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EDUCATION

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2025 (dissertation defended March 2025)
Dissertation: Political Succession and International Political Economy
Committee: José Antonio Cheibub (chair), Quan Li (co-chair), Scott J. Cook, and David Bearce

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

M.A. in Political Science, 2020
B.A. in Political Science, 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Sharman, Sam. 2024. "Labor Mobility and Semi-Presidentialism." *Electoral Studies* 88 (April): 102772.

WORKING PAPERS

Sharman, Sam. "Coup Risk and Autocratic Succession Rules: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa." (under review at *American Journal of Political Science*)

Sharman, Sam. "Autocratic Succession Rules and Access to Foreign Finance: An Analysis of Sovereign Bond Markets in Sub-Saharan Africa." (under review at *International Organization*)

Goidel, Spencer, Leon Kockaya, and Sam Sharman. "Political Polarization and Citizen Support for State Surveillance: A Survey Experiment in the United States." (under review at *Journal of Politics*)

Choi, Hongbi, and Sam Sharman. "The Conditional Importance of the Rule of Law for Foreign Direct Investment in Autocracies."

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Sharman, Sam. "Succession Rules and the Survival of Autocratic Regimes."

Cheibub, José Antonio, Quan Li, and Sam Sharman. "Foreign Actors in Domestic Winning Coalitions."

Kockaya, Leon, and Sam Sharman. "Announcing Fixed Exchange Rate Regimes: Why States Lie about Floating."

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Choi, Hongbi, and Sam Sharman. 2025. "The Conditional Importance of the Rule of Law for Foreign Direct Investment in Autocracies." Accepted for the Annual Meeting of the International Political Economy Society, Los Angeles, CA, October 17–18.

Choi, Hongbi, and Sam Sharman. 2025. "The Conditional Importance of the Rule of Law for Foreign Direct Investment in Autocracies." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3–6.

Sharman, Sam. 2024. "Succession Rules and the Survival of Autocratic Regimes." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 5–8.

Sharman, Sam. 2024. "Autocratic Succession and Access to Foreign Finance." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4–7.

Kockaya, Leon, and Sam Sharman. 2024. "Building on Democratic Hypocrisy: State Power and Surveillance." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 10–13.

Sharman, Sam. 2023. "Autocratic Succession and Access to Foreign Finance." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Political Economy Society, Washington, DC, October 28–29.

Sharman, Sam. 2023. "Autocratic Survival and the Introduction of Succession Rules." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 13–16.

Sharman, Sam. 2022. "Labor Mobility and Types of Democracy: Considering Semi-Presidentialism." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Virtual Summer Meeting, June 16–17.

TEACHING

Texas A&M University

Instructor of Record

- POLS 424: Comparative Governmental Institutions (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- POLS 318: Theories of International Relations (Fall 2025)

Teaching Assistant

- POLS 606: Causal Inference (graduate) (Fall 2023, Hannah Simpson)
- POLS 603: Quantitative Political Analysis II (graduate) (Spring 2023, Scott J. Cook)
- POLS 602: Quantitative Political Analysis I (graduate) (Fall 2022, Paul Kellstedt)
- POLS 309: Polimetrics (Fall 2021, Alicia Cooperman; Spring 2022, Casey Crisman-Cox)
- POLS 209: Introduction to Political Science Research (Fall 2020, Carlo Horz; Spring 2024, Ali Kagalwala)
- POLS 200: Foundations of Political Science (Spring 2021, José Antonio Cheibub)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Texas A&M University

President of the Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2023–2024
Graduate Student Mentor, 2023–2025

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
International Political Economy Society
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association