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EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Cambridge, MA Ph.D., Political Science September 2021 – <i>present</i> Fields: American Politics, Models & Methods Dissertation: <i>Making Democracy: How Organizations, Policymakers, and Voters Shape American Election Administration</i> Committee: Charles Stewart III (Chair), Andrea Campbell, and Devin Caughey Graduate Student Researcher, <i>MIT Election Data and Science Lab</i> University of Rochester , Rochester, NY B.A., Political Science and Statistics (<i>magna cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa) December 2019 Minor in Legal Studies	
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, <i>MIT Teaching + Learning Lab</i>	Fall 2024
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Election administration, voting rights, legislatures, local politics, political institutions, survey experiments	
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">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." <i>Scientific Data</i> 11 (1304). DOI: 10.1038/s41597-024-04017-1.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winner, MIT Prize for Open Data• Dataset available on Harvard Dataverse: https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/PQQ3KV1. 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." <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> 88 (SI): 585–607. DOI: 10.1093/poq/nfae029.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joint lead author• Winner, Best Poster at the 2023 Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference	
UNDER REVIEW	Loffredo, Joseph R. and Suyeol Yun. "Agent-Enhanced Large Language Models for Researching Political Institutions."	
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"	

	<p>Loffredo, Joseph R. and Alejandro Flores. "Where We Vote: The Changing Landscape of Where Americans Cast Votes."</p> <p>Slaughter, Christine M. and Joseph R. Loffredo. "Motivating Participation: Encouraging Minority Voters to Overcome the Costs of Voting."</p> <p>Loffredo, Joseph R. and Charles Stewart III. "State Confidence in Elections: Results, Practice, and Policy."</p>	
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	<p>Professor Charles Stewart III, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2022 – <i>present</i></p> <p>Professor Adam Berinsky, MIT Political Experiments Research Lab 2025</p> <p>Professor Asya Magazinnik, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2022</p>	
TEACHING	<p>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (17.800) Fall 2024 (Professor: F. Daniel Hidalgo)</p> <p>Instructor, Introduction to L^AT_EX, MIT Political Methodology Lab Workshop Fall 2024</p> <p>University of Rochester</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Categorical Data Analysis (STT 218) Fall 2019 (Professor: Joseph Ciminelli)</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Argument in Political Science (PSC 202W) Fall 2018 (Professor: Gerald Gamm)</p>	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Civis Analytics, Washington, DC February 2020 – August 2021 Client Support Analyst</p> <p>New York State Assembly, Rochester, NY February 2019 – May 2019 District Aide</p>	
AWARDS	<p><i>James D. McGill Memorial Prize</i>, University of Rochester 2020</p> <p>Phi Beta Kappa, Iota of New York, University of Rochester 2020</p>	
INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>"The American Elections 2024: Politics in Uncertain Times" (Saint Anslem, Manchester, NH) 2025</p> <p>Workshop, Center for Democracy & Civic Engagement (Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD) 2025</p> <p>Symposium on AI and the Study of Political Institutions (USC, Los Angeles, CA) 2024</p> <p>Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (Yale, New Haven, CT) 2023</p> <p>American Political Science Association 2024, 2023</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association 2025, 2024</p> <p>Southern Political Science Association 2024, 2023</p> <p>Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference 2025, 2024, 2023</p>	
SERVICE	<p>Referee: <i>Electoral Studies</i> (2)</p> <p>Conference Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association (2024)</p> <p>Department:</p> <p>Co-President, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council 2024-2025</p> <p>Social Co-Chair, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council 2023-2024</p>	

MEMBERSHIP	American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association Southern Political Science Association	
PROGRAMMING	Proficient in: R, Python, Tableau, Qualtrics, \LaTeX , 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