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FACULTY POSITIONS

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology
Assistant Professor, August 2025 – present

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

BOOKS

1. Short, Nicholas. *The Politics of the American Knowledge Economy*. Manuscript in progress.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

6. Gilens, Martin, Tali Mendelberg, and Nicholas Short. 2025. “The Politics of Disaster Prevention.” *The Journal of Politics*. First View. [DOI](#).
5. Short, Nicholas, Sophie Hill, and Jacob Brown. 2025. “What Is Ideological Capture and How Do We Measure It? Using Antitrust Reform to Understand Expert–Public Cleavages.” *Perspectives on Politics*. First View. [DOI](#).
4. Gilens, Martin, Tali Mendelberg, and Nicholas Short. 2025. “Racial Attitudes and Views of Disaster.” *Political Research Quarterly* 78(2): 468-480. [DOI](#).
3. 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. [DOI](#).
2. Short, Nicholas. 2024. “Political Contributions by American Inventors: Evidence from 30,000 Cases.” *Business & Politics* 26(1): 64-101. [DOI](#).
Accepted in the UCL Centre on US Politics Working Paper Series in American Politics.
1. Short, Nicholas Short. 2022. “The Politics of the American Knowledge Economy.” *Studies in American Political Development* 36(1): 41-60. [DOI](#).

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 Reform in Political Perspective: A Constructive Critique for the Neo-Brandeisians](#).” Revisions in progress.

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

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): 573-623. [Link](#).

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"What is Ideological Capture and How Do We Measure It?" Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Panel on Business Power in the Political Economy: New and Alternative Perspectives. Vancouver, BC. Sep. 11, 2025.

"The Politics of Disaster Prevention." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Panel on the Politics of Crises and Disaster. Los Angeles, CA. 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, FR. July 3-5, 2019.

"Mergers and Acquisitions and Top Income Shares." First Conference of the World Inequality Database, Paris, FR. Dec. 15, 2017.

"IP And Access Problems in Biotechnology Research." Synthetic Biology Center Conference. Cambridge, MA. Jan. 25, 2016.

GRANTS

Consortium on the American Political Economy. 2024. Syllabus design and strategies for teaching American Political Economy to undergraduate students. Results presented on Dec. 18, 2025. [Video](#).

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dept. of Politics, Princeton University Aug 2022 – July 2025

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

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

American Democracy, with Roberto Unger and Cornell West

Spring 2021

American Government: A New Perspective, with Paul Peterson

Fall 2020

The Politics of Economic Inequality, with Tom Remington

Spring 2019, 2020

Data, with David Kane

Fall 2018

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

Best Dissertation (2023), American Political Economy section of the American Political Science Association

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.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State: California, Massachusetts

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