DILLON LAAKER

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Cornell University July 2026 -
Assistant Professor, Department of Government

Princeton University 2025-2026
Postdoctoral Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization & Governance

London School of Economics & Political Science 2024-2025
Postdoctoral Fellow, International Relations Department

Georgetown University 2023-2024
Predoctoral Fellow, Mortara Center for International Studies

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin–Madison 2024
Ph.D. in Political Science
Committee: Mark Copelovitch, Lisa Martin, Jon Pevehouse (Chair), & Jessica Weeks
Fields: International Relations (with Distinction) & Political Methodology

Truman State University 2016
B.S. Political Science (*cum laude*)

PUBLICATIONS

Laaker, Dillon & Cassidy Reller. "Partisan Delay: Gubernatorial Discretion and Representation in Special Elections." *Legislative Studies Quarterly.* Accepted.

Laaker, Dillon. 2024. "Economic Shocks and the Development of Immigration Attitudes." *British Journal of Political Science.* 83 (4): 220–240.

Kustov, Alexander, Dillon Laaker, & Cassidy Reller. 2021. "The Stability of Immigration Attitudes: Evidence and Implications." *Journal of Politics.* 54 (1): 1478-1494.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Political Cleavages over Supply Chains: Rules of Origin and Preferential Liberalization.

Choke Points in the Supply Chain: Rules of Origin and the Politics of Upstream Protection.

Preferential Rules of Origin as Stumbling Blocks to Multilateral Trade Liberalization.

Economic Shocks and the Development of Preferences over Redistributive Policy. (with Cassidy Reller)

Heterogeneity in Global Sourcing Strategies and Industrial Fragmentation.

Preferential Liberalization, Trade Diversion, and Geopolitics.

Special Economic Zones, Global Supply Chains, and Firm-Centric Lobbying.

The Purpose of Trade Agreements: the Continued Importance of Tariff Liberalization.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to International Relations
International Political Economy
Introduction to Statistical Computing in Political Science (Graduate)
Domestic Politics of International Relations

AWARDS AND GRANTS

The Leon Epstein Prize for the Best Article in American and British Politics
Summer Dissertation Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Summer Initiative Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2018, 2019, 2023, 2024
Wisconsin Project on IR Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2017, 2018, 2019
Distinction (highest level) on IR preliminary exam, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2018

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association - 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023
Upper Midwest International Relations Conference - 2018, 2019
Toronto Political Behavior Workshop - 2018
American Political Science Association - 2019, 2020, 2023
International Political Economy Society - 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023
Political Economy of International Organizations - 2020, 2025
TRADEPOWER and DESTA Workshop - 2020 (canceled)

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