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Current Position

Research Director
Democratic Erosion Consortium

August 2023 - Present
Cambridge, MA

Academic Appointments

Lecturer on Government
Harvard University

July 2020 - Present
Cambridge, MA

Postdoctoral Fellow
Academy Scholars Program, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies

July 2021 - June 2022
Cambridge, MA

Postdoctoral Fellow
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

August 2020 - July 2021
Cambridge, MA

Education

Harvard University
Ph.D., Department of Government (Political Science)

November 2020
Cambridge, MA

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
M.A., International Development and International Economics

May 2009
Washington, DC

Barnard College, Columbia University
B.A., Sociology

May 2002
New York, NY

Publications and Working Papers

"Voting Them All Out: Democratic Accountability and the Rise of Anti-Reelection Bias," *Book Manuscript, Under Review, University of Chicago Press*

Baron, Hannah, Robert A. Blair, Jessica Gottlieb, Laura Paler, Julie Anne Weaver, and Benjamin Yoel. 2025. "The Democratic Erosion Event Dataset (DEED)," *Revise and Resubmit, Scientific Data*

Livert, Felipe, Julie Anne Weaver, and Paola Bordón. 2025. "Rewarding performance in disaster response: Evidence from local governments in Latin America." *World Development* 188: 106828.

Weaver, Julie Anne. 2021. "Electoral Dis-connection: The Limits of Re-Election in Contexts of Weak Accountability." *The Journal of Politics* 83(4):1462-1477.

"How Informational State Capacity Shapes Government Responses to Shocks: Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic" (with Michael Harsch and Alexandra Norris), *Working Paper, Under Review*

"Political Science Research, Generalizability, and Policy Engagement" (with Hannah Baron), chapter in edited volume, *Rethinking Generalization*, Cambridge Univ. Press.

Datasets

Gottlieb, Jessica, Hannah Baron, Robert A. Blair, Laura Paler, and Julie Anne Weaver. 2025.
“Democratic Erosion Event Dataset v7.” Democratic Erosion: A Cross-University Collaboration.

Winner of the 2025 Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Best Dataset Honorable Mention

Teaching Experience

Holding Politicians Accountable (First-year Seminar), Harvard University: Spring 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025

Democracy in Practice in the Global South (Undergraduate Seminar), Harvard University, Committee on Social Studies: Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022; Government Department: Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Politics and Governance in the Global South (Undergraduate Summer Seminar), Harvard University Summer School: Summer 2022, 2023

Teaching Fellow, Senior Thesis Writers’ Workshop (Undergraduate), Harvard University, Government Department, Prof. George Soroka, Fall 2020-Spring 2021 (Year-long course)

Teaching Fellow, Sophomore Year Tutorial (Undergraduate), Harvard University, Government Department, Prof. Ryan Enos, Spring 2019

Teaching Fellow, Foundations of Comparative Politics (Undergraduate), Harvard University, Government Department, Prof. Steven Levitsky, Fall 2018

Teaching Fellow, Democratic Theory (Graduate), Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Prof. Jane Mansbridge, Spring 2015

Grants, Fellowships & Awards

Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies Fellowship <i>Harvard University</i>	2021
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Edward M. Chase Dissertation Prize <i>Harvard University</i>	2021
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Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Fellowship <i>Harvard University</i>	2020
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Dissertation Completion Fellowship <i>Harvard University</i>	2019
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Sidney Verba Award for Excellence in Teaching <i>Harvard University, Dept. of Government</i>	2019
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Certificate of Distinction in Teaching <i>Derek Bok Center, Harvard University</i>	2019, 2018, 2015
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Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative Research Fund <i>Harvard University</i>	2017
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Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS) Research Grant <i>IQSS, Harvard University</i>	2017, 2018, 2019
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David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Summer Research Grant <i>Harvard University</i>	2014-2019
Inter-American Foundation Grassroots Development Dissertation Fellowship <i>Inter-American Foundation, 12 months fellowship support for fieldwork in Peru</i>	2016
Schwartz Fellowship for Graduate Study <i>Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies</i>	2007-2009

Professional Experience: Research & International Development

Manager, Knowledge & Communications <i>Practical Action Consulting</i>	2011-2013 <i>Lima, Peru</i>
OECD Accountability Study Lead Analyst <i>OECD-Ciudadanos al Día</i>	2010-2011 <i>Lima, Peru</i>
Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant <i>Save the Children</i>	2010 <i>Haiti</i>
Manager, Program Development & International Partnerships <i>Ciudadanos al Día</i>	2009-2010 <i>Lima, Peru</i>
Research Consultant <i>Inter-American Development Bank</i>	2009 <i>Washington, DC</i>
Research Consultant <i>World Bank Bank</i>	2008-2009 <i>Washington, DC</i>
Training Consultant <i>Right to Play International, Canada, Mali, Zambia</i>	2006-2007
Senior Project Coordinator <i>Right To Play International, Rwanda Office</i>	2005-2006 <i>Kigali, Rwanda</i>
Program Coordinator <i>African Services Committee</i>	2002-2004 <i>New York, NY</i>

Skills

Software:: ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, R
Languages: English (native), Spanish (fluent), French (high proficient)