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**POWER TO THE PARTNER: COLLABORATION, REPRESENTATION,
AND INFLUENCE IN AMERICAN LOBBYING**

Social, racial, and economic justice organizations provide one of the only consistent sources of representation for historically marginalized communities in the United States. However, they face significant intra- and extra-organizational constraints. I argue that advocacy organizations representing historically marginalized communities strategically build coalitions to further their influence over policy outcomes and to promote more equitable, intersectionally-minded advocacy. I test these claims using a novel dataset of co-signature patterns within public comments submitted by a set of such groups on proposed federal agency rules between 2000 and 2016. I demonstrate that coalition building is a valuable lobbying tool with substantial and pointed consequences for representation and influence in advocacy agenda-setting and the American rulemaking process.

TIME

**Monday, Dec 5, 2022
12:00-1:30PM**

LOCATION

HMNSS 1503

ZOOM DETAILS

**Meeting ID: 991 6671 3772
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