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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 Electoral Integrity.

*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. Do Restrictive Voter ID Laws Alter Expert Perceptions of Electoral Integrity? A Comparative Analysis.

Barton, T. Understanding the Impact of the 2018 Voter ID Pilots on Turnout at the London Local Elections: A Synthetic Difference-in-Difference Approach.

Barton, T. Do Stricter Voter ID Laws Decrease Voter Turnout? A Comparative Analysis.

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

## **Blog Posts**

Democracy and Elections Centre team (2023) Why we may never know the full effects of voter ID. Online Blog: DEC@RHUL. Available at:

<https://hollodec.github.io/2023/05/26/voterid.html>

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/>

## Technical Skills

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

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

**Systems:** Github | SQL

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

## Presentations, Workshops and Seminars

**September 2023**

**EPOP (PSA) Annual Conference 2023:**

**(Presenter)**

Understanding the Impact of the 2018 Voter ID Pilots on Turnout at the London Local Elections: A Synthetic Difference-in-Difference Approach.

**September 2023**

**ECPR General Conference 2023:**

**(Presenter)**

Do Restrictive Voter ID Laws Alter Expert Perceptions of Electoral Integrity? A Comparative Analysis.

**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

Postgraduate Research Peer Mentor

SeNSS Student Forum Chair

SeNSS Student Forum Deputy Chair

SeNSS Student Forum Master's Representative

**September 2021 – July 2022**

**July 2021 – July 2022**

**July 2020 – July 2021**

**October 2019 – July 2021**

**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**

Accredited Election Observer (UK Electoral Commission)

**May 2021 –**