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

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Cast vote records: A database of ballots from the 2020 U.S. Election” (with Shiro Kuriwaki, Mason Reece, Samuel Baltz, et al.)

“Hidden Partisanship in American Elections” (with Mason Reece, Alejandro Flores, Samuel Baltz, 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)

“Motivating Participation: Encouraging Minority Voters to Overcome the Costs of Voting” (with Christine M. Slaughter and Alejandro Flores)

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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

2022 – *present*
2022

TEACHING

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (17.800)
(Professor: F. Daniel Hidalgo)

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
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

Selected Conferences

Shiro Kuriwaki, Mason Reece, Samuel Baltz, Alexandra Conveska, **Joseph R. Loffredo**, et al. “A Multi-State Database of Cast Vote Records.” Paper presented at the 2024 Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference, Los Angeles, CA, May 17, 2024.

Mason Reece, **Joseph R. Loffredo**, Alejandro Flores, Luka Bulić Bračulj, Samuel Baltz, and Charles Stewart III. “Hidden Partisanship in American Elections.” Poster presented at the 2024 Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference, Los Angeles, CA, May 16, 2024.

Joseph R. Loffredo and Alejandro Flores. “Gracious Losers: Role of Concessions in Voter Confidence.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4, 2024.

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 (Election Science Conference-within-a-Conference), New Orleans, LA, January 13, 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 (Election Science Conference-within-a-Conference), New Orleans, LA, January 13, 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 (Election Science Conference-within-a-Conference), New Orleans, LA, January 13, 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

Joseph R. Loffredo. “Making Democracy: How Organizations, Policymakers, and Voters Shape American Election Administration.” MIT Graduate Students Works-in-Progress Workshop, April 18, 2024.

Joseph R. Loffredo. “Evaluating Democracy: Voter Priorities, Values, and Considerations of Election Reform.” MIT Political Experiments Research Lab, April 16, 2024.

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.

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

Referee: *Electoral Studies* (2)

Conference Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association (2024)

Department: Social Co-Chair, Graduate Student Council (MIT Political Science, 2023–2024)

MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

PROGRAMMING

Proficient in: R, Python, Tableau, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX, GIS

REFERENCES

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