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EDUCATION	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> , Cambridge, MA Ph.D., Political Science <span style="float: right;">September 2021 – present</span> Fields: American Politics, Models & Methods Dissertation: <i>Making Democracy: How Organizations, Policymakers, and Voters Shape American Election Administration</i> Committee: Charles Stewart III (Chair), Andrea Campbell, and Devin Caughey Graduate Student Researcher, <i>MIT Election Data and Science Lab</i>  <b>University of Rochester</b> , Rochester, NY B.A., Political Science and Statistics ( <i>magna cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa) <span style="float: right;">December 2019</span> Minor in Legal Studies	
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, <i>MIT Teaching + Learning Lab</i>	Fall 2024
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Election administration, voting rights, legislatures, local politics, political institutions, survey experiments	
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Kuriwaki, Shiro, Mason Reece, Samuel Baltz, Aleksandra Conevska, <b>Joseph R. Loffredo</b>, 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 Stewart, III. "<b>Cast vote records: A database of ballots from the 2020 U.S. Election.</b>" <i>Scientific Data</i> 11 (1304). DOI: 10.1038/s41597-024-04017-1.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winner, MIT Prize for Open Data</li><li>• Dataset available on Harvard Dataverse: <a href="https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/PQQ3KV">https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/PQQ3KV</a></li></ul></li><li>1. Jaffe, Jacob, <b>Joseph R. Loffredo</b>, Samuel Baltz, Alejandro Flores, and Charles Stewart III. 2024. "<b>Trust in the Count: Improving Voter Confidence with Post-Election Audits.</b>" <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> 88 (SI): 585–607. DOI: 10.1093/poq/nfae029.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joint lead author</li><li>• Winner, Best Poster at the 2023 Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference</li></ul></li></ol>	
UNDER REVIEW	<b>Loffredo, Joseph R.</b> , Michael Hankinson, and Asya Magazinnik. "Reform Drift: How Incumbent Protection Undermines Descriptive Representation in Local Government." <b>Loffredo, Joseph R.</b> , Jillian Andres Rothschild, and Alejandro Flores. "America Decides, Networks Project: How Voters Respond to Election Night Coverage." <b>Loffredo, Joseph R.</b> and Suyeol Yun. "Agent-Enhanced Large Language Models for Researching Political Institutions."	

WORKS IN PROGRESS	<b>Loffredo, Joseph R.</b> and Alejandro Flores. “Where We Vote: The Changing Landscape of Where Americans Cast Votes.”	
	<b>Loffredo, Joseph R.</b> and Charles Stewart III. "State Confidence in Elections: Results, Practice, and Policy."	
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Professor Charles Stewart III, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2022 – <i>present</i>
	Professor Adam Berinsky, MIT Political Experiments Research Lab	2025
	Professor Asya Magazinnik, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2022
TEACHING	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b>	
	Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (17.800) (Professor: F. Daniel Hidalgo)	Fall 2024
	Instructor, Graduate Student Math Camp I	Fall 2025
	Instructor, Introduction to L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, MIT Political Methodology Lab Workshop	Fall 2024
	<b>University of Rochester</b>	
	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
	<b>Civis Analytics</b> , Washington, DC	
	Client Support Analyst	February 2020 – August 2021
	<b>New York State Assembly</b> , Rochester, NY	
	District Aide	February 2019 – May 2019
AWARDS	<i>James D. McGill Memorial Prize</i> , University of Rochester	2020
	Phi Beta Kappa, Iota of New York, University of Rochester	2020
INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	American Elections 2024: Politics in Uncertain Times (Saint Anselm, Manchester, NH)	2025
	Workshop, Center for Democracy & Civic Engagement (Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD)	2025
	AI and the Study of Political Institutions Conference (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	2025, 2024
	Southern Political Science Association	2024, 2023
	Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference	2025, 2024, 2023
	<b>Referee:</b> <i>Electoral Studies</i> (2)	
	<b>Conference Discussant:</b> Midwest Political Science Association (2024)	
SERVICE	<b>Department:</b>	
	Member, American Politics Junior Faculty Search Committee	2025
	Co-President, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	2024-2025
	Social Co-Chair, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	2023-2024
	MIT Political Science Application Mentorship Program (PSAMP)	2024 – <i>present</i>

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

PROGRAMMING      Proficient in: R, Python, Tableau, Qualtrics,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , GIS

REFERENCES	<b>Charles Stewart III</b> Department of Political Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology <a href="mailto:cstewart@mit.edu">cstewart@mit.edu</a>	<b>Asya Magazinnik</b> Department of Social Data Science Hertie School <a href="mailto:a.magazinnik@hertie-school.org">a.magazinnik@hertie-school.org</a>
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