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CURRENT POSITION AND AFFILIATIONS

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

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, 2014-2017

Beloit College, Beloit, WI
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2013-2014

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

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

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

BOOK

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

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Saunik, Dyutiman and Adam Ziegfeld. Forthcoming. "When Does Electoral Cooperation End? How Relative Changes in Popular Support Undermine Election Alliances in India." *Studies in Comparative International Development*.
- 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)

- *Ziegfeld, Adam and Anurag Jain. 2024. "Political Parties and Party Systems in South Asia." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Last modified: November 20, 2024. doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.2106.
- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2024. "Regional Parties." In Sumit Ganguly and E. Sridharan, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Indian Politics*. Oxford University Press, 211-224.
- 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 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 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*. Johns Hopkins University Press, 49-86.
Volume reviewed in *Democratization, Perspectives on Politics, Publius*
- Ziegfeld, Adam. 2012. "Tamil Nadu." In Atul Kohl and Perna Singh, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Indian Politics*. Routledge, 282-290.

BOOK REVIEWS

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.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

“Voting Behavior in the Context of Election Alliances: Evidence from India”

“Bringing Down Dominant Parties: Opposition Leaders and Coordination in India’s States.”

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Why Parties Cooperate: The Politics of Pre-Election Alliances in India, book project

“Do the Non-Poor Really Dislike Clientelism?”

“Are Hindu Nationalist Voters Actually Hindu Nationalist?” (with Belinda Peter)

“Rule of Law and Electoral Politics: Why Some Elections are Candidate-Centered and Others Are Party-Centered” (with Abhit Bhandari and Samuel Frantz)

COMMENTARY

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

Public Policy Lab Research Team Fellowship (with Belinda Peter), Temple University, 2025-26
Summer Research Award, Temple University, 2019, 2022

Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Award (LAURA), Temple University, 2019, 2021, 2025

College of Liberal Arts Research Award (CLARA), Temple University, 2019, 2021

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

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

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

American Political Science Association: 2004, 2007, 2010-13, 2015-17, 2019, 2022
Midwest Political Science Association: 2007, 2008, 2010-12, 2014, 2015, 2024, 2025
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

Temple University

Democracy in India (Spring 2018)
Comparative Politics (PhD) (Fall 2022, Spring 2025)
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)

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), Shiladitya Kumar (Houston, ongoing), Luis García (ongoing), Felipe Ribeiro (ongoing), Everett Vieira (2018)
External Reader: Diogo Lemos (GW, 2018), Varun Piplani (GW, 2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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, Swiss National Science Foundation, Studies in Comparative International Development, Studies in Indian Politics, World Development, University of Michigan Press, World Politics

UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Temple

College of Liberal Arts Teaching Awards Committee, 2023-present (Co-Chair 2024-25)
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 2023-24)
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

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

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