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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Inequality, poverty and comparative social policy; Comparative welfare state politics; Comparative political economy and the political economy of gender; Political economy of multilevel governance and decentralization	
EDUCATION	<i>University of North Carolina</i> , Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA Ph.D. Political Science, Expected 2022 Concentrations: Comparative Politics and Methodology Committee: John D. Stephens (Chair), Evelyne Huber, Liesbet Hooghe, Gary Marks, Ted Enamorado <i>Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin</i> , Dublin, Ireland M.Sc. Politics and Public Policy, Upper Second Class Honours, August 2015 <i>University of Connecticut</i> , Storrs, Connecticut, USA B.A. Political Science, Honors, and English, May 2014	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<i>Danish Centre for Welfare Studies, University of Southern Denmark</i> , Odense, Denmark Visiting Research Fellow, Sep. 2021, <i>accepted</i> <i>Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po</i> , Paris, France Visiting Research Fellow, May-Jul. 2021 <i>Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences</i> , Bremen, Germany Visiting Research Fellow, May-Jul. 2019	
PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES	Alper, Kaitlin , Evelyne Huber and John D. Stephens. 2021. Poverty and Social Rights Among the Working Age Population in Post-Industrial Democracies. <i>Social Forces</i> . 99(4):1710-44. https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaa073	
BOOK CHAPTERS	Huber, Evelyne, John D. Stephens and Kaitlin Alper . 2019. The Varied Sources of Increasing Wage Dispersion. In <i>The European Social Model under Pressure - Liber Amicorum in Honour of Klaus Armingeon</i> , ed. Patrick Emmenegger, Nathalie Giger, and Romana Careja. New York, NY: Springer Publishing.	
UNDER REVIEW	“Income, Familialism and Women’s Economic Independence” <i>Under review, Dec. 2020</i> “The Strength of Attachment: Regionalism, Nationalism and Vote Choice” (with Caroline Marie Lancaster) <i>Under review, Feb. 2021</i>	

IN PREPARATION	<p>“Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution” (Dissertation project)</p> <p>“Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests?” (with Sean Norton)</p> <p>“The XX Factor: Gender and Attitudes Towards Redistribution” (with Andreas Jozwiak and David Attewell)</p> <p>“Rising Education Debt in Europe” (with Cameron Ballard-Rosa)</p>
AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	<p>2021 Off-Campus Dissertation Fellowship, UNC Graduate School (\$10,000)</p> <p>DaWS Early Career Grant, DaWS University of Southern Denmark (kr.20,000)</p> <p>Lewin Fund Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$4,300)</p> <p>2020 DAAD Short-Term Research Grant, DAAD (€5,000, <i>cancelled due to COVID-19</i>)</p> <p>Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$3,250)</p> <p>2019 DAAD Travel Grant, Hertie School of Governance Berlin</p> <p>JMCE EU Summer Research Award, Center for European Studies (\$3,000)</p> <p>BIGSSS-Departs Inbound Program Grant, BIGSSS Universität Bremen (€1,300)</p> <p>Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$2,000)</p> <p>2018 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for European Studies (\$7,500)</p> <p>2017 Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$2,000)</p> <p>Whit Ayres Fund Travel Grant, UNC Political Science</p> <p>2016 Summer Funding Award, UNC Political Science (\$3,000, <i>recurring yearly</i>)</p>
ORIGINAL DATA	<p>Regional Political Economy and Social Policy Dataset</p> <p>Socioeconomic variables, social expenditure and policy competences at the regional (subnational) level; 19 advanced industrial democracies, 1980-2019.</p> <p><i>In preparation</i></p>
PRESENTATIONS	<p>International Conference of Europeanists</p> <p>“Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests?”</p> <p>“The Strength of Attachment: Regionalism, Nationalism, and Vote Choice”</p> <p>Council for European Studies, Virtual (Jun. 2021, <i>accepted</i>)</p> <p>Methods and Design Workshop</p> <p>“Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests?”</p> <p>UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC (Feb. 2021)</p> <p>UNC Comparative Politics Working Group</p> <p>“The Strength of Attachment: Regionalism, Nationalism, and Vote Choice”</p> <p>UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC (Feb. 2021)</p> <p>International Conference of Europeanists</p> <p>“Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests”</p> <p>“Regional Identity and Voting for the Radical Right”</p> <p>Council for European Studies, Reykjavik, Iceland (<i>accepted, cancelled due to COVID-19</i>)</p> <p>Thomas M. Uhlman Seminar</p> <p>“Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution”</p> <p>UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC (Feb. 2020)</p> <p>BIGSSS Doctoral Colloquium Series</p>

	<p>“Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution” Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bremen, Germany (Jul. 2019)</p> <p>International Conference of Europeanists “Work and Poverty in Post-Industrial Democracies” Council for European Studies, Madrid, Spain (Jun. 2019)</p> <p>Varieties of Welfare Capitalism in Times of Socio-Economic Insecurity Workshop “Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution” Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany (May 2019)</p> <p>Thomas M. Uhlman Seminar “Regional Governance and Inequality Reduction” UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC (Feb. 2019)</p> <p>EU COFUND BIGSSS Departs Poster Session “Income, Familialism and Women’s Economic Independence” Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bremen, Germany (Feb. 2018)</p> <p>Thomas M. Uhlman Seminar “Income, Familialism and Women’s Economic Independence” UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC (Feb. 2018)</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC Instructor, Aug. 2019-Dec. 2020 Introduction to European Government (Fall 2019, Spring 2020 & Fall 2020)</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Aug. 2017-May 2019, Jan. 2021-May 2021 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2021) Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2019) Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2017 & Fall 2018) American State and Local Government (Spring 2018)</p> <p>Guest Lecturer Gender and the Welfare State, upper-level sociology course (Spring 2018)</p>
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<p>Workshop on Automated Web Data Collection University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (Jan. 2020)</p> <p>Writing and Development Workshop Joint with BIGSSS and the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom (May 2019)</p> <p>Democracy Under Pressure: Cleavages and Contestations Workshop German Academy New York, New York, NY (Dec. 2018)</p> <p>French Language Summer Course Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier, Montpellier, France (Jun.-Jul. 2018)</p> <p>LIS Cross-National Data Center Workshop Université du Luxembourg, Belval, Luxembourg (Jun. 2017)</p>
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	<p>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC Dr. John D. Stephens and Dr. Evelyne Huber, Aug. 2016-present Providing support for research on inequality, political economy and the welfare state Leading a team of RA’s in updating the Comparative Welfare States data set</p>

TECHNICAL SKILLS	Programming: R Stata L A _T E _X Java Languages: English (native) French (advanced)
METHODS TRAINING	Classical Regression Models; Generalized Linear Models; Panel Data Analysis; Comparative Historical Analysis; Multilevel Models; Structural Equation Models; Causal Mediation Analysis; Game Theory I & II; Web Scraping
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Reviewer Socio-Economic Review University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC Comparative Subfield Representative, Department of Political Science (Aug. 2019-May 2020) Graduate Social Chair, Department of Political Science (Aug. 2017-May 2019)
REFERENCES	Available upon request