

# Stephanie Ternullo

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Assistant Professor**, Department of Government, Harvard University 2023-  
**Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Department of Government, Harvard University 2022-2023

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Chicago

Ph.D., Sociology 2017-2022

*Dissertation*: “Becoming Partisans: How Place Makes Politics in the American Heartland”

*Committee*: Lis Clemens (chair), John Levi Martin, Eric Oliver, Robert Vargas

M.A., Sociology 2019

### University of Cambridge

M.Phil, Economic & Social History 2016

### Amherst College

B.A., Economics, *summa cum laude* 2015

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## BOOKS

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*How the Heartland Went Red: Why Local Forces Matter in an Age of Nationalized Politics*.  
Princeton University Press. 2024.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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8. Ternullo, Stephanie. “Place-Based Partisanship: How Place (Re)Produces Americans’ Partisan Attachments.” Accepted at *American Journal of Sociology*
7. Ternullo, Stephanie, Ángela Zorro-Medina, and Robert Vargas. 2024. “How Political Dynasties Concentrate Advantage within Cities: Evidence from Crime and City Services in Chicago.” *Social Forces*.
6. Ternullo, Stephanie, and Simon Yamawaki Shachter. 2024. “Old Patronage in the New Deal: Did Urban Machines Use Work Relief Programs to Benefit the Democratic Party?” *Studies in American Political Development*.
5. Ternullo, Stephanie. “The Local Politics of National Realignment: U.S. Political Transformation from the New Deal to the Religious Right.” Conditionally accepted at *Journal of Historical Political Economy*.
4. Ternullo, Stephanie, and Jeffrey Parker. 2024. “Rage Against the Machine: How 21st Century Political Machines Constitute Their Own Opposition.” in *The Elgar Handbook of Urban Social Movements*.
3. Ternullo, Stephanie. 2022. “‘I’m Not Sure What to Believe’: Media Distrust and Opinion Formation during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *American Political Science Review* 1–14.

2. Parker, Jeffrey Nathaniel, and Stephanie Ternullo. 2022. "Gentrifiers Evading Stigma: Social Integrationists in the Neighborhood of the Future." *Social Problems*.
1. Ternullo, Stephanie. 2022. "The Electoral Effects of Social Policy: Expanding Old-Age Assistance, 1932–1940." *The Journal of Politics* 84(1):226–41.

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS & PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

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- Thom, Elizabeth and Stephanie Ternullo. "From Place to Populism: How Local Organizational Decline Shapes Political (Dis)Engagement." *Under Review*
- Stephanie Ternullo. "'It makes me sound like I'm a NIMBY; I'm not:': Local Political Norms and Liberal Support for Housing." *Under Review*
- Stephanie Ternullo & Anna Berg. "Toward a Qualitative Study of the American Voter." *Under Review*
- Stephanie Ternullo. "The Politics of Concentrated Advantage."

#### PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

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- Stephanie Ternullo. 2024. "History Reveals How Donald Trump Captured the Industrial Heartland—And a Path Forward for Democrats." *Time*.
- Stephanie Ternullo. 2024. "Why did Motorville stay blue?" *Contexts Blog*.
- Stephanie Ternullo. 2021. "Conservatives don't want a bigger social safety net. But they do want to care for the needy." *Washington Post's Monkey Cage*.
- Stephanie Ternullo. 2021. "The Electoral Effects of Old-Age Assistance and the Social Security Act of 1935." *Broadstreet*.
- Stephanie Ternullo. 2020. "Americans want to trust the experts on the coronavirus. That isn't easy." *Washington Post's Monkey Cage*.

#### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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- 2024 Stone Research Grant from Harvard Kennedy School's James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality, and Social Policy (\$5,500)
- 2021 Mansueto Institute Urban Doctoral Fellowship (\$1,000)
- 2020 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$15,999)
- 2020 SSRC Social Data Dissertation Fellowship (\$7,750)
- 2020-2021 University of Chicago Henderson Research Grant (\$3,000)
- 2015 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship (\$7,500)
- 2015 James R Nielson Memorial Award for Excellence in Economics (\$500)

## CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

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- 2024 “The Politics of Concentrated Advantage.” *MPSA, UC Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics; University of Oregon American Politics Workshop*
- 2023-2024 “How the Heartland Went Red.” *Princeton Center for the Study of Democratic Politics; Amherst College; University of Oregon Wayne Morse Center*
- 2023-2024 “Local Political Norms & Liberal Support for Housing.” *BU Urban Inequalities Workshop; Harvard Social & Cultural Analysis Workshop; NYU Identities & Ideologies Project; UC Berkeley WARM Conference.*
- 2021-2022 “Place and Partisanship: The Local Contexts of American Political Identity Formation.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2021 & 2022.*
- 2021 “‘I Don’t Know What to Believe:’ Media Distrust and Opinion Formation during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *The Great Mediation: Perspectives on Politics and the New Media*