

Bijean Ghafouri

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| RESEARCH INTERESTS | Computational social science, Political behavior, Social media and Political communication | |
| EDUCATION | University of Southern California , Los Angeles, CA | |
| | Ph.D., Political Science | 2020 - |
| | Fields: American politics, Quantitative methods, Data science | |
| | Université de Montréal , Montreal, Quebec, Canada | |
| | BSc. (Hon.), Political Science | 2017-2020 |
| EXTERNAL METHODS TRAINING | Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) | 2021 |
| | Digital Trace Data, Text analysis, Network analysis, Machine learning | |
| | Université Catholique de Louvain , Belgium | 2019 |
| | Computational Text Analysis | |
| | ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods , Ann Arbor, MI | 2019 |
| | Machine Learning for Social Scientists, Regression II | |
| GRADUATE COURSEWORK | 2020-2021: Machine Learning for social scientists, Research Design, Experiments in Political science, Field experiments in Economics, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, American Politics I | |
| | 2021-2022: Neuro-economics, Computational social science, American Politics II, Political behavior, Political theory, Bayesian statistics | |
| PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS | Member, Machine Intelligence and Data Science (MINDS) group, USC | |
| | Fellow, Center for Data Science, American University | 2020 |
| | Member, Canada Research Chair in Electoral Democracy | 2019 |

WORKING
PAPERS

1. **Ghafouri, Bijean.** “The empirical implications of cumulative persuasion for behavior adoption modeling.”
2. **Ghafouri, Bijean.** “Political extremism and issue polarization”
3. Wang, Ryan and **Bijean Ghafouri.** “Political diversity in new media: A dataset of political Tiktoks during the 2020 US Presidential Election.”
4. **Ghafouri, Bijean.** “The role of political extremists in political learning.”
5. **Ghafouri, Bijean.** “The behavioral foundations of donations in politics.”

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) 2020

EXTERNAL
AWARDS AND
GRANTS

Research Grant - Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (\$2500) 2021

Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC) 2021–25
Research fellowship awarded by the Government of Quebec to 300 students across all social sciences

Fulbright - Killam Fellowship (\$5000) 2019-2020
Awarded annually to 15 outstanding students across Canada

Travel Grant - Walter Beach Award - SPSA (\$1000) 2020

Travel Grant - Computational Text Analysis Workshop, UCLouvain (\$1500) 2019

INTERNAL
AWARDS AND
GRANTS

Ralph O. and Katherine S. Bartling Award, University of Southern California (\$5250) 2022

Research Grant, University of Southern California (\$6500) 2021, 2022

Provost Fellowship, University of Southern California 2020–25
Graduate fellowship awarded to 100 outstanding Ph.D. students across all departments

Dean’s List of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Université de Montréal 2017-2019