

# Joseph R. Loffredo

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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, legislative politics, local politics, political institutions, survey experiments

## PUBLICATIONS

### Under Review

“What Effect do Audits Have on Voter Confidence?” (*with Jacob Jaffe, Alejandro Flores, Samuel Baltz, and Charles Stewart III*)

### Working Papers

“The Cost of Electoral Confidence” (*with Alejandro Flores and Charles Stewart III*)

“Legislating Democracy: When State Legislators Change Access to the Ballot”

“Where We Vote: The Changing Landscape of Where Americans Cast Votes” (*with Alejandro Flores*)

“Polling Places of Interest: How Where We Vote Shapes Voting Behavior”

“The Party of Law and Order: Issue Ownership in Local Sheriff and Prosecutor Elections” (*with Gabrielle Péloquin-Skulski*)

## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Professor Charles Stewart III, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2022

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

## PRESENTATIONS

### Conferences

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

## MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association

## PROGRAMMING

Proficient in: R, Python, Tableau, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, GIS

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