young University, Political Science Department, 2019

University of Chicago, Computational Social Science Workshop, 2019

UC Irvine, Law School, 2019

Social Science Network Annual Conference, 2019

UC Davis, Working Group on Machine Learning and Political Science, 2018

UC Irvine, Conference on Money and Politics, 2018

Reviving American Democracy, Northwestern University, 2018

University of Houston, Health Politics Conference, 2017

Berlin, Democratic Anxieties, 2017

UGA, Keith Poole Retrospective Conference, 2017

Vanderbilt Law School, 2017

Campaign Finance Task Force Meeting, 2017

UGA, 2016 Post-Election Conference, 2017

UW Madison, American Politics Workshop, 2016

Duke University, Big Problems in American Democracy Speaker Series, 2016

Social Science Network, "Purchasing Power? The Next Generation of Research on Money in Politics," 2016

Univ. of Colorado Law School, Conference on Money and the First Amendment, 2016

IAST, Mapping Political Preferences, 2016

MIT, Ideal Point Conference, 2015

UC Berkeley, Travers Conference on Ethics and Accountability in Government, 2015

Russell Sage Foundation, Conference on Big Data and Political Economy, 2014

NYU Law School, Colloquium on Law, Politics, and Economics, 2014

University of Portland, Garaventa Center Public Lecture, 2014

National Institute on Money in State Politics, Annual Conference, 2014

Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Money in Politics Conference, 2014

Stanford Law School, Law and Politics Workshop, 2014

Duke, American Politics Workshop, 2014

University of Georgia, American Politics Workshop, 2013

Princeton University, Political Methodology Research Seminar, 2013

Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, 2013

NYU, Social Media and Political Participation Lab Meeting, 2013

Yale University, Center for the Study of American Politics, Summer Conference, 2013

University of Rochester, American Politics Workshop, 2013

Willamette University College of Law, Symposium on Campaign Finance Developments, 2013

University of Michigan, American Politics Workshop, 2013

UC Berkeley, American Politics Workshop, 2012

University of Chicago Harris School, American Politics Workshop, 2012

MIT, Emerging Scholars Conference, 2012

UCLA, American Politics Workshop, 2012

IRISS, Philanthropy, Policy and Technology, 2012

Stanford University, Conference on Computation Social Science, 2012

SEIPR Policy Forum, Money, Politics, and the Economy, 2012

Princeton University Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, 2011

Princeton University Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, 2010

Georgetown University, Ideology: Structures, Causes and Consequences, 2010

Saint Louis Area Methods Meeting, Washington University, 2010

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS Conference on Empirical Legal Studies: 2014
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