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I am a DPhil student at the University of Oxford. I use advanced quantitative methods to explore questions relating to voting behaviour. My academic interests include elections, forecasting, values, attitudes, and political identity.

EDUCATION

2019 - present

DPhil Student in Sociology: University of Oxford

- Studying for a DPhil (PhD) at Nuffield College, supervised by Prof. Stephen D.
 Fisher
- Researching the politics of Brexit and its electoral consequences in Britain, exploring questions of political identity and voting during a turbulent period of British politics

2018 - 2019

MSc in Sociology: University of Oxford

- Distinction, with 3rd highest overall mark in cohort
- Awarded 2nd highest mark of cohort for 10,000 word dissertation which analysed the impact of campaign contact on voting intention and attitudes in the lead-up to the 2016 Brexit referendum
- Optional papers for Political Sociology (distinction) and Advanced Quantitative Methods (distinction)

2015 - 2018

BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics: University of Oxford

- 1st class degree, and distinction in preliminary exams
- Chosen modules included Political Sociology and Quantitative Economics (achieved distinction in both)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020 - present

Research Officer: Nuffield Politics Research Centre, Nuffield College

- Working with Prof. Jane Green and Prof. Geoffrey Evans to conduct advanced data analysis on the British Election Study internet panel
- Creating tables and figures for publications, and contributing to writing publications collaboratively on the subject of British attitudes and voting behaviour
- Co-authored report on public attitudes to the government's handling of the Coronavirus pandemic and accompanying shorter blog-post

2020 - present

Co-lead Polling Subgroup Europe's Stories

- Working for Prof. Timothy Garton-Ash on the 'Europe's Stories' project, investigating Europeans' attitudes to the EU and its role in the world
- Developing questions, liaising with eupinions and Dalia Research to conduct the polling, analysing and writing up the results
- Advised the previous subgroup leader on interpreting the results of the second Europe Stories' wave (see Europe's Stories website)

2020 - present Research Assistant: University of Oxford

- Analysed worldwide data of c. 1 million respondents for the United Nations Development Programme's Mission 1.5 project, as part of the Oxford data analysis team (lead Prof. Stephen D. Fisher)
- Raked data to achieve a weighted distribution that was representative with regards to gender, age and education, country-level data on which I collected and converted to an appropriate format for over 100 countries
- Processed weekly data drops from polling company Playmob and provided autogenerated reports and analysis on sample composition and future targets for sampling

Dec. 2019 Election Forecasting: Deltapoll

- Continually updated a constituency-level forecast of the 2019 UK general election and worked throughout election night with a colleague to relay the results to a professional client
- Built a model in R to adjust initial estimates according to the UK Exit Poll data and the results of declared seats

Nov. - Dec. 2019 Co-author of Blog Post: 'Why are polls from different pollsters so different'

- Collected and tidied data to analyse differences in polling estimates in the runup to the 2019 UK General Election
- Analysed and presented the results with lead author Prof. Stephen D. Fisher for an 'Elections Etc' blog post published online

Aug. - Sept. 2019 Research Assistant: Centre for Social Investigation

- Wrote the CSI Brexit 7 research note and co-authored an accompanying blog post with Prof. Anthony Heath and Dr. Lindsay Richards
- Provided survey questions that were adapted and included in wave 8 of the CSI Brexit survey

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019 - present Quantitative Methods Tutor: University of Oxford

- Teach quantitative methods to c. 50 second-year Politics undergraduates each year, giving lectures and assisting students with statistics and coding in R (all online in 2020)
- Develop course materials and write / mark the take-home exam as part of the QStep teaching team

Aug. 2019 PPE Tutor for the UNIQ course: University of Oxford

- Gave three 1-hour tutorials to groups of state school students considering applying for PPE
- Provided verbal feedback on the students' essays and facilitated discussion, challenging students to develop their ideas further

2018 - 2019 Graduate Mentor: Merton College

- Offered guidance to current Merton PPE students, on general topics like revision strategies and more focused subject specific questions
- Marked first-year Politics tutorial essays and collections (college exams), providing in-depth feedback and points for improvement

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND GRANTS

DPhil

 Nuffield College and ESRC Advanced Quantitative Methods Doctoral Training Studentship (approx. £80,000)

Undergraduate

- $-\,$ Exhibitioner Scholarship in 2^{\rm nd} year of undergraduate studies for academic success, and Postmaster Scholarship in 3^{\rm rd} year for continued excellence
- 1st place in Merton College academic essay competition for a politics essay analysing class voting in Britain since the 1950s
- Shortlisted for 'Q-step Essay Prize' for data analysis essay
- Sam McNaughton Prize for attainment in Philosophy

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Highly Proficient – R, LATEX, Markdown and RMarkdown

Proficient – Python, Stata, Bash, HTML and CSS