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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Royal Holloway, University of London

Senior Lecturer in Politics

2022-

Lecturer in Politics

2020-22

University of Manchester

Presidential Fellow

2018-20

Research Fellow

2017-18

Research Associate

2015-17

Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow

2015-19

Christ Church, University of Oxford

College Lecturer

2012-13

EDUCATION

University of Oxford

Doctor of Philosophy in Politics

2011-15

Master of Philosophy in Politics: Comparative Government

2009-11

Australian National University

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)/Bachelor of Psychology

2004-8

Political Science, Philosophy, and Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2. *Electoral Realignment? How Brexit Reshaped British Voting Behaviour*. Under contract with Oxford University Press. With Edward Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, Jonathan Mellon, and Jack Bailey.
1. *Electoral shocks: The volatile voter in a turbulent world*. Oxford University Press (2020). With Edward Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, Jonathan Mellon, Hermann Schmitt, and Cees van der Eijk.

Peer reviewed journal articles

16. [Regularized Regression Can Reintroduce Backdoor Confounding: The Case of Mass Polarization](#). *American Political Science Review*, (Forthcoming). With Jonathan Mellon.
15. [Who lacks voter identification? The electoral implication of the Elections Act 2022](#). *Parliamentary Affairs*, (Forthcoming). With Ed Fieldhouse, Ralph Scott, Jack Bailey and Jonathan Mellon.
14. [Volatility, Realignment, and Electoral Shocks: Brexit and the UK General Election of 2019](#). *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 56(4), pp. 537-545 (2023). With Ed Fieldhouse, Geoffrey Evans, Jane Green, Jonathan Mellon, and Jack Bailey.
13. [Which Promises Actually Matter? Understanding promissory representation with conjoint analysis of election pledges](#). *Political Studies* 71(3), pp. 573-596 (2023). With Jonathan Mellon, Jordan Urban, and Adam Feldman.
12. [How do coronavirus attitudes fit into Britain's ideological landscape?](#) *Parliamentary Affairs*, 74(3), pp. 597-616 (2021). With Jonathan Mellon and Jack Bailey.

11. [Correlation with Time Explains the Relationship between Survey Nonresponse and Mass Polarization](#). *Journal of Politics*, 83(1), pp. 390-395 (2021). With Jonathan Mellon.
10. [Tremors But No Youthquake: Measuring Changes in the Age and Turnout Gradients at the 2015 and 2017 British General Elections](#). *Electoral Studies*, 64 (2020). With Edward Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Jonathan Mellon, and Geoffrey Evans.
9. [Brexit or Corbyn? Campaign and Inter-Election Vote Switching in the 2017 UK General Election](#), *Parliamentary Affairs*, 71(4), pp. 719-737 (2018). With Jonathan Mellon, Geoffrey Evans, Edward Fieldhouse, and Jane Green.
8. [The limits of partisan loyalty: How the Scottish independence referendum cost Labour](#), *Electoral Studies*, 52, pp. 11-25 (2018). With Edward Fieldhouse.
7. [Missing Non-Voters and Misweighted Samples: Explaining the 2015 Great British Polling Miss](#), *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 81 (3), pp. 661-687 (2017). With Jonathan Mellon.
6. [Twitter and Facebook are not Representative of the General Population: Political Attitudes and Demographics of British Social Media users](#), *Research and Politics*, 4 (3), pp. 1-9 (2017). With Jonathan Mellon.
5. [Second order electoral rules and national party systems: The Duvergerian effects of European Parliament elections](#), *European Union Politics*, 17 (3), pp. 366-386 (2016).
4. [Dimensionality, ideology and party positions towards European integration](#), *West European Politics*, 39 (4), pp. 731-754 (2016).
3. [Do local elections predict the outcome of the next general election in the UK?](#) *Electoral Studies*, 41, pp. 274-278 (2016).
2. [Calling European Union treaty referendums: Electoral and institutional politics](#), *Political Studies*, 64 (1), pp. 182-199 (2016).
1. [Building policy scales from manifesto data: a referential content validity approach](#), *Electoral Studies*, 35, pp. 88-101 (2014).

Invited journal articles

7. [Fragmentation revisited: The UK General Election of 2024](#), *West European Politics*, (2024).
6. [The 2024 General Election and the Rise of Reform UK](#), *Political Quarterly*, (2024). With Oliver Heath, Humphrey Southall, and Paula Aucott.
5. [The End of the EU Affair: The UK General Election of 2019](#), *West European Politics*, 44(2), pp. 450-461 (2021).
4. [The Twilight of the Polls? A Review of Trends in Polling Accuracy and the Causes of Polling Misses](#), *Government and Opposition*, 53(4), pp. 757-790 (2018). With Jonathan Mellon.
3. [The strange death of multi-party Britain: the UK General Election of 2017](#), *West European Politics*, 41(5), pp. 1226-1236 (2018).
2. [Party system fragmentation and single-party government: the British general election of 2015](#), *West European Politics*, 39(6), pp. 1299-1310 (2016). With Jane Green.
1. [Learning the right lessons from Labour's 2015 defeat](#), *Juncture*, 22 (2), pp 131-141 (2015) With Jane Green.

Chapters in edited volumes

3. [Turnout for what? The \(mis\)measurement of electoral participation](#), in *Sex, Lies and Politics*, edited by Philip Cowley and Robert Ford, Biteback (2019).
2. [Horses for courses: using internet surveys for researching public opinion and voting behaviour](#), in *The Routledge Handbook of Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour*, edited by Justin Fisher, Edward Fieldhouse, Mark N Franklin, Rachel Gibson, Christopher Wlezien, and Marta Cantijoch, Routledge (2018). With Edward Fieldhouse.

1. Tuned in to public life but turned off politics? Voluntary organisations and political participation, in *More Sex, Lies and the Ballot Box*, edited by Philip Cowley and Robert Ford, Biteback (2016).

Other publications

8. [Written representation concerning the 2026 Review of Senedd Constituencies](#) (2024). With Chris Hanretty.
7. [Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty](#), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(44), (2022). Mass collaboration led by Nate Breznau.
6. [COVID-19](#), in *UK in a Changing Europe: British Politics after Brexit* (2022). With Jonathan Mellon and Jack Bailey.
5. [Evidence submitted to the House of Lords Select Committee on The Electoral Registration and Administration ACT 2013](#) (2019). With Edward Fieldhouse, Jonathan Mellon, and Jessica Smith.
4. [Assessing the Impact of Individual Electoral Registration using the British Election Study](#). *Report for the Electoral Commission* (2018). With Edward Fieldhouse, Jonathan Mellon, and Jessica Smith.
3. [Evidence submitted to the House of Lords Select Committee On Polling and Digital Media](#) (2017). With Jonathan Mellon.
2. [Survey of public attitudes towards conduct in public life 2014](#), *Report for the Committee on Standards in Public Life* (2015).
1. [Public Awareness of Police Accountability](#), *Report for the Committee on Standards in Public Life* (2015).

GRANTS

Democracy and Social Change in Britain, 1851-2024 (Economic and Social Research Council)
Co-investigator, with Oliver Heath (PI), Humphrey Southall, and Paula Aucott.

Main grant (2019-23) £248,253

British Election Study 2019-2026 (Economic and Social Research Council)
Co-investigator, with Edward Fieldhouse (PI), Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, and Jonathan Mellon.

Main grant (2019-23) £1,891,937

Enhancement to the British Election Study face-to-face survey (2019) £276,000

Additional funding (2021) £196,661

Extension (2023-26) £2,655,637

British Election Study 2014-2019 (Economic and Social Research Council)
Named researcher, with Edward Fieldhouse (PI), Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, Jonathan Mellon, Hermann Schmitt, and Cees van der Eijk.

Emergency funding (2017) £743,930

Extension (2018-19) £329,223

PRIZES

Pippa Norris Prize for a research team that has made an outstanding contribution to advancing knowledge in Political Studies (Political Studies Association, 2023)

With Edward Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, Jonathan Mellon, and Jack Bailey.

Faculty of Humanities Outstanding Staff Award for PGT dissertation supervision, University of Manchester, 2020)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Royal Holloway

Advanced Quantitative Methods (graduate)

Convener: 2022-

Democracy in Britain (undergraduate)

Co-convener: 2022-

Political Psychology (graduate)	Convener: 2020-
Undergraduate and graduate dissertation supervision	2020-
Introduction to Politics and Government (undergraduate)	Co-convener: 2020-22

University of Manchester

Understanding Political Change (graduate)	Co-convener: 2017-2020
Applied Quantitative Methods (graduate)	Guest lecturer: 2018-2020
Undergraduate and MA dissertation supervision	2019-2020

University of Oxford

Tutorials for Christ Church, Exeter, Keble, St John's, and Mansfield Colleges	2012-2014
<i>Undergraduate Courses taught:</i> Politics Prelims, Comparative Government, Political Sociology, Politics of the EU, Modern British Politics	

University of Canberra

Sessional Tutor in Politics, University of Canberra	2009
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ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP)	2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024
American Political Science Association (APSA)	2019, 2021
International Society of Political Psychology	2021
UK Political Psychology Conference	2021
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2016, 2018, 2019
PSA Political Psychology Workshop	2019
European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2014
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)	2013

SERVICE

Royal Holloway, University of London

University Research Ethics Committee	2024-
Research ethics lead	2021-
Democracy and Elections Centre co-director	2021-
Deputy-chair Departmental Assessment Board	2022-24
Open Science/ Open Research Working Group	2021-22

University of Manchester

Manchester Democracy and Elections cluster lead	2020
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Editorial

Editorial Board, <i>Electoral Studies</i>	2023-
Editorial Assistant, <i>Electoral Studies</i>	2013-2015

Journal reviews ([Publons profile](#))

Ageing and Society; American Political Science Review; Australian Journal of Political Science; Basic and Applied Social Psychology; British Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Politics and International Relations; British Journal of Social Psychology; British Journal of Sociology; British Politics; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Contemporary British History; Electoral Studies; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science; European Political Science Review; European Union Politics; Government and Opposition; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Journal of Contemporary European Studies; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Journal of European Integration; Journal of European Public Policy; Journal of Politics; Journal of the Royal Statistical Society - Series A; Nature Human Behaviour; Parliamentary Affairs; Party Politics; Political Analysis; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Research and Methods; Political Science Quarterly; Political Studies; Political Studies Review; Politics; Politics and Religion; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Public Opinion Quarterly; Regional and Federal Studies; Research and Politics; Social Policy and Society; Social Sciences; Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism; West European Politics

Publisher reviews

Chapman & Hall/CRC; Oxford University Press; Palgrave; Routledge

Funding body reviews

Economic and Social Research Council; UKRI; DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service); National Science Center, Poland

NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

McDougall Trust

Trustee 2025-

ITV News

Psephologist 2015-

World Squash Federation

Voting Structure and Representation Review Group 2018-2019

Committee on Standard in Public Life

Consultant Data Analyst 2014-2015

BBC

Psephologist 2014