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APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS	University of Rochester Visiting Scholar, Democracy Center	Rochester, NY January 2026
EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D., Political Science Fields: American Politics, Models & Methods Dissertation: <i>Essays on the Causes and Consequences of State Election Legislation</i> Committee: Charles Stewart III (Chair), Andrea Campbell, and Devin Caughey Graduate Student Researcher, <i>MIT Election Data and Science Lab</i>	Cambridge, MA September 2021 – present
	University of Rochester B.A., Political Science and Statistics (<i>magna cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa) Minor in Legal Studies	Rochester, NY December 2019
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">3. Loffredo, Joseph R. and Suyeol Yun. 2025. “Agent-Enhanced Large Language Models for Researching Political Institutions.” <i>Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy</i> 6 (3-4). 277-300. DOI: 10.1561/113.00000125.2. 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.” <i>Scientific Data</i> 11 (1304). DOI: 10.1038/s41597-024-04017-1.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winner, MIT Prize for Open Data• Dataset available on Harvard Dataverse: https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/PQQ3KV1. 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.” <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> 88 (SI): 585–607. DOI: 10.1093/poq/nfae029.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joint lead author• Winner, Best Poster at the 2023 Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference	

UNDER REVIEW	Loffredo, Joseph R. , Michael Hankinson, and Asya Magazinnik. "Reform Drift: How Incumbent Protection Undermines Descriptive Representation in Local Government." (<i>Revise and resubmit</i>) Loffredo, Joseph R. , Jillian Andres Rothschild, and Alejandro Flores. "America Decides, Networks Project: How Voters Respond to Election Night Coverage."	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	Loffredo, Joseph R. and Alejandro Flores. "Where We Vote: The Changing Landscape of Where Americans Cast Votes." Loffredo, Joseph R. and Charles Stewart III. "State Confidence in Elections: Results, Practice, and Policy." Hankinson, Michael, Joseph R. Loffredo , and Asya Magazinnik. "Lines for Representation: The Limits of District Elections as a Remedy for Underrepresentation." Hirano, Shigeo, Joseph R. Loffredo , Mason Reece, and James M. Snyder, Jr. "Trends in Nationalization of State and Local Elections: Evidence from Precinct Data."	
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Professor Charles Stewart III, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Professor Adam Berinsky, MIT Political Experiments 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, Graduate Student Math Camp I Instructor, Introduction to L ^A T _E X, MIT Political Methodology Lab Workshop	Fall 2024 Fall 2025 Fall 2024
	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 2019 Fall 2018
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Civis Analytics , Washington, DC Client Support Analyst	February 2020 – August 2021
	New York State Assembly , Rochester, NY District Aide	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	Democracy Center Workshop (Univ. of Rochester) American Elections 2024: Politics in Uncertain Times (Saint Anselm, Manchester, NH) Workshop, Center for Democracy & Civic Engagement (Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD) AI and the Study of Political Institutions Conference (USC, Los Angeles, CA) Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (Yale, New Haven, CT)	2026 2025 2025 2024 2023
	American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association Southern Political Science Association Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference	2024, 2023 2026, 2025, 2024 2026, 2024, 2023 2025, 2024, 2023

SERVICE	Referee: <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> <i>Electoral Studies</i> <i>Politics and Governance</i>	(1) (2) (1)
	Conference Panel Chair/Discussant: Election Science CwC, Southern Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association	2026 2024, 2026
	Department: Member, American Politics Junior Faculty Search Committee Co-President, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council Social Co-Chair, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council MIT Political Science Application Mentorship Program (PSAMP)	2025 2024-2025 2023-2024 2024-2025
MEMBERSHIP	American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association Southern Political Science Association	
PROGRAMMING	Proficient in: R, Python, Tableau, Qualtrics, L ^A T _E X, GIS	
REFERENCES	<p>Charles Stewart III Department of Political Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology cstewart@mit.edu</p> <p>Andrea Campbell Department of Political Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology acampbel@mit.edu</p>	<p>Asya Magazinnik Department of Social Data Science Hertie School a.magazinnik@hertie-school.org</p> <p>Devin Caughey Department of Political Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology caughey@mit.edu</p>