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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)

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

Further extension (2026) £577,000

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

Political Studies Association

Pippa Norris Prize 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

Faculty of Humanities Outstanding Staff Award 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

Tutorials for Christ Church, Exeter, Keble, St John's, and Mansfield Colleges 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

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
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Editorial

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

NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

McDougall Trust

Trustee	2025-
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ITV News

Psephologist	2015-
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World Squash Federation

Voting Structure and Representation Review Group	2018-2019
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Committee on Standard in Public Life

Consultant Data Analyst	2014-2015
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BBC

Psephologist	2014
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