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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Oxford

Research Associate, Oxford Computational Political Science Group

- Longitudinal and spatial analysis of wildfire exposure and climate policy support.

Oxford, UK

2025 – present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Stanford University

Political Science

2024 – present

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa Graduate Student Scholar, Virginia Gray Graduate Student Award.

Fields: American Politics, Quantitative Methodology, Empirical Legal Studies.

Affiliations: Climate Cognition Lab, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (Fellow), Humane & Sustainable Food Lab, Center for American Democracy (Fellow), AI Policy Working Group, Global AI Governance, Computing & Society, Green AI.

J.D., Stanford Law School

2022 – 2025

Honors: John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics, Salzburg Global Cutler Fellow, Gerald Gunther Prize, Olaus & Adolf Murie Award for Environmental Law, John Hart Ely Prize, Inaugural Harry Bremond Fellow, Genes Family Fellow, Sallyanne Payton Fellow, Highest Pro Bono Distinction (534 hours volunteered).

Journals: *Stanford Law Review* (Vol. 77: Managing Editor, Vol. 76: Member Editor), *Stanford Environmental Law Journal* (Vol. 43: Editor-in-Chief, Vol. 42: Member Editor).

Affiliations: RegLab – Regulation, Evaluation, and Governance Lab (Fellow), Deborah L. Rhode Center on the Legal Profession (Civil Justice Fellow), Brooks Institute for Animal Rights Law and Policy (Emerging Scholars Fellow, external), Center for Racial Justice (Bremond Fellow).

Activities: Environmental Law Society (President), Energy & Infrastructure Club (President), Law and Society Association Conference for Junior Researchers (Conference Chair), Asian and Pacific Islander Law Students Association (Professional Development Chair), Domestic Violence Pro Bono (Volunteer), Immigration Pro Bono (Volunteer).

B.A., Dartmouth College

2018 – 2022

Triple Major in Government, Environmental Studies, and Quantitative Social Science

Honors: Valedictorian, Rhodes Scholarship Finalist, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Senior Law Prize, Mina H. Warren Prize, Pearl Family Fund Award, Downey Family Prize, Law & Politics Fellow, Political Economy Fellow, Rufus Choate Scholar, Stamps Scholar, James O. Freedman Presidential Scholar, seven Citations for Meritorious Performance.

Thesis: “Partisan Energy Mix Preferences & Attitudes Towards Community Choice Aggregation.”

Activities: Triathlon (Olympic-distance National Championships qualifier), Policy Debate, Chess Club.

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIPS

Chief Judge James E. Boasberg, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Jan – Aug 2026

Judicial Extern

Judge Robert E. Bacharach, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Jan – June 2025

Judicial Extern

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

3. *From Publishing to Products: Historical Evidence for a Design-Based Theory of Platform Liability*, 3 GEO. WASH. J.L. & TECH. __ (forthcoming 2026) (with Caitlin Burke).
2. *From Intent to Impact: Equal Protection in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*, 2026 U. ILL. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2026) (with Ralph Richard Banks).
1. Note, *Watering Down Enforcement: Inadequate Criminal Liability in State Clean Water Act Programs*, 77 STAN. L. REV. 1303 (2025).
 - Stanford Law School Olaus & Adolf Murie Award.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

9. Burke, Caitlin, and **Victor Y. Wu**. Forthcoming. “Are Platforms Products? The Legacy of Section 230 in Contemporary Debates on Social Media Liability.” *Communication Law & Policy*.
8. **Wu, Victor Y.** 2025. “Messages from Co-Partisan Elected Officials Can Increase Climate Mitigation Intentions Without Changing Climate Beliefs.” *Nature Communications*.
7. **Wu, Victor Y.** 2025. “Partisan Energy Preferences in the United States: Republicans Prioritize Price, Democrats Also Consider Renewables.” *Energy Research & Social Science*.
6. **Wu, Victor Y.**, and Joseph Bafumi. 2024. “Disaffected Partisans Who Want a Third Party Are Just as Polarized.” *Party Politics*.
 - Coverage: London School of Economics USAPP, The Science of Politics Podcast.
5. Gupta, Arushi, **Victor Y. Wu**, Helen Webley-Brown, Jennifer King, and Daniel E. Ho. 2023. “The Privacy-Bias Tradeoff: Data Minimization and Racial Disparity Assessments in U.S. Government.” *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT)*.
 - 2023 ACM FAccT Best Paper Award, 2023 Privacy Papers for Policymakers Student Paper Award.
 - Cited by the National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee in its April 2024 recommendation, “Data Challenges and Privacy Protections for Safeguarding Civil Rights in Government.”
 - Coverage: Stanford Lawyer Magazine, Center for Public Integrity.
4. **Wu, Victor Y.**, and Richard Howarth. 2023. “Shifting Partisan Public Opinion Towards Community Choice Aggregation Through Outreach and Awareness.” *PLOS One*.
3. **Wu, Victor Y.**, John Carey, Brendan Nyhan, and Jason Reifler. 2022. “Legislator Criticism of a Candidate’s Conspiracy Beliefs Reduces Support for the Conspiracy but Not the Candidate: Evidence from Marjorie Taylor Greene and QAnon.” *Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*.
 - Coverage: The Washington Post.
2. Chockalingam, Vignesh, **Victor Y. Wu**, Nicolas Berlinski, Zoe Chandra, Amy Hu, Erik Jones, Justin Kramer, et al. 2021. “The Limited Effects of Partisan and Consensus Messaging in Correcting Science Misperceptions.” *Research & Politics*.
1. Grossmann, Matt, Kayla Hamann, Jennifer Lee, Gabrielle Levy, Brendan Nyhan, and **Victor Y. Wu**. 2021. “Republicans Are More Optimistic About Economic Mobility, but No Less Accurate.” *Research & Politics*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Wu, Victor Y.**, Daniel E. Ho, Jennifer King, and Robert Weisberg. “Eyes in the Sky, Gaps in the Law: AI-Powered Remote Sensing, Administrative Enforcement, and the Fourth Amendment.” Forthcoming in *The Cambridge Handbook for Public Law and Artificial Intelligence*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

5. **Wu, Victor Y.**, Oliver Edelson, and Allison Weinstock. 2025. “[Trusted Climate Data for Effective Policy: A Roadmap for Action.](#)” *Stanford Law & Policy Lab Blog*.
4. Hayes, David J., **Victor Y. Wu**, Ainee Ain, Adil Auraghi, Hilary Brumberg, Matías Calderón Cruz, Keala Carter et al. 2025. “[Increasing Accessibility to Trusted Climate Performance Data.](#)” *Stanford Law & Policy Lab Reports*.
 - Coverage: ABC, CBS, Stanford Lawyer Magazine, The Data Foundation, Stanford Law School Today, Precourt Institute for Energy, Stanford Report.
3. **Wu, Victor Y.** 2024. “[Centrist Third Parties Like No Labels Are Not the Solution for Americans Unhappy With the Two-Party System.](#)” *London School of Economics USAPP*.
2. Gupta, Arushi, **Victor Y. Wu**, Helen Webley-Brown, Jennifer King, and Daniel E. Ho. 2023. “[The Privacy-Bias Trade-Off.](#)” *Stanford University Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI) Policy Briefs*.
 - Cited by the National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee in its April 2024 recommendation, “Data Challenges and Privacy Protections for Safeguarding Civil Rights in Government.”
1. **Wu, Victor Y.** 2022. “[Marjorie Taylor Greene’s Supporters Don’t Care What Critics Think.](#)” *The Washington Post*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Law review

- “Citizen Suits Against Animal Cruelty.”
 - Stanford Law School John Hart Ely Prize.
 - Brooks Institute Emerging Scholars Fellowship.
- “Deregulation by Disaster: Emergency Exemptions of Environmental Law.”
 - Stanford Law School John Hart Ely Prize.
 - Stanford Law School Olaus & Adolf Murie Award.
- Market share liability for global environmental harms.
 - Salzburg Global Cutler Fellowship.
- Legal restrictions on improving property tax assessments. With Jacob Goldin, Daniel Ho, et al.
- Notices of intent to sue in environmental litigation. With Matt Sanders.
- “The Colorblindness Fallacy.” With Ralph Richard Banks.
- “The Law of Heat: Governing the Thermal Externalities of Artificial Intelligence.”

Peer-reviewed (under review only)

- **Wu, Victor Y.**, and Naomi Sagan. “LLMs Outperform Humans at Personal Attribute Inference: Implications for Proxy Discrimination Risk and Equal Protection Law.” Under review.
- **Wu, Victor Y.**, and Yusaku Horiuchi. “The Supreme Court’s Partisan Composition Affects How Americans Evaluate Nominees.” Revise and resubmit.
 - 2024 Political Studies Association Early Career Prize.

HONORS, GRANTS & AWARDS

Salzburg Global Cutler Fellowship, Stanford Law School	2026
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$500)	2026
Gerald Gunther Prize, Stanford Law School	2025

John Hart Ely Prize, Stanford Law School	2024, 2025
Deborah L. Rhode Center Civil Justice Fellowship, Stanford Law School	2025
Harry Bremond-Wilson Sonsini Foundation Fellowship, Stanford Law School	2025
Olaus & Adolf Murie Award, Stanford Law School (\$2,500)	2025
Brooks Institute Emerging Scholars Fellowship (\$18,000)	2025
Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University (\$3,000)	2025
Virginia Gray Graduate Student Award, American Political Science Association (\$300)	2025
Center for American Democracy Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University (\$2,000)	2025
Phi Beta Kappa Graduate Student Scholarship (\$10,000)	2025
John M. Olin Fellowship in Law and Economics, Stanford Law School (\$12,000)	2024
Sallyanne Payton Fellowship, Stanford Law School	2024
Olaus & Adolf Murie Award, Stanford Law School (\$2,000)	2024
Political Studies Association Early Career Prize	2024
American Bar Association SEER Travel Grant (\$850)	2024
American Bar Association SEER Travel Grant (\$1,100)	2024
Emerging Scholars in Public Law Travel Grant (\$500)	2024
Genes Family Fellowship, Stanford Law School (\$7,500)	2023, 2024
Privacy Papers for Policymakers Student Paper Award	2023
ACM FAccT Best Paper Award	2023
Mina H. Warren Scholarship Prize, Dartmouth College	2022
Rufus Choate Scholar, Dartmouth College	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
7 Citations for Meritorious Performance, Dartmouth College	2018, 2019, 2020, 2022
Postgraduate Project Fellowship, Dartmouth College (\$5,500)	2022
Pearl Family Fund Award, Dartmouth College (\$4,800)	2022
Senior Law Prize, Dartmouth College (\$2,200)	2022
Downey Family Prize in Environmental Studies, Dartmouth College (\$1,000)	2022
Rhodes Scholarship Finalist	2021
Phi Beta Kappa (early inductee), Dartmouth College	2021
Political Economy Fellowship, Dartmouth College (\$3,000)	2021
Law and Politics Fellowship, Dartmouth College (\$1,800)	2021
Stamps Scholarship, Dartmouth College (\$20,000)	2020
James O. Freedman Presidential Scholarship, Dartmouth College (\$3,000)	2020
Phi Beta Kappa Sophomore Prize, Dartmouth College	2020
Sophomore Research Scholarship, Dartmouth College (\$2,000)	2019
Eagle Scout Award	2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & ATTENDANCE

2026 (including scheduled)

Presented: Law and Society Association Annual Meeting; Junior Law and Politics Research Community International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioural Social Sciences; International Communication Association Annual Conference; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Stanford Center for Racial Justice Research Workshop; Stanford Politics and Social Change Lab; Stanford Climate Cognition Lab.

Attended: ABA SEER Spring Conference on Environmental Law; Stanford Law School Antidiscrimination Law X Artificial Intelligence Convening; Stanford Water in the West Research Conference.

2025

Presented: University of Illinois Symposium on the Future of Equal Protection Law; Junior Scholars Conference at Northeastern Law; Stanford Law School Rule of Law Roundtable; American Political

Science Association Annual Meeting; APSA Mini Conference on Green Industrial Policy; APSA Virtual Research Meeting; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Junior Americanist Workshop Series; Stanford Law and Society Conference for Junior Researchers; Stanford Data Science Causal Science Center Conference; Stanford Bill Lane Center for the American West Seminar Series; Stanford Data Science Annual Conference.

Attended: ABA SEER Fall Conference on Environmental Law; ABA SEER Spring Conference on Environmental Law; California Water Law Symposium; Animal Law Conference; Polarization Research Lab Annual Meeting; Open Conference of AI Agents for Science; Stanford Climate Data Conference; Stanford GSB Conference on Political Economics of Environmental Sustainability; Stanford Center for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence Hoffman-Yee Symposium.

2024

Presented: Berkeley Climate Equality Litigation Symposium; Emerging Scholars Conference in Public Law at UT Austin; International Association on Regulation & Governance Annual Meeting; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Political Studies Association Early Career Network Conference; APSA Virtual Research Meeting; Society for Personality and Social Psychology Sustainability Preconference; Stanford Data Science Annual Conference.

Attended: ABA SEER Fall Conference on Environmental Law; ABA SEER Spring Conference on Environmental Law; Stanford Law and Society Conference for Junior Researchers; California Water Law Symposium.

2023

Presented: Conference on Empirical Legal Studies; Stanford Law and Society Conference for Junior Researchers; Junior Law and Politics Research Community; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Polarization Research Lab Annual Meeting; American Psychological Association Society for Environmental, Population, and Conservation Psychology Conference.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stanford University

- *Teaching Assistant*, Campaigns, Voting, Media and Elections Winter 2026
POLI SCI 120B (Instructor: Shanto Iyengar)

Stanford Law School

- *Teaching Assistant*, Criminal Procedure: Adjudication Spring 2025
LAW 2001 (Instructor: Robert Weisberg)
- *Teaching Assistant*, Bridging the Climate Data and Decisionmaking Divide Winter 2025
LAW 809Z (Instructor: David Hayes)
- *Teaching Assistant*, Property Law Spring 2024
LAW 217 (Instructor: Barton Thompson)

Dartmouth College

- *Teaching Assistant*, Quantitative Political Analysis Winter 2021
GOVT 10 (Instructor: Brendan Nyhan)
- *Teaching Assistant*, Dartmouth Debate Institute Summer 2019
- *Teaching Assistant*, Dartmouth Debate Institute Summer 2018

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, CHICAGO, IL
Vice Chair of Law Professor Engagement, Special Committee on Outreach Oct 2024 – present

- Vice Chair of Communications, Environmental Law Society Network* Sept 2025 – July 2026
- Served as liaison to the Publications Service Group and solicited articles for the *Trends* student issue.
- Vice Chair of Content, Environmental Law Society Network* Sept 2024 – July 2025
- Established an annual issue of *Trends* that publishes student-written environmental law scholarship.
- Regional Representative, Environmental Law Society Network* Oct 2023 – July 2024
- Helped organize regional environmental law events such as the California Water Law Symposium.
- Chief Judge Boasberg, U.S. District Court, D.D.C., WASHINGTON, D.C.** Jan – Aug 2026
Judicial Extern
- Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, WASHINGTON, D.C.** Aug – Sept 2025
Law Clerk, Appellate Division
- Wrote a motion for compassionate release of a 60-year-old client.
 - Wrote a memo on the constitutionality of the D.C. statute permitting juveniles to be charged as adults.
 - Wrote a memo on the right to self-defense and the initial aggressor doctrine.
- Federal Public Defender, Central District of California, LOS ANGELES, CA** June – Aug 2025
Law Clerk, Appellate Unit
- Wrote the opening brief for a Ninth Circuit appeal of a pretrial detention order.
 - Wrote a memo analyzing the circuit split on defining “controlled substance” in U.S.S.G. § 4B1.2(b).
 - Argued a motion to suppress in mock court, challenging a parole inquiry under the Fourth Amendment.
- Judge Bacharach, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK** Jan – June 2025
Judicial Extern
- Wrote an order on an incarcerated pro se plaintiff’s civil rights appeal.
 - Wrote an order on an appeal of a bankruptcy court’s confirmation of a chapter 13 plan.
 - Wrote a bench memo on a criminal appeal of a firearms offense.
- The Legal Aid Society, NEW YORK, NY** Aug – Sept 2024
Law Clerk, Criminal Appeals Bureau
- Wrote an appeal of a client’s felony conviction, arguing deficiencies in the plea allocution.
 - Wrote a memo on the implications of *Erlinger* for challenging judicial findings of fact in sentencing.
- Earthjustice, WASHINGTON, D.C.** June – Aug 2024
Law Clerk, Fossil Fuels Program
- Wrote part of a public comment on carbon sequestration in Louisiana, edited an appellate brief challenging a methane pipeline, and wrote a memo on regulating oil and gas waste as hazardous.
 - Created a template for Earthjustice’s FOIA requests to EPA regarding petrochemical facilities.
- Sierra Club, WASHINGTON, D.C.** Mar – June 2024
Legal Intern, Environmental Law Program
- Wrote a rulemaking petition to the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission.
 - Wrote part of a motion to intervene in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings.
- Stanford Environmental Law Clinic, STANFORD, CA** Jan – June 2024
Certified Student Attorney
- Wrote a motion for summary judgment in a NEPA lawsuit against the Bureau of Land Management.
 - Wrote a motion to intervene in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings.
 - Wrote an opposition to demurrer in a CEQA case opposing oil drilling in California.
- Orleans Public Defenders, NEW ORLEANS, LA**
- Spring Break Law Clerk* Mar 2024
- Visited a client in jail to discuss security camera footage of an alleged homicide, wrote a motion to sever co-defendants, took notes on jurors during jury selection, and observed multiple trials.
- Spring Break Law Clerk* Mar 2023

- Wrote a memo on Fourth Amendment issues associated with pole cameras, analyzed body camera footage, and observed a trial and numerous hearings.

California Attorney General’s Office, SACRAMENTO, CA Aug – Nov 2023
Legal Intern, Environment Section and Natural Resources Section

- Contributed to California’s historic climate lawsuit against oil companies by writing a remand motion, participating in case strategy discussions, and suggesting edits to the complaint.
- Wrote a motion to transfer venue in a CEQA case over a river management project.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, WASHINGTON, D.C. June – Aug 2023
Honors Law Clerk, Office of Criminal Enforcement, Legal Counsel Division

- Assessed the *Miranda* waiver in a case involving smuggling of carcinogenic pesticides across states.
- Researched Clean Water Act issues in a criminal case involving falsification of wastewater samples.

U.S. Department of Justice, WASHINGTON, D.C. Mar – June 2021
Intern, Environment and Natural Resources Division

- Attended Congressional hearings to produce memoranda about pending environmental legislation.
- Researched topics including environmental crime victims and wildlife trafficking.

Environmental Law Institute, WASHINGTON, D.C. Aug 2020 – Jan 2021
Research and Publications Intern

- Conducted an independent research project on international water law in Southeast Asia.
- Analyzed quantitative data from international environmental programs in conflict-affected regions.

SERVICE & OTHER

Journal (Editing):

- *Stanford Law Review*: Managing Editor (2024-25), Member Editor (2023-24)
- *Stanford Environmental Law Journal*: Editor-in-Chief (2023-24), Member Editor (2022-23)
- *Dartmouth Law Journal*: Senior Editor (2020-21), Member Editor (2019-20)

Journal (Peer Review):

- *Political Behavior*
- *Energy Research & Social Science*
- *Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*

Conference Service:

- Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 - 2026: Panel Chair for “Considering Campaigns and Political Speeches”
 - 2025: Discussant for “Advances in Environmental Politics Methodology: Data, Network Analysis, and Machine Learning”
- California Water Law Symposium
 - 2025: Panel Chair for “Legal Considerations in Wastewater Recycling”
 - 2024: Panel Chair for “Klamath Dam Removal: Stakeholders, Science, and Sustainability”
- Stanford Law and Society Association Conference for Junior Researchers
 - 2024: Conference Chair
 - 2024: Panel Chair for “Challenges in Health and Environmental Law”

Pro Bono:

- Stanford Law School Alternative Break Trip, Orleans Public Defenders
 - Volunteer Law Clerk (March 2024)
 - Volunteer Law Clerk and Pro Bono Student Leader (March 2023)
- Stanford Law School Domestic Violence Pro Bono Project: Volunteer (2022-23)
- Stanford Law School Immigration Pro Bono Project: Volunteer (2022-23)

SKILLS & HOBBIES

Leadership: Eagle Scout Award.

Technical: R, Stata, Qualtrics, LaTeX.

Languages: English (native speaker), Mandarin Chinese (native speaker), Spanish (intermediate).

Hobbies: Chess, Triathlon, Piano, Powerlifting, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Rock Climbing.