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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
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Christ Church, University of Oxford

College Lecturer	2012-13
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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 <i>Political Science, Philosophy, and Psychology</i>	2004-8
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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

17. *The Brexit realignment amid electoral volatility: The role of party blocs in the 2024 General Election.* *Parliamentary Affairs*, (Forthcoming). With James Griffiths, Stuart Perrett, Ed Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Jonathan Mellon, Jack Bailey and Geoffrey Evans.
16. *Regularized Regression Can Reintroduce Backdoor Confounding: The Case of Mass Polarization.* *American Political Science Review*, 119(4), pp. 2002-2010 (2025). With Jonathan Mellon.
15. *Who lacks voter identification? The electoral implication of the Elections Act 2022.* *Parliamentary Affairs*, 78(4), pp. 695-715 (2025). 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*, 48(6), pp. 1501-1513 (2025).
6. The 2024 General Election and the Rise of Reform UK, *Political Quarterly*, 96(1), pp.91-101 (2025). 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

9. **The reliability of replications: a study in computational reproductions**, *Royal Society Open Science*, 12 (3), (2025). Mass collaboration led by Nate Breznau.
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)	
<i>Co-investigator, with Oliver Heath (PI), Humphrey Southall, and Paula Aucott.</i>	
Main grant (2019-23)	£248,253
British Election Study 2019-2026 (Economic and Social Research Council)	
<i>Co-investigator, with Edward Fieldhouse (PI), Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, and Jonathan Mellon.</i>	
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
Further extension (2026)	£577,000
British Election Study 2014-2019 (Economic and Social Research Council)	
<i>Named researcher, with Edward Fieldhouse (PI), Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, Jonathan Mellon, Hermann Schmitt, and Cees van der Eijk.</i>	
Emergency funding (2017)	£743,930
Extension (2018-19)	£329,223

PRIZES

Political Studies Association

<i>Pippa Norris Prize</i>	2023
For a research team that has made an outstanding contribution to advancing knowledge in Political Studies (with Edward Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, Jonathan Mellon, and Jack Bailey).	

University of Manchester

<i>Faculty of Humanities Outstanding Staff Award</i>	2020
For PGT dissertation supervision	

TEACHING

Royal Holloway

Advanced Quantitative Methods (graduate)	Convener: 2022-
Political Psychology (graduate)	Convener: 2020-
Democracy in Britain (undergraduate)	Co-convener: 2022-25
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

University of Oxford

<i>Tutorials for Christ Church, Exeter, Keble, St John's, and Mansfield Colleges</i>	2012-2014
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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SERVICE

Royal Holloway, University of London		
Departmental Postgraduate Research co-lead		2025-
University Research Ethics Committee		2024-
Departmental 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
Editorial		
Editorial Board, <i>Electoral Studies</i>		2023-
Editorial Assistant, <i>Electoral Studies</i>		2013-2015

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