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Professional Appointments

Haverford College, Haverford, PA

Visiting Assistant Professor | January 2026 – present

George Washington University, Washington, DC

Postdoctoral Research Associate | May 2023 – December 2025

Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA

Adjunct Professor of Political Science | August 2022 – August 2025

Education

George Washington University, Washington, DC

Ph.D., Political Science

May 2023

Dissertation: Immigration and Emotion: How Anger and Anxiety Shape Immigration Salience

Committee: Henry E. Hale (chair), Kimberly J. Morgan, Harris Mylonas

M.A., Political Science

May 2020

Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA

B.A., International Relations and Spanish (Summa Cum Laude)

May 2014

Teaching

Haverford College, Haverford, PA

Visiting Assistant Professor

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Spring 2026

Comparative Politics of the European Union

Spring 2026

Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA

Instructor of Record

Public Policy

Fall 2024

Applied Research: Mixed Methods in Political Inquiry

Fall 2022; Fall 2023

Philadelphia Area Internship

Fall 2023

George Washington University, Washington, DC

Instructor of Record

How Democracies Die (First-Year Dean's Seminar)	Fall 2022
Introduction to International Politics	Summer 2022
<i>Writing in the Disciplines Teaching Assistant</i>	
International Organizations	Fall 2019; Spring 2021; Fall 2021
Comparative Politics of the Middle East	Fall 2020
Introduction to Comparative Politics	Spring 2020
<i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>	
Introduction to International Politics	Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2018
<i>Guest Lecturer</i>	
“The European Union: Current Structure and the Democratic Deficit.”	Fall 2021
“The European Union: A History of Integration.”	Fall 2021
“Tackling the ‘Democratic Deficit’ in the European Union.”	Spring 2021
“Migration in the Middle East: Host-State and First-Hand Perspectives.”	Fall 2020
“Nativism in Contemporary Europe.”	Spring 2020
“Populism as a Backlash to Global Governance.”	Fall 2018

Research

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2025. “Strategic Ownership of Immigration Politics in Populist Radical Right Social Media Discourse: Evidence from Italy, France, and Spain.” (with Erik Piccoli). *European Politics & Society*. doi: [10.1080/23745118.2025.2583069](https://doi.org/10.1080/23745118.2025.2583069).

2023. “Reconciling National and Supranational Identities: Civilizationism in European Far-Right Discourse.” *Perspectives on Politics* 21(3): 951–66. doi: [10.1017/S1537592722002742](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592722002742).

*Best Paper Prize, Transnational Memory and Identity Group, Council for European Studies

2023. “Come-from-Behind Victories Under Ranked-Choice Voting and Runoff: The Impact on Voter Satisfaction” (with Cynthia McClintock). *Politics & Policy* 51(4): 569–87. doi: [10.1111/polp.12544](https://doi.org/10.1111/polp.12544).

Under Review

“Measuring MAGA Using Text as Data.”

“Anger and Immigration Salience.”

“Women’s Representation in Presidential Elections Worldwide” (with Cynthia McClintock).

Ongoing Research

Emotions and Immigration Salience. (Book Project)

“Discursive Dominance by Tweet: How the GOP Became the Party of Trump.”

“Electoral Rule Reform for Mayoralty Elections in Large U.S. Cities” (with Cynthia McClintock).

“Anger Is the New Fear.”

“Rhetorical Coercion and Mainstreaming Anti-Immigration Discourse.”

Grants and Fellowships

2025 Postdoctoral Fellowship | *Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies* | \$62,000
Democracy Research Fellowship | *Unite America Institute* | \$48,000

2024 Postdoctoral Fellowship | *Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies* | \$62,000
Democracy Research Fellowship | *Unite America Institute* | \$24,000

2023 Postdoctoral Fellowship | *Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies* | \$55,000
Research Assistantship | *Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies* | \$17,000

2022 Dean’s Graduate Instructorship | *George Washington University* | \$13,750
Research Grant | *Illiberalism Studies Program, George Washington University* | \$3,000

2021 Centennial Center Research Grant | *American Political Science Association* | \$2,500
Travel Grant | *American Political Science Association* | \$300
Summer Research Grant | *George Washington University* | \$2,500

2020 George and May Shiers Fellowship | *George Washington University* | \$5,000
Electoral Reform Research Grant (with Cynthia McClintock) | *New America* | \$23,000

2019 IQMR Research Grant | *George Washington University* | \$2,500
Pre-Dissertation Grant | *George Washington University* | \$6,000

2018 Departmental Research Grant | *George Washington University* | \$500
Summer University Grant | *Central European University* | \$500
Summer Research Grant | *George Washington University* | \$2,500

2017 Graduate Fellowship | *George Washington University* | \$125,000

2013 Summer Scholars Research Grant | *Saint Joseph’s University* | \$3,000

Awards and Honors

2021 Best Writing in the Disciplines TA Award | *George Washington University*

Transnational Memory and Identity Best Paper Prize | *Council for European Studies*

2014 College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award | *Saint Joseph's University*
International Relations Departmental Excellence Award | *Saint Joseph's University*
Spanish Departmental Excellence Award | *Saint Joseph's University*
Keystone Student Press Award | *Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association*

2013 Phi Beta Kappa | *Saint Joseph's University*

Research Presentations

Conferences

2023 *Midwest Political Science Association*: “Discursive Dominance by Tweet: How the GOP Became the Party of Trump.”

2022 *American Political Science Association*: “Electoral Rule Reform for Mayoralty Elections in Large U.S. Cities” (with Cynthia McClintock).
International Conference of Europeanists: “Immigration and Emotion: How Anger and Anxiety Shape Immigration Salience.”
Association for the Study of Nationalities: “Who Cares About Immigration? Frames, Emotions, and Immigration Salience.”
Midwest Political Science Association: “Who Cares About Immigration? Frames, Emotions, and Immigration Salience.”

2021 *American Political Science Association*: “Discursive Dominance by Tweet: How the GOP Became the Party of Trump.”
American Political Science Association: “U.S. Voters’ Satisfaction with Ranked-Choice Voting, Runoff, and Plurality” (with Cynthia McClintock).
International Conference of Europeanists: “Reconciling National and Supranational Identities: Civilizationism in European Far-Right Discourse.”
*Council for European Studies Transnational Memory and Identity Best Paper Prize

International Conference of Europeanists: “Rhetorical Coercion and Mainstreaming Anti-Immigration Discourse: Why the Far Right Feigns Support for Progressive Causes.”

Association for the Study of Nationalities: “Reconciling National and Supranational Identities: Civilizationism in European Far-Right Discourse.”

Midwest Political Science Association: “Rhetorical Coercion and Mainstreaming Anti-Immigration Discourse: Why the Far Right Feigns Support for Progressive Causes.”

2020 *American Political Science Association*: “The Impact of Runoff on Political Inclusion: Insights from Europe and Latin America” (with Cynthia McClintock).

Electoral Reform Research Group, New America: “Ranked-Choice Voting, Runoff, and Democracy: Insights from Maine and Other U.S. States” (with Cynthia McClintock).

2019 *Graduate Fellows International Conference, Yale University*: “Constructing the Migrant ‘Threat’ in France: Xenophobic Frames in the Rhetoric of the National Rally.”

2018 *Territorial Sovereignty in the Age of Migration, Central European University*: “Explaining the Anti-Immigrant Right in Spain.”

Service to the Discipline

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; PS: Political Science & Politics; Electoral Studies; Political Research Quarterly; Politics & Policy; Journal of Women, Politics & Policy; Nationalities Affairs*

Research Assistant: For Cynthia McClintock (Summer 2018; Spring 2019; Summer 2021); For Marlene Laruelle (Spring 2023)

Member: American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Association for the Study of Nationalities; Council for European Studies

Skills and Training

Languages: Spanish (fluent); French (intermediate reading); Italian (intermediate reading)

Computational: R/RStudio; Stata; Qualtrics; MTurk; NVivo; Excel

Methodological: Quantitative Text Analysis; Surveys and Experiments

Training: Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University (2019)

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