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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University 2025 - Present
Assistant Professor of Political Science

Hoover Institution, Stanford University 2024 - 2025
Research Fellow

EDUCATION

Graduate School of Business, Stanford University 2024
PhD in Political Economics

University of Rochester 2017
BA in Economics (with Honors) and Mathematics, *magna cum laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy, American Politics, Public Policy, Quantitative Methods, Politics of Agriculture

PUBLICATIONS

Anzia, S., Jares, J. & Malhotra, N. (2022). Does Receiving Government Assistance Shape Political Attitudes? Evidence from Agricultural Producers. *American Political Science Review*, 116(4), 1389-1406. doi:10.1017/S0003055422000314

Jares, J. & Malhotra, N. (2025). Policy Impact and Voter Mobilization: Evidence from Farmers' Trade War Experiences. Forthcoming at *American Political Science Review*, 119(2), 847-869. doi:10.1017/S0003055424000571

SELECTED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Jares, J. Holding on to High Cotton: How Narrow Economic Interests Resist Retrenchment.

Jares, J. The Risks and Rewards of Interest Groups' Investments in the American Political Economy: The Case of the Farm Lobby

Jares, J., Primo, D., Ross, D., & Yang, S. The Curious Political Dynamics of the Managerial Elite: An Analysis of Ideological Sorting among Executives.

BOOK PROJECT (IN PROGRESS)

Holding on to High Cotton: The Modern Political Economy of US Farm Policy

Project Overview: US farm safety net programs—colloquially known as “farm subsidies”—have long been held up as a paragon of distributive politics. Political scientists and pundits gravitate towards a simple story: incumbent members of Congress work to send money home to appease a constituency whose votes and contributions are critical for their reelection prospects. This narrative made sense in the early years following the passage of the first farm

bill in 1933. After all, roughly one in five Americans lived on the farm, and agriculture was one of the largest industries nationwide. Nine decades later, however, US crop production is but a shadow of its former self, accounting for less than 1% of the population, labor force, and national economic output—and yet, the farm safety net holds strong. In *Holding on to High Cotton*, I use an array of large-scale data sources to argue that 21st century farmers no longer have enough economic or electoral clout for the classic story to hold water. Fortunately for crop growers, neither ballots nor dollars are the main currency in the modern political economy of farm policy. Farm groups regularly plow through the opposition of conservative billionaires, and small groups often dominate larger ones. Across a variety of quantitative case studies, I argue that farmers’ continued influence in Congress cuts through prevailing notions of how ideology, elections, and money shape the US policymaking process.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Dee Graduate Fellowship, Bill Lane Center for the American West	2023-2024
Doll Graduate Fellowship, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research	2023
American Democracy Fellowship, Stanford Center for American Democracy	2023
Humane Studies Fellowship	2018-2023
Jaedicke Merit Award, Stanford Graduate School of Business	2018-2019
Laurin Taylor Frisina '06 Ventura Award, University of Rochester Political Science	2017
William Morse Hasting Essay Prize (1st Prize), University of Rochester Economics	2017
John Dows Mairs Prize, University of Rochester Economics	2017
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, University of Rochester	2017

TALKS

How Particularistic Policies Benefit from Mass Public Sentiment

- American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting in Philadelphia 2024

Holding on to High Cotton: How Narrow Economic Interests Resist Retrenchment

- American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting in Los Angeles 2023
- Frontiers of Money in Politics Research APSA Pre-Conference 2023

Policy Impact and Voter Mobilization: Evidence from Farmers’ Trade War Experiences

- American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting in Montreal 2022
- Stanford GSB PhD Alumni Conference 2022
- Democracy and Polarization Lab, Stanford University 2021

Does Receiving Government Assistance Shape Political Attitudes? Evidence from Agricultural Producers

- American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting in San Francisco 2020

TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Economy, American Politics, Data Science and Politics, Money in Politics, Statistical Inference and Political Methodology, Public Policy, Politics of Agriculture and Food

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

American Public Policy (PhD Seminar), Texas A&M University	Fall 2025
Teaching Assistant, Managing Groups & Teams, Stanford MBA	Fall 2022
Teaching Assistant, Power in Finance, Stanford MBA	Winter 2021
Teaching Assistant, Ethics in Management, Stanford MBA	Fall 2019, 2020, 2021
Python Workshop Instructor, University of Rochester	Fall 2016 & Spring 2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer at *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Psychology*

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Economic Consultant, Edgeworth Economics	2017-2018
Economic Consultant Intern, Edgeworth Economics	2016
Regulatory Studies Research Intern, Mercatus Center at GMU	2015-2016

SOFTWARE

Python, R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Geopandas, PyTorch