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## CURRENT POSITION AND AFFILIATIONS

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**Temple University**, Philadelphia, PA  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2020-  
Affiliated Faculty Member, Global Studies Program, 2019-

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA  
Non-Resident Visiting Scholar, Center for the Advanced Study of India, 2023-

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

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**Temple University**, Philadelphia, PA  
Director of Graduate Studies, 2021-24  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2018-2020

**George Washington University**, Washington DC  
International Council Assistant Professor, Elliott School of International Affairs and Department  
of Political Science, 2014-2018

**Beloit College**, Beloit, WI  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2012-2013

**University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, 2012-2013

**Nuffield College, University of Oxford**, Oxford, UK  
Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow in Politics, 2009-2012

## EDUCATION

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA  
Ph.D. in Political Science, September, 2009

**Dartmouth College**, Hanover, NH  
A.B., *summa cum laude*, June 2002  
Major in Government (high honors), minor in French  
Phi Beta Kappa

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Political Parties, Voting Behavior, Electoral Rules, Clientelism, Ethnic Politics, India

## BOOK

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Ziegfeld, Adam. 2016. *Why Regional Parties? Clientelism, Elites, and the Indian Party System*. New York: Cambridge University Press.  
Reviewed in *Journal of Asian Studies, Commonwealth & Comparative Politics, Pacific Affairs, Sociological Bulletin*

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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- Heath, Oliver and Adam Ziegfeld. 2022. "Why So Little Strategic Voting in India?" *American Political Science Review* 116 (4): 1523-1529.
- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2022. "Varieties of Electoral Dominance." *Comparative Politics* 55 (1): 165-188.
- Auerbach, Adam Michael, Jennifer Bussell, Simon Chauchard, Francesca Refsum Jensenius, Gareth Nellis, Mark Schneider, Neelanjan Sircar, Pavithra Suryanarayan, Tariq Thachil, Milan Vaishnav, Rahul Verma, and Adam Ziegfeld. 2022. "Rethinking the Study of Electoral Politics in the Developing World: Reflections on the Indian Case." *Perspectives on Politics* 20 (1): 250-264.
- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2021. "The Authoritarian Origins of Dominant Parties in Democracies: Opposition Fragmentation and Asymmetric Competition in India." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 56 (4): 435-462.
- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2021. "What Accounts for Duverger's Law? The Behavioral Mechanisms Underpinning Two-Party Convergence in India." *Electoral Studies* 73 (October): 102382.
- Jap, Jangai and Adam Ziegfeld. 2020. "Ethnic Parties in New Democracies: The Case of Myanmar 2015." *Electoral Studies* 65: 1-12.
- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2020. "A New Dominant Party in India? Putting the 2019 BJP Victory into Historical Perspective." *India Review* 19 (2): 136-152.
- Auerbach, Adam Michael and Adam Ziegfeld. 2020. "How Electoral Quotas Influence Political Competition? Evidence from Municipal, State, and National Elections in India." *Journal of Politics* 82 (1): 397-401.
- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2019. "Alliance Politics Amid the BJP's Rise: More Continuity than Change in 2019." *Studies in Indian Politics* 7 (2): 191-205.
- Tudor, Maya and Adam Ziegfeld. 2019. "Social Cleavages, Party Organization, and the End of Single-Party Dominance: Insights from India." *Comparative Politics* 51 (1): 149-178.
- Heath, Oliver and Adam Ziegfeld. 2018. "Electoral Volatility and Turnout: Party Entry and Exit in Indian National Elections." *Journal of Politics* 80 (2): 570-584.
- Ziegfeld, Adam and Maya Tudor. 2017. "How Opposition Parties Sustain Single-Party Dominance: Lessons from India." *Party Politics* 23 (3): 262-273.
- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2015. "Who Wins Votes? Candidate Characteristics in Indian Elections." *Asian Survey* 55 (5): 1018-1043.
- Maeda, Kentaro and Adam Ziegfeld. 2015. "Socioeconomic Status and Corruption Perceptions around the World." *Research and Politics* 2 (2): 1-11.

- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2013. “Are Higher-Magnitude Electoral Districts Always Better for Small Parties?” *Electoral Studies* 32 (1): 63-77.
- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2012. “Coalition Government and Party System Change: Explaining the Rise of Regional Political Parties in India.” *Comparative Politics* 45 (1): 69-87.

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS (\* DENOTES PEER-REVIEWED)**

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- \*Ziegfeld, Adam and Anurag Jain. In Press. “Political Parties and Party Systems in South Asia.” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.  
doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.ORE\_POL-02106.R1.
- Ziegfeld, Adam. In Press. “Regional Parties.” In Sumit Ganguly and E. Sridharan, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Indian Politics*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2018. “Electoral Systems in Context: India.” In Erik S. Herron, Robert Pekkanen, and Matthew Søberg Shugart, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Electoral Systems*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 699-720.
- \*Ziegfeld, Adam. 2016. “Dynasticism across Indian Parties.” In Kanchan Chandra, ed., *Democratic Dynasties: State, Party, and Family in Contemporary Indian Politics*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 97-126.  
Volume reviewed in *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics, Studies in Indian Politics*. Media coverage of chapter in *Times of India* and *Scroll.in*
- \*Tudor, Maya and Adam Ziegfeld. 2016. “Subnational Democratization in India: The Role of Colonial Competition and Central Intervention.” In Jacqueline Behrend and Laurence Whitehead, eds., *Illiberal Practices: Territorial Variance within Large Federal Democracies*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 49-86.  
Volume reviewed in *Democratization, Perspectives on Politics, Publius*
- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2012. “Tamil Nadu.” In Atul Kohl and Prerna Singh, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Indian Politics*. London: Routledge, 282-290.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

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2022. Review of *To Kill a Democracy: India’s Passage to Despotism*. By Debashish Roy Chowdhury and John Keane. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021. *The Center on Contemporary India*, University of California-Berkeley.  
<https://indiacenter.berkeley.edu/sarg/sarg-2022>
2020. Review of *Mobilizing the Marginalized: Ethnic Parties without Ethnic Movements*. By Amit Ahuja. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019. *Perspectives on Politics* 18 (3): 975-976.
2018. Review of *Religious Practice and Democracy in India*. By Pradeep K. Chhibber. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014. *India Ink*, August 13.
2015. Review of *Elite Parties, Poor Voters: How Social Services Win Votes in India*. By Tariq Thachil. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014. *Journal of Politics* 77 (4): e11-e12.

#### **WORKING PAPERS (AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)**

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“How Voters Behave When Parties Form Election Alliances: Evidence from India”

- “Bringing Down Dominant Parties: Opposition Leaders and Coordination in India’s States.”  
“When Does Electoral Cooperation End? Theory and Evidence from India” (with Dyutiman Saunik)  
“Rule of Law and Electoral Politics: Why Some Elections are Candidate-Centered and Others Are Party-Centered” (with Samuel Frantz)

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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- Why Parties Cooperate: The Politics of Pre-Election Alliances in India*, book project  
“Ideology’s Weak Constraint on Pre-Election Alliance Formation in India”  
“Do the Non-Poor Really Dislike Clientelism?”

## COMMENTARY

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2024. “Good Chat: What Just Happened in India’s Elections?” (with Christopher Clary). *Good Authority*, June 12. <https://goodauthority.org/news/good-chat-modi-bjp-india-2024-elections-parties-alliances-coalition/>.
2023. “Diminished Rights but Robust Competition: Challenging Conventional Wisdom on India’s Democratic Backsliding.” *The Carter Center*, India Policy Commentary Series, February 16.
2016. “The Politics of Pre-Election Alliances in India.” *India in Transition*, August 1.
2015. “India’s ruling party just lost an important election. So what?” *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*, November 10.
2014. “Does Modi get all the credit for BJP win? Jury’s still out,” *Times of India*, May 25.
2014. “India’s election isn’t as historic as people think,” *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*, May 16.
2010. “Why the Rise of Regional Parties Isn’t So Bad,” *India in Transition*, October 11.
2009. “How can the Congress make it on its own?” *The Indian Express*, September 22.
2008. “Heads you win, tails I lose,” *The Indian Express*, December 31.
2008. “The rise of the rest,” *The Indian Express*, July 25.
2008. “Sweat the small stuff,” *The Indian Express*, July 11.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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- Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Award, Temple University, 2021  
College of Liberal Arts Research Award (CLARA), Temple University, 2021  
Summer Research Award, Temple University, 2019  
College of Liberal Arts Research Award (CLARA), Temple University, 2019  
Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Award (LAURA), Temple University, 2019  
GW Institute of Public Policy, Shapiro Policy Research Scholar, 2016  
GW Strategic Opportunities for Academic Research (SOAR) Initiative grant, 2015  
GW Sigur Center for Asian Studies Summer Travel Grant, 2015  
GW University Facilitating Fund, 2015  
John Fell OUP Research Fund Small Grant, 2011  
British Academy Small Grant, 2010  
Yale Program on Democracy Post-doctoral Fellowship (declined), 2009-10

MIT India Research Funding, 2005, 2006, 2007  
National Security Education Program David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship, 2005-06  
MIT Center for International Studies Summer Grant, 2004, 2005  
South Asian Summer Language Institute Fellowship (declined), 2004  
Presidential Fellowship, MIT, 2002-03

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Lucian Pye Award for best dissertation in the department of political science, MIT, 2010  
Masters by resolution, University of Oxford, 2009  
Phi Beta Kappa, Dartmouth, 2002  
Nelson Rockefeller Prize in Comparative Politics, Dartmouth, 2002

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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University of Michigan, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, October 2019  
NYU-Abu Dhabi, March 2019  
Brown University, Book Adda [Launch] for *When Crime Pays*, September 2017  
George Washington University, Comparative Politics Workshop, May 2017  
Brookings Institution, panel on India's State Election Results, March 2017  
University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Advanced Study of India Seminar, September 2016  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, May 2016  
George Washington University, Elliott School Book Launch Series, April 2016  
Harvard University, Joint Seminar on South Asian Politics, February 2016  
University of Chicago, South Asia Seminar, February 2015  
George Washington University, Comparative Politics Workshop, September 2014  
University of Michigan, Dominant Parties Conference, May 2014  
Northwestern University, Political Parties Workshop, January 2014  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for South Asia, February 2013  
University of Chicago, Comparative Politics Workshop, January 2013  
Harvard University, Joint Seminar on South Asian Politics, April 2012  
University of Oxford, Nuffield Politics Seminar, October 2011  
Workshop in Honor of Paul Brass, Seattle, WA, September 2011  
Dartmouth College, Comparative Democracy Group, March 2008  
Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, Research and Discussion Forum, September 2005

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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American Political Science Association: 2004, 2007, 2010-13, 2015-17, 2019, 2022  
Midwest Political Science Association: 2007, 2008, 2010-12, 2014, 2015, 2024  
International Society for Political Psychology: 2017  
Annual Conference on South Asia: 2007, 2010, 2013, 2015  
European Consortium of Political Research (General Conference): 2015  
European Political Science Association: 2011  
International Studies Association: 2007  
Association for the Study of Nationalities: 2004

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

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### *Temple University*

Democracy in India (Spring 2018)  
Comparative Politics (PhD) (Fall 2022)  
Democratic Politics (PhD) (Spring 2019, Fall 2021, Spring 2024)  
Dissertation Prospectus Workshop (Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023)  
Elections around the World (Spring 2021)  
Foreign Governments (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2022)  
Making and Unmaking Racial and Ethnic Hierarchies (Fall 2021)  
Politics of India (Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2021)  
Independent Study Courses: Advanced Topics in the Study of India (Spring 2020), Politics of Pakistan (Spring 2019), Topics in Comparative Politics (Spring 2018)

### *Previous Teaching (Institution, Level)*

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| Advanced Theories of Comparative Politics (GW, PhD)  | Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015 |
| Comparative Politics of South Asia (GW, UG)          | Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014 |
| Ethnic Politics and Conflict in South Asia (GW, UG)  | Spring 2016, Spring 2015        |
| Ethnic Politics and Conflict in South Asia (GW, MA)  | Spring 2015                     |
| Politics and Policy in Asia (GW, MA)                 | Fall 2014                       |
| Democracy in India (Beloit/Chicago), UG)             | Spring 2014, Spring 2013        |
| Problems with Democracy (Beloit, UG)                 | Spring 2014                     |
| Introduction to Comparative Politics (Beloit, UG)    | Fall 2013                       |
| Parties and Elections around the World (Chicago, UG) | Spring 2013                     |
| Clientelism (Chicago, MA/PhD)                        | Fall 2012                       |

### *Doctoral Committee Service*

Chair: Souradeep Banerjee (ongoing), Anurag Jain (ongoing), Belinda Peter (ongoing), Can Zengin (2024)  
Committee Member: Fariha Ahmed (ongoing), Sean Harris (2023), Luis García (ongoing), Felipe Ribeiro (ongoing), Everett Vieira (2018)  
External Reader: Diogo Lemos (GW, 2018), Varun Piplani (GW, 2017)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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MPSA Conference Section Head, Politics of South Asia (2024)  
APSA Conference Divisional Co-Chair, South Asian Politics (2024)  
APSA Conference Divisional Co-Chair, Comparative Politics Section (2023)  
Editorial Board, *Electoral Studies* (2018-present),  
Reviewer for *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Asian Survey*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, Cambridge University Press, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Contemporary South Asia*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Frontiers in Political Science*, *Governance*, Hurst Publishers, *India Review*, *Indian Politics and Policy*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Law and Society Review*, *Local Government Studies*, Oxford University Press, *Party Politics*,

*Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Studies, Regional and Federal Studies, Studies in Comparative International Development, Studies in Indian Politics, World Development, University of Michigan Press, World Politics*

## **UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

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### *Temple*

College of Liberal Arts Teaching Awards Committee, 2023-present  
Comparative Politics Field Coordinator, 2019-present  
Department of Political Science Seminar Co-Coordinator, 2023-present  
College of Liberal Arts Tenure-Track Merit Committee, 2022-2024 (Chair 2023-240  
Director of Graduate Studies, 2021-2024  
Comparative Politics Colloquium Coordinator, 2019-2023  
Department Chairperson Search Committee, 2022  
American Politics/Quantitative Methods Search Committee, 2021  
Graduate Committee, 2019-21  
Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2019  
Fulbright Campus Committee, 2018  
Undergraduate Committee, 2018-19

### *GW*

Institutional delegate to the American Institute of Indian Studies, 2016-2017  
Coordinator, Political Science Department Speaker Series, 2015-2017  
Comparative Politics General Examination Committee, Fall 2015  
Department Secretary, 2014-15

### *Nuffield*

Dean of Degrees, 2011-12  
Governing Body, 2011-12  
Personnel and Domestic Committee, 2011-12  
Deputy Dean of Degrees, 2010-11  
Library Committee, 2010-11  
Post-doc Lunch Seminar, Co-organizer, 2010

### *MIT*

Graduate Student Work in Progress Seminar, Co-founder and organizer, 2007-08  
Faculty Hiring Committee, 2004, 2007  
Graduate Program Committee, 2003-04

## **FIELD RESEARCH**

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Approximately 24 months of field research in urban and rural India (Delhi, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal)

*Updated July 30, 2024*