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EMPLOYMENT	Marie Curie Fellow Department of Political Science, Lund University	11/2021 - present
	Assistant Professor (on pregnancy sick leave from 11/2017 - 05/2018) Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, Denmark	01/2013-06/2018
CAREER BREAKS	Sick leave Pregnancy and maternity-related leave of absences	06/2022 - 08/2023 11/2017 to 10/2021
EFFECTIVE PH.D. YEARS	6 years and 5 months (as of March 2024)	
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles <i>Subfield Concentration:</i> Formal Theory and Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics <i>Dissertation Project:</i> “Party Leadership Selection in Parliamentary Democracies” <i>Dissertation Committee:</i> Kathleen Bawn (Chair), Jeffrey Lewis, Michael Thies, and James Adams (UC Davis) M.A. in International Relations, University of San Diego B.S. in Biochemistry and Interdisciplinary Studies (Double Major), Calvin College	2005-2012        2003-2004 2000-2003
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Affective polarization; coalition politics; parties and elections; political and economic consequences of discrimination; democratic representation; political institutions; and game theory.	
PAPERS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS	<p>2023. “Serious Conflicts with Benign Outcomes? The Electoral Consequences of Conflictual Cabinet Terminations.” <i>The American Political Science Review</i>. doi:10.1017/S000305542300093X</p> <p>2021. “Don’t Air Your Dirty Laundry: Party Leadership Contests, Policy Competence, and Parliamentary Election Outcomes.” <i>The European Journal of Political Research</i> 60 (1): 3-24.</p> <p>2018. “Attract Voters or Appease Grassroots? Opposition Party Leaders’ Dilemma and Positional Shift.” <i>Journal of Theoretical Politics</i> 30 (2): 246-266.</p> <p>2018. “One Size Doesn’t Fit All: Voter Decision Criteria Heterogeneity and Vote Choice.” (with Henrik Seeberg and Rune Stubager) <i>Electoral Studies</i> 52: 1-10.</p> <p>2018. “The Agenda Setting Power of the Prime Minister Party in Coalition Governments.” (with Christoffer Green-Pedersen and Peter B. Mortensen) <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> 71 (4): 473-456.</p> <p>2018. “More Spotlight, More Problems? Westminster Parliamentary Systems and Leadership Replacement in Large Opposition Parties.” <i>Party Politics</i> 24 (5): 588-597.</p>	

PAPERS UNDER  
REVIEW

“[TITLE MASKED]” (on coalitions)

WORKING  
PAPERS

“Economic Voting by Opposition Partisans”

“Let’s Give Them Something To Talk About: Macroeconomic Improvement and Opposition Parties’ Emphases on Value-Based Issues”

“Government Performance, Preference Representation, and Satisfaction with Democracy”

“The Crown as a Protector of Democracy? Constitutional Monarchy and Its Contribution to Citizens’ Satisfaction with Democracy” (with Andrej Kokkonen)

“Doomed To Discord? Electoral Institutions’ Effects on Political Divisiveness”

“The Benefits of Infighting: Why Factions Protect Coalitions against Policy Shocks”

WORKS IN  
PROGRESS

“When Aren’t Thoughts and Prayers are Enough: Affective Polarization and Partisans’ Attitudes toward Gun Control Legislations” (with Hanna Bäck, Emma Renström, and Alexander Ryan)

“What Happens after Ibiza? The Political Consequences of Scandal-Based Government Terminations” (with Ida Hjermitsev and Svenja Krauss)

INVITED TALKS  
AND  
WORKSHOPS

- AxPo-CEE Joint Seminar, Sciences Po Paris, May 2024
- MZES Colloquium, University of Mannheim, November 2023
- DEMSCORE conference, University of Gothenburg, June 2023
- Party Politics Group Seminar, University of Gothenburg, February 2023
- Workshop on Party Politics, Aarhus University, November 2022
- Workshop on Coalition and Party Politics, Lund University, September 2022
- Workshop on Intra- and Inter-party conflicts, Humboldt University in Berlin, August 2022
- Comparative Politics Lunch Seminar, Lund University, May 2019
- Workshop on Party Leaders, Södertörn University, Stockholm, November 2017
- Workshop on Intra-Party Politics, University of Gothenburg, September 2015
- Political Economy Research Seminar, University of Mannheim, September 2013
- Political Economy Series, Lund University, September 2013.
- High Seminar in Political Science, Södertörn University. September 2011.

CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION

- American Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2010, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2023
- European Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2012, 2014, 2016, 2023
- Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference: 2013-2016, 2023
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2008-2016
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2012

- European Consortium of Political Research General Conference: 2014
- Council of European Studies Annual Conference: 2015, 2017

GRANTS	“Divided Parliaments? Polarization, Moralization, and the Risk of Gridlock.” Co-PI, Riksbanken Jubileumsfond Project Grant, Sweden	2024-2027
	“Gender Dynamics in Politics, the Workplace, and Society.” PI, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond Research Initiative, Sweden	2023
	“The Impacts of Economic Growth and Decline on Party Behavior.” PI, Marie Curie Individual Fellowship, The European Commission	2021-2024
	“Electoral Institutions and Political Divisiveness in Established Democracies.” PI, Carlsberg Foundation Postdoctoral Grant, Denmark	2016-2018
FELLOWSHIPS	AxPo Sciences Po Visiting Fellowship	May to June 2024
	Stokes Dissertation Research Fellowship, The British Politics Group	2011
	Dissertation Research Fellowship, UCLA Center for European and Eurasian Studies	2011
	EITM, National Science Foundation	2009 and 2010
	Academic Year Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA	2006-2007
	Summer Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA	2006
	UCLA Fellowship, UCLA	2005-2010
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Course coordinator and instructor, “Parties and Political Behavior” (bachelor’s course, co-taught with Esther Calvo)	Fall 2022, Fall 2023
	Instructor, “Comparative Politics: Institutions and Actors” (master’s level course, co-taught with Hanna Bäck, Agustín Goenaga, Robert Klemmensen, and Jonathan Polk)	Spring 2023, Spring 2024
	Course coordinator and instructor Course in Game Theory	2016 ECPR Methods Winter School
	Course coordinator and instructor, “Explaining Politics through Game Theory: Strategies, Collective Action, and Paradoxes in the Modern World” (master’s seminar in game theory)	Spring 2017, Autumn 2015, 2014, 2013
	Course coordinator and instructor, “Game Theory and International Security” (master’s seminar, co-taught with Bruno Oliveira Martins)	Spring 2015
	Course coordinator and instructor, “Strategies in Political Violence and Conflict” (master’s seminar, co-taught with Jakob Tolstrup in Danish)	Autumn 2014

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Instructor, “Social Science Research Methods for Journalism” Spring 2015, 2014  
(Erasmus Mundus seminar, co-taught with Morten Brænder and Lasse Nielsen)

Course instructor (TA), 2007-2011  
Introductory and advanced game theory courses, UCLA

PROFESSIONAL  
ACTIVITIES

Workshop organizer, “Gender Dynamics in Politics, the Workplace, and Society.” September 2023  
Workshop organizer, “Democratic Representation in Established Democracies.” November 2017  
Section co-chair, 2014 European Consortium of Political Science (ECPR) Conference, Glasgow, Scotland  
Panel organizer, 2014 and 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Conferences, Chicago, IL  
Panel organizer, 2013 American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

Co-convenor, Comparative Politics Research Group, Department of Political Science, Lund University  
(Jan - Dec 2023)  
  
Referee for the American Journal of Political Science; the European Political Science Review; the  
Journal of Politics; Legislative Studies Quarterly; and Representation  
  
Grant reviewer, Czech Social Science Foundation

LANGUAGES

English (native), Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese (fluent), Danish (fluent), French (fluent), Burmese  
(speaking, fluent)

REFERENCES

Available upon requests