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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

2. 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 Stewart, III. "[Cast vote records: A database of ballots from the 2020 U.S. Election](#)." *Scientific Data* 11 (1304). DOI: 10.1038/s41597-024-04017-1.
 - Winner, MIT Prize for Open Data
 - Dataset available on Harvard Dataverse: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/PQQ3KV>
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

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. "Agent-Enhanced Large Language Models for Researching Political Institutions."

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| RESEARCH ASSISTANCE | Professor Charles Stewart III, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Professor Adam Berinsky, MIT Political Experiment Research Lab Professor Asya Magazinnik, Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 2022 – <i>present</i> 2025 2022 |
| TEACHING | Massachusetts Institute of Technology Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (17.800) (Professor: F. Daniel Hidalgo) Instructor, Introduction to \LaTeX , MIT Political Methodology Lab Workshop University of Rochester Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Categorical Data Analysis (STT 218) (Professor: Joseph Ciminelli) Teaching Assistant, Argument in Political Science (PSC 202W) (Professor: Gerald Gamm) | Fall 2024 Fall 2024 Fall 2019 Fall 2018 |
| PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE | Civis Analytics , Washington, DC Client Support Analyst New York State Assembly , Rochester, NY District Aide | February 2020 – August 2021 February 2019 – May 2019 |
| AWARDS | <i>James D. McGill Memorial Prize</i> , University of Rochester Phi Beta Kappa, Iota of New York, University of Rochester | 2020 2020 |
| INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS | Symposium on AI and the Study of Political Institutions (USC, Los Angeles, CA) Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (Yale, New Haven, CT) American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association Southern Political Science Association Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference | 2024 2023 2024, 2023 2024 2024, 2023 2024, 2023 |
| SERVICE | Referee: <i>Electoral Studies</i> (2) Conference Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association (2024) Department: Co-President, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council Social Co-Chair, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council | 2024-2025 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 Department of Political Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology cstewart@mit.edu | Asya Magazinnik Department of Social Data Science Hertie School a.magazinnik@hertie-school.org |