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## **Education**

### **Royal Holloway, University of London**

**2020 –**

#### **PhD**

Politics

Advanced Quantitative Methods Steer

Thesis title: The Impact of Voter ID Laws on Participation and Political Engagement.

Original data collection. Advanced Quantitative Methods

*Supervisors: Prof. Chris Hanretty & Prof. Oliver Heath*

**2019 – 2020**

#### **MSc**

Elections, Campaigns and Democracy.

Distinction.

Dissertation title: Self-Selection or Socialisation: Explaining the Link Between Social Values and University Attendance.

### **University of Kent**

**2016 – 2019**

#### **BA (Hons)**

Politics and International Relations with Quantitative Research.

1st Class.

Dissertation title: The Impact of Voter Identification Laws on Electoral Turnout and Perceptions of Democratic Integrity: A Comparative Study.

## **Research Assistance**

**June 2022**

### **Research Assistant for Deliberation Event on Uncivil Speech**

Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy

Royal Holloway, University of London

Primary Investigators: Dr Kaat Smets, Dr Johnathan Seglow and Dr Sofia Collignon

January 2022 – March 2022

**Research Assistant for the Electoral integrity Project (Part-Time)**

Department of Political Science

Royal Military College, Canada

Primary Investigators: Dr Holly-Ann Garnet and Prof. Toby James

<https://www.electoralintegrityproject.com/reports>

**Publications**

Barton, T. (2022) Understanding a Key Electoral Tool: A New Dataset on the Global Distribution of Voter Identification Laws.

[10.1080/00344893.2022.2113117](https://doi.org/10.1080/00344893.2022.2113117)

**Working Papers**

Barton, T. Effects of changing voter ID laws on participation: A synthetic difference-in-difference approach.

Barton, T. The Relationship Between Voter ID Laws and Turnout: Going Beyond the United States.

Barton, T. and Virgo, L. Does the Minister Agree with Me: Do MPs' Positions on Brexit Affected the Asking of Parliamentary Questions?

**Blog Posts**

Barton, T. and Hanretty, C. (2020) US elections MRP polling: Voter fraud concerns heaviest in Trump states. Online Blog: Survation. Available at:

<https://www.survation.com/us-elections-exclusive-mrp-polling-voter-fraud-concerns-heaviest-in-trump-states/>

**Presentations, Workshops and Seminars**

**April 2022**

**UK in a Changing Europe: British Politics After Brexit  
(Presenter) (Co-author with Lewis Virgo)**

Does the Minister Agree with Me: Have MPs' Positions on Brexit Affected the Asking of Parliamentary Questions?

**April 2022**

**PSA Annual Conference 2022: Politics from the Margins  
(Presenter)**

The Relationship Between Voter ID Laws and Turnout: Going Beyond the United States

**July 2021**

## **Electoral Integrity Project pre-IPSA World Congress Workshop**

**(Presenter)**

Understanding a Key Electoral Tool: A New Dataset on the Global Distribution of Voter Identification Laws

**July 2021**

## **PSA Early Career Network 'Random Access Memories' Conference**

**(Co-Presenter with Lewis Virgo)**

When Emotions Run High: Have MPs' Positions on Brexit Affected the Asking of Parliamentary Questions?

**April 2021**

## **8th Education PGR Conference at Warwick**

**(Presenter)**

Self-Selection or Socialisation: Explaining the Link Between Social Values and University Attendance

**February 2021**

## **Toronto Data Workshop on Reproducibility**

**(Presenter)**

Self-Selection or Socialisation: Explaining the Link Between Social Values and University Attendance

## **Academic Service**

**Journals Reviewed For:** Electoral Studies

## **Technical Skills**

**Coding Languages:** R | Basic Knowledge of Python

**Software:** SPSS | Excel | Qualtrics | STATA | Basic Knowledge of ArcGIS

**Systems:** Github

**Courses:** 2021 Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods (Machine Learning). *Taught by Dr Thomas Robinson (Durham)*

## **Teaching**

**Undergraduate:**

**January 2021 – June 2021**

Research Methods for Social Scientists  
Department of Criminology, Royal Holloway,  
(Methods Lab Assistant, led revision sessions,  
assessed coursework and exams)  
Online

**September 2021 –**

Researching Politics and International Relations:  
 Analysis, Design and Practice  
 Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy  
 Royal Holloway  
 (Seminar Leader)  
 In-person and Hybrid

**January 2023**

How and why people vote  
 Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy  
 Royal Holloway  
 (Guest Lecture on Voter ID Laws)  
 In-person

**Postgraduate:**

**September 2021 – April 2022**

Introduction to Quantitative Methods  
 Department of Political Science  
 UCL  
 (Seminar Leader)  
 In-person and Online

**Scholarships, Grants and Awards**

PSA EPOP & YouGov Survey Project: Public Attitudes Towards Voter ID Laws **2021**  
 ESRC (SeNSS) Research Training Support Grant (Course Attendance: £450) **2021**  
 ESRC (SeNSS) 1+3 PhD Studentship (Advanced Quantitative Methods Steer) **2019**

**Activities**

Postgraduate Research Peer Mentor	<b>September 2021 – July 2022</b>
SeNSS Student Forum Chair	<b>July 2021 – July 2022</b>
Accredited Election Observer (UK Electoral Commission)	<b>May 2021 –</b>
SeNSS Student Forum Deputy Chair	<b>July 2020 – July 2021</b>
SeNSS Student Forum Master's Representative	<b>October 2019 – July 2021</b>