

## Julia Bitz Christensen

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EDUCATION      **University of California, Berkeley**, Berkeley, CA  
Ph.D. *Political Science*, Expected: May 2026  
- Fields: American Politics, Political Behavior, Methodology and Formal Theory  
**Georgetown University**, Washington, DC  
B.S. *Political Science, Economics* (Magna Cum Laude), May 2015  
- Minor: Mathematics  
- Thesis: “Examining Private Prisons and Misaligned Incentives: Contracts and the Challenge of Minimizing Short-term and Long-term Costs”  
- Advisors: Daniel Hopkins, Ph.D and Hans Noel, Ph.D

RESEARCH INTERESTS      News media and public policy  
- Developing theory of elite learning from media coverage  
- Identifying racial, class, and geographic patterns of media bias  
- Determining sources of media bias  
- Tracing media bias to policy outcomes

WORKING PAPERS      Christensen, Julia, “Elite News Consumption: Evidence from White House Clipbooks”  
Christensen, Julia, “What news gets read by public officials? Using public information requests to evaluate news consumption by government elites”  
Christensen, Julia, “Local Media & Agenda Setting”  
Christensen, Julia, “Using News Pressure to Identify the Effect of News Coverage on Public Policy”  
Christensen, Julia, “Contextual Effects, Social Pressure, and Misreported Turnout: Assessing the effect of presidential approval on self-reported turnout and vote choice”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS      “Local Media & Agenda Setting” (panel).  
Presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia 2024.  
“Contextual Effects, Social Pressure, and Misreported Turnout” (poster).  
Presented at the Political Methodology Summer Meeting, Rochester 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE      Fall 2024, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “Public Opinion, Voting and Participation” (course description)  
Summer 2024, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “Special Topics in International Relations: Ethics and War” (course description)  
Spring 2024, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “Introduction to American Politics” (course description)  
Fall 2023, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “Introduction to American Politics” (course description)

Spring 2020, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “An Introduction to Computational Tools and Techniques for Social Science Research” (course description, github repository)

Fall 2019, *Lead Instructor*, “An Introduction to Computational Tools and Techniques for Social Science Research” (course description, github repository)

Spring 2019, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “An Introduction to Computational Tools and Techniques for Social Science Research” (course description, github repository)

Fall 2018, *Graduate Student Instructor*, “Selected Topics in American Politics: Crime and Democracy” (course description)

EMPLOYMENT Analyst, Stout Risius Ross *June 2014 to June 2017*

- Wrote expert reports for patent infringement, trademark infringement, trade secret misappropriation, and breach of contract disputes.
- Independently developed economic and financial models. Quantified royalty base and profitability in cases with damages up to \$10 million.
- Supervised team of interns.

Research Assistant, Georgetown University *January 2013 to May 2015*

- Assisted Hans Noel from January 2013 to December 2013.
- Assisted Daniel Hopkins from January 2014 to May 2015.
- Collected, cleaned and analyzed data sets related to state and national politics. Performed background research and edited draft publications.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS Advanced Empirical Research on Politics for Undergraduates Program January 2015 to July 2015

TECHNICAL SKILLS Software and Programming skills  
R, Tidyverse, Qualtrics, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

REFERENCES Gabriel Lenz Associate Professor Department of Political Science University of California, Berkeley glenz@berkeley.edu

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