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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D., Political Science   September 2021 – *present*

Fields: American Politics, Models & Methods

Dissertation: *Making Democracy: How Organizations, Policymakers, and Voters
Shape American Election Administration*
Committee: Charles Stewart III (Chair), Andrea Campbell, and Devin Caughey

Graduate Student Researcher, *MIT Election Data and Science Lab*

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

B.A., Political Science and Statistics (*magna cum laude*)   August 2016 – December 2019
Minor in Legal Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Election administration, voting rights, legislatures, local politics, political institutions,
survey experiments

PUBLICATIONS

1. Jaffe, Jacob, **Joseph R. Loffredo***, Samuel Baltz, Alejandro Flores, and Charles Stewart III. 2024.
   "Trust in the Count: Improving Voter Confidence with Post-Election Audits." *Public Opinion
   Quarterly* 88 (SI): 585–607. DOI: 10.1093/poq/nfae029.

   - Joint lead author
   - Winner, Best Poster at the 2023 Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference

UNDER REVIEW

1. Kuriwaki, Shiro, Mason Reece, Samuel Baltz, Aleksandra Conevska, **Joseph R. Loffredo**, Can E.
   Mutlu, Taran Samarth, Kevin E. Acevedo Jetter, Zachary Djanogly Garai, Kate Murray, Shigeo
   Hirano, Jeffrey B. Lewis, James M. Snyder, Jr., and Charles H. Stewart, III. "Cast vote records:
   A database of ballots from the 2020 U.S. Election." DOI: 10.7910/DVN/PQQ3KV.

   - Winner, MIT Prize for Open Data

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Reece, Mason, **Joseph R. Loffredo**, Alejandro Flores, Samuel Baltz, and Charles Stewart III.
"Hidden Partisanship in American Elections."

Loffredo, Joseph R. "Legislating Democracy: When State Legislators Change Access to the Ballot"

Loffredo, Joseph R. and Alejandro Flores. "Where We Vote: The Changing Landscape of Where
Americans Cast Votes."

Slaughter, Christine M., **Joseph R. Loffredo**, and Alejandro Flores. "Motivating Participation:
Encouraging Minority Voters to Overcome the Costs of Voting."

Loffredo, Joseph R. and Suyeol Yun. "Extending Large Language Models for Testing Theories of
Political Institutions."

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Professor Charles Stewart III, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2022 – *present*
	Professor Adam Berinsky, MIT Political Experiment Research Lab	2024
	Professor Asya Magazinnik, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2022

TEACHING

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (17.800) (Professor: F. Daniel Hidalgo)	Fall 2024
Instructor, Introduction to LaTeX, MIT Political Methodology Lab Workshop	Fall 2024

University of Rochester

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Categorical Data Analysis (STT 218) (Professor: Joseph Ciminelli)	Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant, Argument in Political Science (PSC 202W) (Professor: Gerald Gamm)	Fall 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Civis Analytics, Washington, DC	February 2020 – August 2021
Client Support Analyst	
New York State Assembly, Rochester, NY	February 2019 – May 2019
District Aide	

AWARDS

James D. McGill Memorial Prize, University of Rochester	2020
Phi Beta Kappa, Iota of New York, University of Rochester	2020

INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Symposium on AI and the Study of Political Institutions (USC, Los Angeles, CA)	2024
Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (Yale, New Haven, CT)	2023
American Political Science Association	2024, 2023
Midwest Political Science Association	2024
Southern Political Science Association	2024, 2023
Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference	2024, 2023

SERVICE

Referee: *Electoral Studies* (2)
Conference Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association (2024)
Department:

Co-President, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	2024-2025
Social Co-Chair, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	2023-2024

MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

PROGRAMMING

Proficient in: R, Python, Tableau, Qualtrics, LaTeX, GIS

REFERENCES

Charles Stewart III	**Asya Magazinnik**
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Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Hertie School
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