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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

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, *MIT Teaching + Learning Lab* Fall 2024

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. and Joseph R. Loffredo . "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."	
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Professor Charles Stewart III, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2022 – <i>present</i>
	Professor Adam Berinsky, MIT Political Experiment Research Lab	2025
	Professor Asya Magazinnik, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2022
TEACHING	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	
	Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (17.800) (Professor: F. Daniel Hidalgo)	Fall 2024
	Instructor, Introduction to L ^A T _E X, MIT Political Methodology Lab Workshop	Fall 2024
	University of Rochester	
	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
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	<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	"The American Elections 2024: Politics in Uncertain Times" (Saint Anslem, Manchester, NH)	2025
	Workshop, Center for Democracy & Civic Engagement (Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD)	2025
	Symposium on AI and the Study of Political Institutions (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
SERVICE	Referee: <i>Electoral Studies</i> (2)	
	Conference Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association (2024)	
	Department:	
	Co-President, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	2024-2025
	Social Co-Chair, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	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

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