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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

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. 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

UNDER REVIEW

1. 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 H. Stewart, III. “**Cast vote records:
A database of ballots from the 2020 U.S. Election.**” DOI: 10.7910/DVN/PQQ3KV.

- Winner, MIT Prize for Open Data

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., **Joseph R. Loffredo**, and Alejandro Flores. “Motivating Participation:
Encouraging Minority Voters to Overcome the Costs of Voting.”

Loffredo, Joseph R. and Suyeol Yun. “Extending Large Language Models for Testing Theories of
Political Institutions.”

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Professor Charles Stewart III, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Professor Asya Magazinnik, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2022 – <i>present</i> 2022
TEACHING	Massachusetts Institute of Technology Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (17.800) (Professor: F. Daniel Hidalgo) Instructor, Introduction to L ^A T _E X, MIT Political Methodology Lab Workshop	Fall 2024 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 New York State Assembly , Rochester, NY District Aide	February 2020 – August 2021 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	Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (Yale, New Haven, CT) American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association Southern Political Science Association Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference	2023 2024, 2023 2024 2024, 2023 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 Social Co-Chair, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	 2024-2025 2023-2024
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	Charles Stewart III Department of Political Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology cstewart@mit.edu	Asya Magazinnik Department of Social Data Science Hertie School a.magazinnik@hertie-school.org

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