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Education

- PhD Candidate, Political Science, University of California, Davis
Dissertation title: *The Empty Center Phenomenon Revisited: Ideology, Valence, and the Electoral Failures of Centrist Parties*
Dissertation Committee: James F. Adams, Matthew S. Shugart, Christopher D. Hare
Expected defense: May 2019
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute at the University of Houston, June 2017
- M.A., Political Science, Program for outstanding students, Tel Aviv University, 2011
- B.A., Political Science, Tel Aviv University, 2010

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Zur, Roi. 2019. "[Stuck in the Middle; Ideology, Valence, and the Electoral Failures of Centrist Parties](#)". (accepted for publication *British Journal of Political Science*).
- Zur, Roi. 2019. "[Party Survival in Parliament: Explaining Party Durability in Lower-House Parliaments](#)". *European Journal of Political Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12320>.
- Zur, Roi. 2017. "[When Valence Crushes: Explaining the Electoral Failure of the German FDP in the 2013 Election](#)". *German Politics* 26 (3) (07/03):380-97.

Book Chapters

- Zur, Roi. 2015. "[Impact of the political instability in Israel on the construction of sports facilities](#)" (Hebrew). In *The Vision of the Israeli Governance*, ed., Assaf Meydani. The Citizens' Empowerment Center in Israel (CECI) Press. 225-260.

Under Review

- "The Spatial Voting Model" (with James Adams & Samuel Merrill, Sage handbook chapter).

Working Papers

- “The multi-dimensional disadvantage of Liberal parties in Europe”.
- “Merges, splits, and dissolutions; How do parties die?”
- “Formateur powers and coalition agreements in fragmented party systems: The case of Israel” (with Maoz Rosenthal & Matthew Shugart)
- “Parties’ Policy Emphasis Strategies and the Behavioral Model of Voting” (with James Adams & Samuel Merrill)
- “Bringing Direction Back In: Overwhelming Evidence that Voters Weigh both Proximity AND Direction when Evaluating European Parties’ Left-Right Positions” (with James Adams, Christy Cahill, Samuel Merrill & Nathan Rexford)

Teaching

- Associate Instructor
 - POL 147A: ‘West European Politics’, Summer 2018 [[Syllabus](#)]
 - POL 147D: ‘German Politics’, Summer 2017 [[Syllabus](#)]
 - POL 02: ‘Introduction to Comparative Politics’, Spring 2017 [[Syllabus](#)]
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis:
 - Comparative electoral systems (POL 140A); Introduction to Comparative Politics (POL 02);
 - British Politics (POL 147B); Russian Politics (POL 144B); German Politics (POL 147D);
 - Comparative Political Development: Democracy (POL 142C); Post-Communist Politics (POL 144A);
 - Politics and Sports (POL 12A); Israeli Politics (POL 179)

Grants and Awards

- UC Davis Political Science Department Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2018-2019
- EITM Summer Institute (University of Houston), 2017
- Merk Family Distinguished Prospectus Award, 2017
- Bret Hewitt Distinguished QE Award, 2016
- Charles Hardin Emeriti Travel Award, 2015
- UC Davis Political Science Department, Summer Research Award, 2014; 2015
- UC Davis Political Science Department Travel Grants: EITM 2017, MPSA 2019; 2018; 2017; 2016; 2015, APSA 2014
- UC Davis Political Science Department Fellowship, 2012
- Bacon Family Fellowship, 2012
- The Citizens’ Empowerment Center in Israel (CECI) Research Grant, 2011
- The Konrad Adenauer program for Jewish-Arab Cooperation Research Prize, 2011
- Department of Political Science Fellowship, Tel Aviv University, 2010

Service and Professionalization

- Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*
- Research assistant: Matthew Shugart (on *Votes from Seats* with Rein Taagepera), 2017
- Research Assistant: Yael Shomer (Cameral Procedures dataset), 2013
- Membership: American Political Science Association 2014-present
Midwest Political Science Association, 2015-present
Association for Israel Studies, 2018
- UCD First Friends Program Mentor, 2016
- UCD Political Science Department Graduate Student Peer Mentor, 2015
- UCD Development Certificate, Learner-Centered Approach to Effective Teaching, 2016

Academic Presentations and Conferences

- Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Israel (invited talk): Party Survival in Parliament: Explaining Party Durability in Lower-House Parliaments.
- MPSA 2019 Annual Meeting: "The multi-dimensional disadvantage of Liberal parties in Europe"
- MPSA 2018 Annual Meeting: "Stuck in the Middle; Ideology, Valence, and the Electoral Failures of Centrist Parties"
- MPSA 2017 Annual Meeting: "Surviving in Parliament: Theory and Empirical Implications of Parties' Durability"
- MPSA 2016 Annual Meeting: "Explaining the electoral failure of the German FDP in 2013"
- MPSA 2016 Annual Meeting: "Parties' Policy Emphasis Strategies and the Behavioral Model of the Vote" (With James Adams & Samuel Merrill)
- APSA 2015 Annual Meeting: "Explaining the electoral failure of the German FDP in 2013" (Poster)
- APSA 2015 Annual Meeting: "Bringing Direction Back In: Overwhelming Evidence that Voters Weigh both Proximity AND Direction when Evaluating European Parties' Left-Right Positions" (With James Adams, Christy Cahill, Samuel Merrill & Nathan Rexford)
- MPSA 2015 Annual Meeting: "Voters' versus Parties' Issue Priorities: Do Either (or Both) Affect Voters' Evaluations of Parties' Policy Positions?" (With James Adams & Samuel Merrill)
- APSA 2014 Annual Meeting: "Do Moderate Voters Prefer Moderate Parties? An Analysis of Voting Behavior in European Elections" (With James Adams, Christy Cahill, Samuel Merrill & Nathan Rexford)