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EDUCATION

Harvard University
PhD, Government and Social Policy, 2022

U.C. Hastings College of the Law
JD, 2007

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MS, Technology and Policy, 2016

U.C. Berkeley
BA, History; BA, Astrophysics with Honors, 2002

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American political economy
American political development
Economic inequality and social policy

Law and politics of technological innovation
Political economy of antitrust reform
Political economy of climate change

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Gilens, Martin, Tali Mendelberg, and Nicholas Short. “[The Politics of Disaster Prevention](#).” Conditional acceptance, *The Journal of Politics*.

Lerner, Josh, Amit Seru, Nicholas Short, and Yuan Sun. 2024. “[Financial Innovation in the 21st Century: Evidence from U.S. Patents](#).” *Journal of Political Economy* 132(5): 1391-1449.

Short, Nicholas. 2024. “[Political Contributions by American Inventors: Evidence from 30,000 Cases](#).” *Business & Politics* 26(1): 64-101.

- Accepted in the UCL Centre on U.S. Politics Working Paper Series in American Politics.

Short, Nicholas. 2022. “[The Politics of the American Knowledge Economy](#).” *Studies in American Political Development* 36(1): 41-60.

UNDER REVIEW

Short, Nicholas, Sophie Hill, and Jacob Brown. “[What is Ideological Capture and How Do We Measure It?: Using Antitrust Reform to Understand Expert-Public Cleavages](#).” Under review, *Perspectives on Politics*.

Gilens, Martin, Tali Mendelberg, and Nicholas Short. “Racial Resentment and the Politics of Disaster Prevention.” Under review, *Political Research Quarterly*.

Short, Nicholas. “[Antitrust Reform in Political Perspective: A Constructive Critique for the Neo-Brandeisians](#).” Under review, *Harvard Law Review*.

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

Short, Nicholas. 2016. “[The Political Economy of the Research Exemption in American Patent Law](#).” *Fordham Intellectual Property, Media, and Entertainment Law Journal*, 26, 3, pp. 573-623.

Short, Nicholas. 2016. “[A Research Exemption for the 21st Century](#).” *Michigan Journal of Law Reform Caveat*, 50, 1.

Short, Nicholas. 2007. “[The Story of ‘the Court’: A Narrative Analysis of Planned Parenthood v. Casey](#),” *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly* 34(3): 477-504.

WORKING PAPERS

Short, Nicholas, Elliott Ash, and Mirko Draca. “Reagan’s Innovation Dividend: Reagan-Era Defense Spending and the American Knowledge Economy.” Working paper in progress.

Short, Nicholas. “[Antitrust Deregulation and the Politics of the American Knowledge Economy](#).” Revisions in progress.

BOOK PROJECTS

The Politics of the American Knowledge Economy. Drafting manuscript and prospectus, based on dissertation.

The Political Economy of Antitrust Reform in the United States. Workshopping research papers and designing new studies.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Politics of Disaster Prevention,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Panel on the Politics of Crises and Disaster, Sep. 1, 2023.

“Antitrust Deregulation and the Politics of American Knowledge Economy,” Eighth Meeting of The Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Paris, France, July 3-5, 2019.

“Mergers and Acquisitions and Top Income Shares,” First Conference of the World Inequality Database, Paris, France, Dec. 15, 2017.

“IP And Access Problems in Biotechnology Research,” Synthetic Biology Center Conference, MIT, Jan. 25, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dept. of Politics, Princeton University

Aug 2022 – present

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Prof. Tali Mendelberg

- Managed projects involving field and public opinion experiments

Center for Law and Economics, ETH-Zürich

Summer 2022

Summer Research Fellow, Prof. Elliott Ash

- Initiated new research projects on the effect of defense spending on innovation and the effect of antitrust deregulation on political attitudes

Harvard Business School

Research Assistant, Prof. Josh Lerner

2017 - 2020

- Replicated results of stock market event study estimating patent value
- Designed and coded machine learning algorithms for identifying fintech patents

Harvard Department of Government

Research Assistant, Prof. Jennifer Hochschild

Summer 2018

- Identified all federal appeals re collection of DNA pursuant to databank statutes
- Coded outcomes and linked to data on judicial ideology and appointing president

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati P.C.

Associate Attorney, Patents and Innovation Practice

2013 - 2014

Winston & Strawn LLP

Associate Attorney, Intellectual Property Group

2007 - 2013

- Handled all aspects of litigating intellectual property cases in state and federal court
- First chaired a two-week jury trial involving a civil rights dispute in federal court

AWARDS AND HONORS

Best Dissertation (The Politics of the American Knowledge Economy), American Political Economy section of the American Political Science Association (2023).

Bok Center Certificate for Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University (Spring 2019, Spring 2021).

James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Ph.D. Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration (2017-2018).

Graduate study funded by the Russell Goldsmith Graduate Student Aid Fund supporting students who are examining how government can foster job creation and economic growth.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I served as a teaching fellow for each of the following courses at Harvard University:

<i>American Democracy</i> , with Roberto Unger and Cornell West	Spring 2021
<i>American Government: A New Perspective</i> , with Paul Peterson	Fall 2020
<i>The Politics of Economic Inequality</i> , with Tom Remington	Spring 2019, 2020
<i>Data</i> , with David Kane	Fall 2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Business & Politics*, *Journal of Law and Political Economy*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State: California, Massachusetts

Federal: Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Multiple Federal District Courts