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EMPLOYMENT **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**
Assistant Professor and Thomas J. Pearsall Fellow in Political Science, 2022-
Faculty Fellow, Carolina Population Center 2025-
Princeton University
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics 2021-2022
University of California, Santa Barbara
Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021

EDUCATION **University of California, Berkeley**
Ph.D., Political Science, 2020; M.A., Political Science, 2017
Harvard University
A.B, Government, 2013

PUBLICATIONS Mildenerger, Matto and Alexander Sahn. 2025. "The Effect of Policy Traceability on Legislative Incentives" **Legislative Studies Quarterly**, 50(4).
Sahn, Alexander. 2025. "Racial Diversity and Exclusionary Zoning: Evidence from the Great Migration" **Journal of Politics**, 87(4): 1302-1318.
Sahn, Alexander, Laura Stoker, and Amy Lerman. 2025. "Equivalency Framing of Problems and Policy Solutions" **Political Behavior**.
Sahn, Alexander. 2025. "Public Comment and Public Policy" **American Journal of Political Science**, 69(2): 685-700.
Mildenerger, Matto, Alexander Sahn, Chris Miljanich, Michelle A. Hummel, Mark Lubell, and Jennifer Marlon. 2024. "Unintended consequences of using maps to communicate sea-level rise" **Nature Sustainability**, 7: 1018-1026.
Sahn, Alexander. 2023. "Reform Reconsidered: The Effects of Form of Government" **Journal of Historical Political Economy**, 3(3): 337-262.
Kuipers, Nicholas and Alexander Sahn. 2023. "The Representational Consequences of Municipal Civil Service Reform" **American Political Science Review**, 117(1): 200-216.
Grumbach, Jacob, Alexander Sahn, and Sarah Staszak. 2022. "Gender, Race, and Intersectionality in Campaign Finance" **Political Behavior**, 44: 319-340.
Lenz, Gabriel and Alexander Sahn. 2021 "Achieving Statistical Significance with Control Variables and without Transparency" **Political Analysis**, 29(3): 356-369.
Grumbach, Jacob and Alexander Sahn. 2020. "Race and Representation in Campaign Finance" **American Political Science Review**, 114(1): 206-221.

PRE-PRINTS Kennedy, Chris, Geoff Bacon, Alexander Sahn, and Claudia von Vacano. 2020. “Constructing Interval Variables via Faceted Rasch Measurement and Multitask Deep Learning: a Hate Speech Application”

GRANTS Coefficient Giving (\$150,000), with Michael Hankinson, 2026
 UNC-Chapel Hill Junior Faculty Development Award (\$10,000), 2024
 Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), with Amy Lerman and Laura Stoker, 2019
 SSMART Grant, Berkeley Institute for Transparency in the Social Sciences (\$22,336), with Gabe Lenz, 2016

HONORS AND AWARDS Joseph L. Bernd Journal of Politics Best Paper Award, for *Racial Diversity of and Exclusionary Zoning: Evidence from the Great Migration*, 2026
 APSA American Political Economy Emerging Scholar Award, 2024
 APSA Urban and Local Politics Section Susan Clarke Young Scholars Award, 2023
 APSA Class and Inequality Section Best Paper Award, 2020
 APSA Section on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Best Paper Award, 2020
 UC Berkeley Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, 2020
 UC Berkeley American Democracy Project Fellowship, 2019
 UC Berkeley Student Mentor & Research Teams (SMART) Grant, 2018.
 Berkeley Graduate Fellowship, 2015-2020.
 Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize, Harvard University, 2013

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE Organizer, EUI Global Challenges to Local Governance Workshop
 Visiting Fellow, European University Institute Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, 2025-2026
 Executive Council, APSA Urban & Local Politics Section, 2024-2026
 Member, APSA Urban Politics Bryan Jackson Dissertation Award 2025
 Chair, APSA Class and Inequality Section Best Paper Award Committee 2024
 Member, APSA Urban Politics Susan Clarke Young Scholar Award Committee 2024
 Academic Advisory Council, Metropolitan Abundance Project, 2024-
 Faculty Affiliate, Berkeley Possibility Lab, 2023-
 Organizer, CSDP Conference on Housing Politics and Policy, 2022
 Ph.D. Fellow, Berkeley Institute for Young Americans 2019-2020
 Senior Data Science Fellow, UC Berkeley D-Lab 2018-2020
 Affiliated Graduate Student, Institute of Governmental Studies
 Affiliated Graduate Student, Citrin Center for Public Opinion Research
 Coordinator, Berkeley IGS Poll, 2018
 Coordinator, Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics, 2017-2018, 2022
 Referee for: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *World Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *Election Law Journal*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Social Forces*.

INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCES 2026 Amsterdam Centre for Inequality Studies, Hertie Political Economy(scheduled), Sciences Po Quantitative Politics (scheduled), Aarhus (scheduled), EPSS (scheduled)
 2025 Waseda University, NYU Wagner, Carolina Population Center, American Political Economy Exchange, European Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, EUI Political Behavior Colloquium, UCL, Bocconi Politics & Institutions, LSE Series on Public Policy and Administration Research

- 2024 Western Political Science Association, National University of Singapore, Copenhagen Housing Policy Workshop, American Political Science Association, University of Michigan CPS
- 2023 Western Political Science Association, The Political Economy of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Conference (USC), American Political Science Association, Berkeley Housing Politics and Policy Conference
- 2022 Consortium on the American Political Economy, International Society for Political Psychology, Princeton Housing Politics and Policy Conference
- 2021 Princeton CSDP, American Political Science Association, Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics
- 2020 Local Political Economy Pre-Conference
- 2019 American Political Science Association, Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics, Midwest Political Science Association
- 2018 American Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association
- 2017 American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Instructor:

- POLI405: Urban Politics in the US (undergraduate)
- POLI381: Data in Politics II (undergraduate)
- POLI891: Local Political Economy (graduate)

PhD advising:

- Isabella Randle, in progress
- Jaime Lindh, in progress
- Alex Love, 2025
- J Ehlinger, 2024

Mentor, Carolina Covenant Program, 2023-
 Supervisor, Undergraduate Internship Program 2023-
 Supervisor, Undergraduate Senior Thesis 2023-
 Tutor in Statistical Methods, UC Berkeley Political Science Department, 2016-2020
 Quantitative Research Consultant, UC Berkeley D-Lab, 2018-2020
 Mentor, UC Berkeley SMART Mentorship Program, 2018
 Mentor, UC Berkeley Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, 2018

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

NERA Economic Consulting, Antitrust and Competition Group, New York, NY 2013-2015

SKILLS

Language: English (native), French (fluent), German (conversational)
Programming: R, STATA, SAS, Python, Github, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, Amazon Mechanical Turk