

Olivia Bergman

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- EDUCATION** *Ph.D.* Political Science (GPA: 4.95/5.00)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA, 2014–2020 (expected)
Concentration: Comparative Public Policy, Taxation, Social Policy, Experiments
- B.A.*, Peace & Justice Studies (4.00/4.00), Psychology (4.00/4.00), Spanish (4.00/4.00)
Wellesley College, MA, USA, 2008–2012
Summa Cum Laude (top 1% of graduates)
- Visiting Scholar*, School for International Training (4.00/4.00)
Managua, Nicaragua, Spring 2011
- Visiting Scholar*, Universidad Carlos III Madrid (9.82/10.00)
Madrid, Spain, Spring 2010
- SELECT COURSES** MIT: Quantitative Methods Sequence, Public Opinion Research Lab, Qualitative Research, Political Experiments, Political Economy, Comparative Social Policy, Varieties of Inequality; Harvard: Political Violence, Behavioral Economics & Public Policy
- SKILLS** *Languages:* Swedish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (professional proficiency)
Software: R, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, (basic) Python
- EXPERIENCE** *Visiting Scholar* 2019–2020
Goldman School of Public Policy, UC Berkeley
Hosted by Professor Elizabeth Linos and The People Lab
- Visiting Scholar* 2018–2019
Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley
Hosted by Professor Paul Pierson
- Research Fellow* 2017–present
Harvard STAR Lab: Sustainability, Transparency, and Accountability Research
Leading a randomized control trial (n=200,000) with a corporate partner in Australia
- Behavioral Design Team* March–May 2018
ideas42, Research on behavioral mechanisms underlying lack of minority recruitment to the Fire Department in NYC
- Teaching Assistant* June 2017
JPAL, Executive Education Course on Evaluating Social Programs
- Teaching Assistant* Spring 2017
MIT Political Science, European Politics (Undergraduate), Prof. Kathleen Thelen
Teaching evaluations: 6.8/7 (18 students, detailed comments available upon request)

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<i>Visiting Scholar</i> Crime Lab, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago	Fall 2016
<i>Research Assistant</i> Harvard Economics, Profs. Alberto Alesina and Stefanie Stantcheva	January 2015
<i>Research Assistant</i> MIT Political Science, Prof. Kathleen Thelen	June 2014–2018
<i>Research and Policy Associate</i> Community Training and Assistance Center, Boston, USA	June 2012–June 2013
<i>Research Assistant</i> MIT Behavioral Research Lab, Cambridge, USA	Spring 2012
<i>Field Researcher</i> Center for Violence Prevention, Managua, Nicaragua	Spring 2011

AWARDS & HONORS

- Dean's Predoctoral Fellowship in Public Policy & Management
University of California Berkeley, School of Public Health, 2018–2019
- Harvard University Krupp Foundation Fellowship, Minda de Gunzburg
Center for European Studies, (\$31,930), 2017–2018
- Prince Bertil's Prize, Sweden-America Foundation, 2017
- Sweden-America Foundation Fellowship, (\$10,000), 2017–2018
- MIT Political Science Department Fellowship, 2014–2020
- Alice Freeman Palmer Research Fellowship, (\$30,000), 2014
- Durant Scholar, awarded to top 1% of graduates, Wellesley College, 2012
- Justina Ruiz de Conde Prize for Outstanding Studies, Wellesley College, 2012
- Davis Merit Scholarship, (\$240,000), undergraduate studies, 2008–2012
- International Rescue Committee Research Fellow, (\$5,000), 2011
- National Undergraduate Research Nominee, Forum on Education Abroad, 2011
- Elected into the National Collegiate Hispanic Honors Society, 2012
- Top 1% of International Baccalaureate graduates worldwide, 2007
- United World College Scholarship, (\$60,000), 2005–2007

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- DISSERTATION PROJECT** “Everyday Politics of the Social Contract: How Design Can Shape Views of the Costs and Benefits of Governance”
For most of history, people had only infrequent personal contacts with their governments. By contrast, the modern citizen has myriad direct interfaces with the state, in the form of taxation and receipt of publicly-funded services. But social policies with the same goals and costs can look very different to citizens. I explore how policy design—the non-financial, non-substantive characteristics of how a policy ultimately appears—affects citizens’ perceptions of governance. While most research links attitudinal outcomes to the content of policies, I argue instead that seemingly innocuous design features of policies can have outsized impacts. Studying the U.S., Australia and Sweden reveals how design can promote, or undermine, trust in government.
- OTHER WRITING** “¡El Machismo Mata! Promoviendo una Masculinidad Libre de Violencia”
ISP: Paper 1040, May 2011. Publication adopted by *United Nations Women* to promote a model of psycho-social interventions to prevent youth gang violence
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** *Horizons for Homeless Children (HHC) Weekly Volunteer*, Boston, USA, 2012–2015
Boston Marathon: Ran the marathon in 3:41 and raised \$5,000 for HHC, April 2013
Pforzheimer Learning & Teaching Center, Academic Tutor, Wellesley, USA, 2009–2012
Swedish Red Cross, Policy & Research Intern, Halmstad, Sweden, Summer 2011
International Rotary Club, Co-Founder & President, Wellesley, USA, 2009–2011
Bergen Refugee Center for Asylum Seekers, Volunteer, Bergen, Norway, 2005–2007