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APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS	University of Rochester Visiting Scholar, Democracy Center	Rochester, NY January 2026
EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D., Political Science Fields: American Politics, Models & Methods Dissertation: <i>Essays on the Causes and Consequences of State Election Legislation</i> Committee: Charles Stewart III (Chair), Andrea Campbell, and Devin Caughey Graduate Student Researcher, <i>MIT Election Data and Science Lab</i>	Cambridge, MA September 2021 – present
	University of Rochester B.A., Political Science and Statistics (<i>magna cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa) Minor in Legal Studies	Rochester, NY December 2019
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program , MIT Teaching + Learning Lab	Fall 2024
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Legislatures, public policy, political institutions, state politics, local politics, election administration, voting rights, survey experiments	
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Loffredo, Joseph R., Michael Hankinson, and Asya Magazinnik. 2026. “Reform Drift: How Incumbent Protection Undermines Descriptive Representation in Local Government.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>.3. Loffredo, Joseph R. and Suyeol Yun. 2025. “Agent-Enhanced Large Language Models for Researching Political Institutions.” <i>Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy</i> 6 (3-4): 277-300. DOI: 10.1561/113.00000125.2. 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. , Jillian Andres Rothschild, and Alejandro Flores. "America Decides, Networks Project: How Voters Respond to Election Night Coverage."	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	Loffredo, Joseph R. and Alejandro Flores. "Where We Vote: The Changing Landscape of Where Americans Cast Votes."	
	Loffredo, Joseph R. and Charles Stewart III. "State Confidence in Elections: Results, Practice, and Policy."	
	Hankinson, Michael, Joseph R. Loffredo , and Asya Magazinnik. "Lines for Representation: Assessing District Elections as a Remedy in State Voting Rights Acts."	
	Hirano, Shigeo, Joseph R. Loffredo , Mason Reece, and James M. Snyder, Jr. "Trends in Nationalization of State and Local Elections: Evidence from Precinct Data."	
	Loffredo, Joseph R. "Election Officials as Policy Actors in State Legislatures."	
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Professor Charles Stewart III, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2022 – <i>present</i>
	Professor Adam Berinsky, MIT Political Experiments Research Lab	2025
	Professor Asya Magazinnik, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2022
TEACHING	Northeastern University	
	Guest Lecturer, Comparative Democracies (POLS 4580)	Fall 2025
	"Limits of the System: Bolstering Trust Under Electoral Federalism"	
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	
	Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (17.800)	Fall 2024
	(Professor: F. Daniel Hidalgo)	
	Instructor, Graduate Student Math Camp I	Fall 2025
	Instructor, Introduction to L ^A T _E X, MIT Political Methodology Lab Workshop	Fall 2024
	University of Rochester	
	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Categorical Data Analysis (STT 218)	Fall 2019
	(Professor: Joseph Ciminelli)	
	Teaching Assistant, Argument in Political Science (PSC 202W)	Fall 2018
	(Professor: Gerald Gamm)	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	CBS News	November 2023 – <i>present</i>
	Member, Election Data Desk	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated with academics and news analysts to develop real-time election forecasts for broadcast coverage; co-created R/Python pipeline for collecting precinct-level election results 	
	Civis Analytics , Washington, DC	February 2020 – August 2021
	Client Support Analyst	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided technical and strategic support to political and advocacy clients using proprietary data science platform; developed training curriculum for new and experienced users 	
	New York State Assembly , Rochester, NY	February 2019 – May 2019
	District Aide	
AWARDS	<i>MIT Prize for Open Data</i> , Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2024
	<i>Best Poster</i> , Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference	2023

	<i>James D. McGill Memorial Prize</i> , University of Rochester	2020
	Phi Beta Kappa, Iota of New York, University of Rochester	2020
INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	Workshop, Democracy Center (Univ. of Rochester, Rochester, NY)	2026
	American Elections 2024: Politics in Uncertain Times (Saint Anselm, Manchester, NH)	2025
	Workshop, Center for Democracy & Civic Engagement (Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD)	2025
	AI and the Study of Political Institutions Conference (USC, Los Angeles, CA)	2024
	Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (Yale, New Haven, CT)	2023
	American Political Science Association	2023, 2024, 2026
	Midwest Political Science Association	2024, 2025, 2026
	Southern Political Science Association	2023, 2024, 2026
	Election Science, Research, and Administration Conference	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
	PolMeth Conference of the Society for Political Methodology	2026
	State Politics and Policy Conference	2025, 2026
SERVICE	Referee:	
	<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	(1)
	<i>Electoral Studies</i>	(2)
	<i>Politics and Governance</i>	(1)
	Conference Panel Chair/Discussant:	
	Election Science CwC, Southern Political Science Association	2026
	Midwest Political Science Association	2024, 2026
	Department:	
	Member, American Politics Junior Faculty Search Committee	2025
	Co-President, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	2024-2025
	Social Co-Chair, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	2023-2024
	MIT Political Science Application Mentorship Program (PSAMP)	2024-2025
MEMBERSHIP	American Political Science Association	
	Midwest Political Science Association	
	Southern Political Science Association	
PROGRAMMING	Proficient in: R, Python, Tableau, Qualtrics, L ^A T _E X, 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
	Andrea Campbell Department of Political Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology acampbel@mit.edu	Devin Caughey Department of Political Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology caughey@mit.edu