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RESEARCH INTERESTS American Politics, Public Policy, Political Economy, Quantitative Methodology
(Survey and Lab Experiments, Causal Inference, Applied Statistics)

ACADEMIC **Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY

APPOINTMENTS

Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow, 2018-2021

Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Government

Faculty Affiliate, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research

EDUCATION **Yale University**, New Haven, CT

Ph.D., Political Science, 2018

Dissertation: *Three Essays on the Behavioral Political Economy of Government Spending*
Advisors: Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, Ebonya L. Washington (Economics)

M.A., Statistics, 2014

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

A.B., Economics and Political Science (Honors), 2008

RESEARCH

Published & Under Review

“Do Means of Program Delivery and Distributional Consequences Affect Policy Support?
Experimental Evidence about the Sources of Citizens’ Policy Opinions.”

Vivekinan Ashok and Gregory Huber. *Revise and Resubmit.*

“The Dynamic Election: Patterns of Early Voting Across Time, State, Party, and Age.”

Vivekinan Ashok, Daniel Feder, Mary McGrath, and Eitan Hersh.
2016. *Election Law Journal* 15(2): 115–128.

“Support for Redistribution in an Age of Rising Inequality: New Stylized Facts and Some
Tentative Explanations.”

Vivekinan Ashok, Ilyana Kuziemko, and Ebonya Washington.
Spring 2015. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity.*

Press coverage: *New York Times*, *Economist*, *Wall Street Journal*, *NYT Op-ed*

Working Papers

“Manipulation of Self-Interest Perception Can Increase Support for Redistribution:
Experimental Evidence Testing the Meltzer and Richard Model.”

“Conceptualizing Government Waste: A Text Analysis”

“Analyzing Survey Experiments with Ordinal Outcome Data” (with Natália S. Bueno)

In Progress

“Who Gets (Gives) the Marginal Government Dollar?” (with Gregory Huber)

“Does learning about the ‘bundle’ of government benefits increase demand for government
activity?” (with Gregory Huber)

TEACHING	<p>STAT 538a: Probability and Statistics, Teaching Fellow, Fall 2015 <i>Graduate Statistics Course</i></p> <p>PLSC 208: The Unbelievable Campaign of 2016, Teaching Fellow, Spring 2017 <i>Undergraduate Political Science Course</i></p> <p>S&DS 230: Data Exploration and Analysis, Head Teaching Fellow, Fall 2017 <i>Undergraduate Statistics & Data Science Course</i></p> <p>S&DS 363: Multivariate Statistics, Teaching Fellow, Spring 2018 <i>Undergraduate and Masters-level Statistics & Data Science Course</i></p>
TEACHING INTERESTS	<p>American Politics, Public Policy—introductory courses; Congress; campaigns and elections; policy analysis; program and policy design; institutions</p> <p>Political Psychology and Behavior, Political Economy—attitudes toward redistribution, taxation, and spending; collective action, voting, and turnout; partisanship and ideology; models of political decision-making</p> <p>Quantitative Methodology—survey, lab, and field experiments; causal inference; survey design; probability and applied statistics; econometrics; statistical computing</p>
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Behavioral Research Lab, Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies, New Haven, CT <i>Founding Manager</i>, 2013–2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led lab setup, creating first-of-its-kind venue for social scientists across University to conduct experimental research in a controlled setting • Developed expertise to program and deploy behavioral games (z-Tree), surveys (Qualtrics), and studies involving rich media content (MediaLab) • Recruited over 1,000 participants; served as technical consultant on all studies <p>Analysis Group Inc., Chicago, IL <i>Analyst, Senior Analyst</i>, 2008–2011</p>
SELECTED HONORS & GRANTS	<p>Institute for the Social Sciences Research Grant, <i>Cornell University</i>, 2018 Cornell Population Center Research Stipend, <i>Cornell University</i>, 2018 Center for the Study of Inequality Research Stipend, <i>Cornell University</i>, 2018 Whitney Fellowship, <i>Yale University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences</i>, 2016–2017 Hall-Mercer Fellowship, <i>Yale University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences</i>, 2015–2016 Democracy and Markets Graduate Fellowship, <i>The Tobin Project</i>, 2013–2014 Policy Fellowship, <i>Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies</i>, 2013–2014</p>
INVITED TALKS	<p>Emory Conference on Institutions and Law-Making: 2018 (Poster) NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference: 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2018, 2017 Behavioral Models of Politics Conference: 2016 (Poster) Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2016, 2015, 2014 Yale ISPS American Politics and Public Policy Workshop: 2017, 2016, 2015 Brookings Panel on Economic Activity: Spring 2015 Yale Day of Data: 2014</p>
REFERENCES	<p>Gregory A. Huber (gregory.huber@yale.edu) Alan S. Gerber (alan.gerber@yale.edu) Ebonya L. Washington (ebonya.washington@yale.edu) Peter K. Enns (peterenns@cornell.edu) Joseph Chang (joseph.chang@yale.edu)</p>