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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
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. 2023. “Trust in the Count: Improving Voter Confidence with Post-Election Audits.” Forthcoming at *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Legislating Democracy: When State Legislators Change Access to the Ballot”
“Where We Vote: The Changing Landscape of Where Americans Cast Votes” (with Alejandro Flores)
“Motivating Participation: Encouraging Minority Voters to Overcome the Costs of Voting” (with Christine M. Slaughter and Alejandro Flores)
“The Cost of Electoral Confidence” (with Alejandro Flores and Charles Stewart III)

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Professor Charles Stewart III, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2022, 2023
Professor Asya Magazinnik, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2022

TEACHING

University of Rochester

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

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

Conferences

Mason Reece, Samuel Baltz, **Joseph R. Loffredo**, Alejandro Flores, Gabrielle Péloquin-Skulski, et al. “Hidden Partisanship in American Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 24, 2024.

Christine M. Slaughter, **Joseph R. Loffredo**, and Alejandro Flores. “Motivating Participation: Encouraging Minority Voters to Overcome the Costs of Voting.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 24, 2024.

Joseph R. Loffredo and Alejandro Flores. “Gracious Losers: Role of Concessions in Voter Confidence.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 24, 2024.

Christine M. Slaughter, **Joseph R. Loffredo**, and Alejandro Flores. “Motivating Participation: Encouraging Minority Voters to Overcome the Costs of Voting.” Paper presented at the Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity, New Haven, CT, September 29, 2023.

Joseph R. Loffredo, Alejandro Flores, and Charles Stewart III. “The Cost of Electoral Confidence.” Poster presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 31, 2023.

Joseph R. Loffredo and Gabrielle Péloquin-Skulski. “The Party of Law and Order: Issue Ownership in Local Sheriff and Prosecutor Elections.” Poster presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 31, 2023.

Jacob Jaffe, **Joseph R. Loffredo**, Alejandro Flores, Samuel Baltz, and Charles Stewart III. “What Effect do Audits Have on Electoral Confidence.” Poster presented at the 2023 Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference, Athens, GA, June 2, 2023.

** Winner, award for best poster presented at ESRA 2023*

Joseph R. Loffredo. “Polling Places of Interest: How Where We Vote Shapes Voting Behavior.” Poster presented at the 2023 Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference, Athens, GA, June 2, 2023.

Joseph R. Loffredo, Alejandro Flores, and Charles Stewart III. “The Cost of Electoral Confidence.” Paper presented at the 2023 Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference, Athens, GA, June 1, 2023.

Joseph R. Loffredo and Alejandro Flores. “Where We Vote: The Changing Landscape of Where Americans Cast Votes.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (Election Science Conference-within-a-Conference), St. Pete’s Beach, FL, January 12, 2023.

Workshops

Gabrielle Péloquin-Skulski, Jean-François Daoust, **Joseph R. Loffredo**, Samuel Baltz, and Alejandro Flores. “Speaking Canada’s Official Languages: The Electoral Rewards of Speaking Both of Canada’s Official Languages.” MIT Political Experiments Research Lab, May 15, 2023.

Joseph R. Loffredo and Gabrielle Péloquin-Skulski. “The Party of Law and Order: Issue Ownership in Local Sheriff and Prosecutor Elections.” MIT Graduate Students Works-in-Progress Workshop, April 13, 2023.

Jacob Jaffe, **Joseph R. Loffredo**, Alejandro Flores, Samuel Baltz, and Charles Stewart III. “What Effect do Audits Have on Electoral Confidence.” MIT Political Experiments Research Lab, March 6, 2023.

Joseph R. Loffredo, Alejandro Flores, and Charles Stewart III. “The Cost of Electoral Confidence.” MIT Political Experiments Research Lab, November 14, 2022.

SERVICE	Social Co-Chair, Graduate Student Council, MIT Political Science	2023–2024
MEMBERSHIP	American Political Science Association Southern Political Science Association	
PROGRAMMING	Proficient in: R, Python, Tableau, Qualtrics, L ^A T _E X, GIS	
REFERENCES	<div> Charles Stewart III Department of Political Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology cstewart@mit.edu </div> <div> Asya Magazinnik Department of Social Data Science Hertie School a.magazinnik@hertie-school.org </div>	

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