

# 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**

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

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

**Working Papers**

“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  
Professor Asya Magazinnik, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2022

2022

## TEACHING

**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  
Client Support Analyst

February 2020–August 2021

New York State Assembly, Rochester, NY  
District Aide

February 2019–May 2019

AWARDS *James D. McGill Memorial Prize*, University of Rochester, 2020

PRESENTATIONS **Conferences**

*2023*

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA

“The Cost of Electoral Confidence”

“The Party of Law and Order: Issue Ownership in Local Sheriff and Prosecutor Elections”

Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference, Athens, GA

“What Effect do Audits Have on Electoral Confidence”

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

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

“The Cost of Electoral Confidence”

Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, St. Pete’s Beach, FL

“Where We Vote: The Changing Landscape of Where Americans Cast Votes”

**Workshops**

*2023*

MIT Political Experiments Research Lab

“Speaking Canada’s Official Languages: The Electoral Rewards of Speaking Both of Canada’s  
Official Languages”

“What Effect do Audits Have on Electoral Confidence”

MIT Graduate Students Works-in-Progress Workshop

“The Party of Law and Order: Issue Ownership in Local Sheriff and Prosecutor Elections”

*2022*

MIT Political Experiments Research Lab

“The Cost of Electoral Confidence”

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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