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- CONTACT John F. Kennedy School of Government [REDACTED]
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- ACADEMIC
APPOINTMENTS Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Professor, John F. Kennedy School of Government, 2019–Present
Director, Harvard Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, 2020–Present
Associate Professor (Untenured), John F. Kennedy School of Government, 2017–2019
Assistant Professor, John F. Kennedy School of Government, 2014–2017

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2012–14
- EDUCATION Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Ph.D., Department of Government, 2012
A.M., Department of Statistics, 2011

Stanford University Law School, Stanford, CA
J.D., 2004

Harvard College, Cambridge, MA
A.B., Economics, 2000
- BOOKS
2. Bonica, Adam, and Maya Sen. 2020. *The Judicial Tug of War: How Lawyers, Politicians, and Political Incentives Shape the American Judiciary*. Cambridge University Press (Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series).
 1. Acharya, Avidit, Matthew Blackwell, and Maya Sen. 2018. *Deep Roots: How Slavery Still Shapes Southern Politics*. Princeton University Press (Princeton Studies in Political Behavior Series).
 - Recipient of the 2019 William H. Riker Book Award, “for the best book on political economy published during the past three calendar years”
 - Reviewed in *Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Regional Science*, *Political Science Quarterly*, symposium in *Perspectives in Politics*
- JOURNAL
ARTICLES
30. Dietrich, Bryce J., Matthew Baum, and Maya Sen. 2020. *Sensitive Questions, Spillover Effects, and Asking About Citizenship on the U.S. Census*” Conditionally accepted, *Journal of Politics*.
 29. Bonica, Adam, and Maya Sen. 2020. “Estimating Judicial Ideology.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*.
 28. Kaufman, Aaron, Peter Kraft, and Maya Sen. 2019. “Improving Supreme Court Forecasting Using Boosted Decision Trees.” *Political Analysis* 27(3): 381–387
 27. Harris, Allison P. and Maya Sen. 2019. “Bias and Judging.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 22: 241–259.

26. Adam Bonica, Adam Chilton, Jacob Goldin, Kyle Rozema, and Maya Sen. 2019. “Legal Rasputins? Law Clerk Influence on Voting at the U.S. Supreme Court.” *Journal of Law, Economics & Organization* 35(1): 1–36.
25. Dietrich, Bryce J., Ryan D. Enos, and Maya Sen. 2019. “Emotional Arousal Predicts Voting on the Supreme Court.” *Political Analysis* 27(2): 237–243.
24. Acharya, Avidit, Matthew Blackwell, and Maya Sen. 2018. “Analyzing Causal Mechanisms in Survey Experiments.” *Political Analysis* 26(4): 357–378.
23. Bonica, Adam, Adam Chilton, Kyle Rozema, and Maya Sen. 2018. “The Legal Academy’s Ideological Uniformity.” *Journal of Legal Studies* 47(1): 1–43.
22. Acharya, Avidit, Matthew Blackwell, and Maya Sen. 2018. “Explaining Attitudes from Behavior: A Cognitive Dissonance Approach.” *Journal of Politics* 80(2): 400–411.
21. Bonica, Adam and Maya Sen. 2017. “The Politics of Selecting the Bench from the Bar: The Legal Profession and Partisan Incentives to Politicize the Judiciary.” *Journal of Law and Economics* 60(4): 559–595.
20. Maya Sen. 2017. “How Political Signals Affect Public Support for Judicial Nominations: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment.” *Political Research Quarterly* 70(2): 374–393.
19. Bonica Adam, and Maya Sen. 2017. “A Common-Space Scaling of the American Judiciary and Legal Profession.” *Political Analysis* 25(1): 114–121.
18. Bonica, Adam, Adam Chilton, Jacob Goldin, Kyle Rozema, and Maya Sen. 2017. “Measuring Judicial Ideology Using Clerk Hiring.” *American Law and Economics Review* 19(1): 129–161.
17. Bonica, Adam, Adam Chilton, Jacob Goldin, Kyle Rozema, and Maya Sen. 2017. “The Political Ideologies of Law Clerks.” *American Law and Economics Review* 19(1): 96–128.
16. Sen, Maya and William Spaniel. 2017. “How Uncertainty About Judicial Nominees Can Distort the Confirmation Process.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 29(1): 22–47.
15. Acharya, Avidit, Matthew Blackwell, and Maya Sen. 2016. “Explaining Causal Findings Without Bias: Detecting and Assessing Direct Effects.” *American Political Science Review* 110(3): 512–529.
14. Bonica, Adam, Adam Chilton, and Maya Sen. 2016. “The Political Ideologies of American Lawyers.” *Journal of Legal Analysis* 8(2): 277–335.
13. Acharya, Avidit, Matthew Blackwell, and Maya Sen. 2016. “The Political Legacy of American Slavery.” *Journal of Politics* 78(3): 621–641.
 Recipient of 2016 Joseph L. Bernd Award, presented annually to the author of the best *Journal of Politics* paper published in the calendar year
12. Sen, Maya and Omar Wasow. 2016. “Race as a ‘Bundle of Sticks: Designs that Estimate Effects of Seemingly Immutable Characteristics.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 19: 499–522.

11. Unkovic, Cait, Maya Sen, and Kevin M. Quinn. 2016. "Does Encouragement Matter in Improving Gender Imbalances in Technical Fields? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial." *PLoS ONE* 11(4): 1-15.
 10. Hochschild, Jennifer L. and Maya Sen. 2015. "Genetic Determinism, Technology Optimism, and Race: Views of the American Public." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 661(1): 160-180.
 9. Glynn, Adam, and Maya Sen. 2015. "Identifying Judicial Empathy: Does Having Daughters Cause Judges to Rule for Women's Issues?" *American Journal of Political Science* 59(1): 37-54.
 8. Hochschild, Jennifer L. and Maya Sen. 2015. "Technology Optimism or Pessimism about Genomic Science: Variation Among Experts and Scholarly Disciplines." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 658(1): 236-252.
 7. Sen, Maya. 2015. "Is Justice Really Blind? Race and Appellate Review in U.S. Courts." *Journal of Legal Studies* 44(S1): S187-S229.
Recipient of APSA Law and Courts Section, Best Graduate Student Paper Award (2012)
 6. Hochschild, Jennifer L. and Maya Sen. 2015. "To Test or Not? Singular or Multiple Heritage? Genomic Ancestry Testing and Americans' Racial Identity." *The Du Bois Review* 12(2): 321-347.
 5. Monroe, Burt L., Jennifer Pan, Margaret E. Roberts, Maya Sen, and Betsy Sinclair. 2015. "No! Formal Theory, Causal Inference, and Big Data Are Not Contradictory Trends in Political Science." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 48(1): 71-74.
 4. Sen, Maya. 2014. "How Judicial Qualification Ratings May Disadvantage Minority and Female Candidates." *Journal of Law and Courts* 2(1): 33-65.
 3. Sen, Maya. 2014. "How Minority Judicial Candidates Have Changed, but the ABA Ratings Gap Has Not." *Judicature* 97(7): 46-53.
 2. King, Gary, and Maya Sen. 2013. "How Social Science Research Can Improve Teaching." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 46(3): 621-629.
 1. King, Gary, and Maya Sen. 2013. "The Troubled Future of Colleges and Universities." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 46(1): 81-89.
- LAW REVIEW ARTICLES
5. Adam Chilton, Daniel Epps, Kyle Rozema, and Maya Sen. 2021. "Designing Supreme Court Term Limits." *Southern California Law Review*, in press.
 4. Bonica, Adam and Maya Sen. 2017. "Judicial Reform as a Tug of War: How Ideological Differences Between Politicians and the Bar Explain Attempts at Judicial Reform." *Vanderbilt Law Review* 70(6):1781-1811 (Symposium).
 3. Sen, Maya. 2017. "Diversity, Qualifications, and Ideology: How Female and Minority Judges Have Changed, or Not Changed, Over Time." *Wisconsin Law Review* 2017(3): 367-400.

2. Sen, Maya. 2013. “[Courting Deliberation: The Role of Deliberative Democracy in the American Judicial System.](#)” *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy* 27:303-331.
 1. Sen, Maya. 2006. “[Defining the Boundaries of ‘Personal Injury’: Rainer v. Union Carbide.](#)” *Stanford Law Review* 58:1251-1265.
- BOOK CHAPTERS
1. Hochschild, Jennifer L. and Maya Sen. 2018. “[Americans’ Attitudes on Racial or Genetic Inheritance: Which Is More Predictive?](#)” in *Reconsidering Race: Social Science and Racial Categories in the Age of Genomics* (Kazuko Suzuki and Diego von Vacano, eds., Oxford University Press).
- OTHER PUBLICATIONS
4. Maya Sen. 2018. “[Response to Dion, Sumner and Mitchell \(2018\).](#)” *Political Analysis* 26(3): 335–337.
 3. Maya Sen. 2015. “[How Ratifying Treaty Rights Could Affect Norms, Laws, and Constitutional Language.](#)” *Journal of International and Theoretical Economics* 171(1):112–117.
 2. Blackwell, Matthew and Maya Sen. 2012. “[Large Datasets and You: A Field Guide.](#)” *The Political Methodologist* 20(1):2–5.
 1. Hochschild, Jennifer L., Alex Crabill, and Maya Sen. 2012. “[Technology Optimism or Pessimism: How Trust in Science Shapes Policy Attitudes About Genomic Science.](#)” *Brookings Issues in Technology Innovation Series* 21(1).
- ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW
- “[The Political Consequences of Ethnically Targeted Incarceration: Evidence from Japanese-American Internment During WWII](#)” (with Mayya Komisarchik and Yamil R. Velez) (R&R)
- “[The ‘Odd Party Out’ Theory of Certiorari](#)” (with Adam Bonica and Adam Chilton)
- ARTICLES IN PROGRESS
- “[Ideological Distance from the Supreme Court Predicts Support for Counter-Majoritarian Values](#)” (with Neil Malhotra and Stephen Jessee)
- “[The Political Impact of Cultural Institutions](#)”
- EDITORIALS
- Adam Bonica, Adam Chilton, and Maya Sen. “[The Political Donations Made by Robert Mueller’s Team are Not Evidence of Bias.](#)” *Los Angeles Times*, July 28, 2017.
- Maya Sen. “[How Not to Pick Judges.](#)” *New York Times*, May 2, 2014.
- AWARDS
- 2019 Harvard Kennedy School Teaching Excellence Award (“Dinner on the Dean” Award)
- 2019 William H. Riker Book Award (awarded to the “best book on political economy published during the past three calendar years”)
- 2018 Midwest Women’s Caucus for Political Science Early Career Award (awarded to a pre-tenure female faculty member “based upon her research accomplishments and contribution to the discipline”)
- 2017 Joseph L. Bernd Award (awarded for the best *Journal of Politics* paper published in preceding calendar year)
- 2017-18 Fellowship, Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University (Declined)

2016 Harvard Kennedy School Teaching Excellence Award (“Lunch on the Dean” Award)

2015 Harvard Kennedy School Teaching Excellence Award (“Dinner on the Dean” Award)

2012 American Political Science Association, Law & Courts Section, Best Graduate Student Paper Award

2009 Harvard University Certificate for Distinction in Teaching

2009 Fellowship in Political Economy, Harvard University Department of Government

2006–08 Graduate Prize Fellowship, Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

INVITED TALKS
& CONFERENCES

PSAC Workshop, Cornell Department of Government, March 2021

Lecture Series in Law & Economics, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, March 2021

Law & Social Science Colloquium, UVA Law School, September 2020

Behavior and Identities Workshop, Duke Department of Political Science, November 2018

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton Department of Politics, October 2018

American Politics Workshop, UT-Austin Department of Government, September 2018

Interdisciplinary Workshop in American Politics, University of Michigan, February 2018

Ethics and Political Science Series, Texas A&M, January 2018

Law & Economics Seminar, NYU Law School, November 2017

Law & Economics Seminar, Northwestern Law School, October 2017

Quantitative Initiative for Policy & Social Research Series, University of Kentucky, October 2017

Harvard Law School Law & Economics Seminar, September 2017

Visiting Scholar, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago Law School, May 2017

Law, Economics and Organization Workshop, Yale Law School, March 2017

Theory and Models Workshop, University of Chicago, February 2017

Conference on Identity and Inequality, Princeton University, October 2016

MIT American Politics Conference, MIT, September, 2016

MacMillan-CSAP Methods Workshop, Yale Department of Political Science, April 2016

Mapping Political Preferences Conference, Toulouse School of Economics/IAST, March 2016

American Government Speaker Series, Georgetown University, February 2016

American Politics Workshop, Columbia University, January 2016

American Politics Workshop, University of Notre Dame, November 2015

Empirical Legal Studies Junior Faculty Workshop, Cornell Law School, September 2015

Program in Quantitative Social Science Annual Workshop, Dartmouth College, June 2015

Harvard Law School Faculty Colloquium, May 2015

St. Louis Area Methods Meeting (SLAMM), Washington University, April 2015

Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, University of Washington, April 2015

American Politics Workshop, Stanford University, February 2015

American Politics Workshop, University of Pittsburg, February 2015

Center for Law and Social Science Workshop, USC, October 2014

Research in American and Comparative Politics Workshop, Boston University, October 2014

American Politics Seminar, University of Virginia Politics Department, April 2014

American Politics Colloquium, Syracuse University Maxwell School, April 2014

Seminar on Law and Politics, Harvard Law School, April 2014

Conference on Rational Choice Approaches to Judging, University of Chicago Law, October 2013

Research Workshop in American Politics, UC-Berkeley Political Science Department, October 2013

American Politics Seminar, UC-Riverside Political Science Department, September 2013

Judicial Master’s Program Seminar, Duke Law School, June 2013

New York County Lawyers’ Association, Judicial Section, May 2013

American Politics and Public Policy Workshop, Yale Political Science Department, October 2012

Women and Public Policy Program Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School, March 2012

Genomics and Jewish Identity Conference, Yeshiva University, February 2011
Riker Seminar Series, University of Rochester Political Science Department, November 2010
New Faces in Political Methodology, Penn State University, May 2010

CONFERENCE
& WORKSHOP
PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010)
American Political Science Association Conference (2018, 2014, 2013, 2011)
Society for Political Methodology Conference (paper: 2015, 2014, poster: 2011, 2010, 2009)
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2014, 2013, 2012, 2011)
European Political Science Association Meeting (2015, 2011)
Political Economy and Public Law Conference (PEPL) (2018, 2014, 2012)
Political Economy Workshop, Harvard University (2016)
Faculty Research Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School (2015)
American Constitution Society Voting Rights Act Workshop (2014)
Empirical Political Economy Network Meeting (EPEN) (2014)
Workshop on Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity, Harvard Kennedy School (2014)
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium, UC-Riverside (2013)
New Directions in African and African-American Studies Symposium, University of Rochester (2013)
American Politics Working Group, University of Rochester (2013)
Conference on Institutions and Law-Making, Emory University (2013)
Applied Statistics Workshop, Harvard University (2012)
Visions in Methodology Conference, Penn State (2012)
Law and Economics Seminar, Harvard Law School (2011)
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (2011)

GRANTS

2018 Harvard Kennedy School Dean's Research Fund Award (\$1,495)
2016 Harvard Kennedy School Dean's Research Fund Award (\$1,495)
2015 Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation Research Grant (\$5,000)
2014 Faculty Book Conference Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (\$5,000) (awarded jointly with Matthew Blackwell)
2013 Program in Empirical Policy Research Grant, Wallis Institute for Political Economy, University of Rochester (\$2,000)
2010 "Exploring the Political and Health-policy Implications of Genomics, Medicine and Race," Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research (\$334,976) (Co-Investigator with Jennifer Hochschild (PI))
2010 Summer Research Grant, Harvard University Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University (\$1,500)
2008-11 Terence M. Considine Fellowship in Law and Social Sciences, John M. Olin Center for Law, Economics, and Business, Harvard Law School (\$9,000)
2009 Graduate Research Grant, Harvard Real Estate Academic Initiative (\$3,500)

TEACHING

Harvard University (John F. Kennedy School of Government)
API-201Z (Advanced): Quantitative Analysis and Empirical Methods (G) (Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2018, Fall 2020)
DPI-505: The Supreme Court and Public Policy (G) (Spring 2016, Spring 2017)
SUP-923: Proseminar on Inequality and Social Policy III (G) (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)
SUP-922: Proseminar on Inequality and Social Policy II (G) (Spring 2020)
SUP-921: Proseminar on Inequality and Social Policy II (G) (Fall 2020)

University of Rochester (Department of Political Science)
PSC/AAS 228: Race and Ethnic Politics (UG) (Spring 2014, Spring 2013)
PSC 234: Law and Politics in the U.S. (UG) Fall 2013, Fall 2012)
PSC 545: Judicial Politics (G) (Spring 2014)

Harvard University (Faculty of Arts and Sciences)

Teaching Fellow, GOV 2001 (G): Advanced Quantitative Methodology, Gary King (Spring 2010)

Teaching Fellow, GOV 2000 (G): Introduction to Quantitative Methods, Adam Glynn (Fall 2009)

Head Teaching Fellow, GOV 1510 (UG): American Constitutional Law, Richard Fallon (Fall 2008)

Teaching Fellow, GOV 2453 (G): Practical and Theoretical Regulation of Voting, Jim Greiner and Kevin Quinn (Fall 2008)

Teaching Fellow, GOV 2069 (UG): Religion and the First Amendment, Martha Nussbaum (Fall 2008)

AFFILIATIONS 2015–present Faculty Affiliate, Taubman Center for State and Local Government, Harvard Kennedy School

2015–present Faculty Affiliate, Inequality and Social Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School

2014–present Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University

2014–present Faculty Affiliate, Ash Center for Democratic Governance, Harvard Kennedy School

2014–present Faculty Affiliate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

2014–present Faculty Affiliate, Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School

2012–2014 Faculty Affiliate, Frederick Douglass Institute of African and African–American Studies, University of Rochester

2008–2012 Graduate Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science (in residence, 2010–2012)

ADVISING 2019 Aaron Kaufman, PhD Dissertation Committee Member, Harvard University

2018 Pamela Ban, PhD Dissertation Committee Member, Harvard University

2018 Matthew Sweeten, PhD Dissertation Committee Member, University of Rochester

2017 David Gelman, PhD Dissertation Committee Member, University of Rochester

2012 Catalina Santos, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor, Harvard University

2011 David Kim, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor, Harvard University

2011 Richard Coffin, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor, Harvard University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Editorial Boards: *Journal of Politics* (2015–2019), *Political Analysis* (2016–2020), *Politics & Gender* (2019–present), *American Political Science Review* (2020–Present)

National Service: Middle States Commission on Higher Education Evaluation Team for New York University (March 23–27, 2014); Hanes Walton, Jr., Career Award Committee, American Political Science Association (2021); Best Journal Article Award Committee, American Political Science Association Law and Courts Section (2021); William H. Riker Book Award Committee Member, Political Economy Section of the American Political Science Association (2020); Section Chair, Methodology Section, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (2017); Society for Political Methodology Excellence in Mentoring Award Committee (2016–2018); Society for Political Methodology Diversity Committee (2013–2017); Society for Political Methodology Conference Program Committee (2016, 2014); Society for Political Methodology Graduate Student Selection Committee (2016, 2014); American Political Science Association Law & Courts Section, Lasting Contribution Award Committee (2016); Society for Political Methodology Best Graduate Student Poster Prize Committee (2015, 2013); Section Chair, American Law & Economics Association Meeting (May 2015); Organizer, Political Economy and Public Law Conference, Rochester, NY (May 2014).

University Service: Member, Presidential Committee on Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery; Member, Steering Committee for the Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences (2019–Present); Organizer, Challenges to Democracy Forum Event, Harvard Kennedy School Ash Center for Democratic Governance (March 2015); Harvard Kennedy School MPP Admissions Committee (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019); Harvard Kennedy School MPA Admissions Committee (2015); Harvard Kennedy School American Politics Search Committee (2018, chair 2019); University of Rochester American Politics Search Committee (2013).

Referee Service: National Science Foundation, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *The Economic Journal*, *Epidemiology, Gender and Society*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Journal of Law, Economics & Organization*, *Journal of Legal Studies*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Justice Systems Journal*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Analysis Letters*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Science*. Guest Editor: *PS: Political Science & Politics* (January 2013). External Referee: *Yale Law Journal*.

Discussant: American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2014, 2013), Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2009), Society for Political Methodology Summer Conference (2015, 2014, 2013), Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2014), International Seminar on the New Institutional Economics (2014), National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation (2015), Emory Institutions and Law-Making Conference (2014), Political Economy and Public Law Conference (2015, 2013).

LEGAL
EMPLOYMENT

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Memphis, TN
Law Clerk, 2004-05. Chambers of the Hon. Ronald Lee Gilman.

Center for Reproductive Rights, New York, NY
Blackmun Fellow, 2005-06.

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York, NY.
Summer Associate, 2004. Offer extended to return as permanent associate.

Jenner & Block, Washington, DC.
Summer Associate, 2003. Offer extended to return as permanent associate.

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York, NY.
Summer Associate, 2003. Offer extended to return as permanent associate.

MISC

Born: Mexico City, Mexico
Nationality: USA, Mexico (dual citizen)
Languages: Native Spanish, some French