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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 2022-2028 **Boston University**
PhD Candidate in Political Science

Dissertation: Who Remembers Best? The Politics of Memory in the New Era of Right-Wing Populism

Committee: Vivien Schmidt (chair), Taylor Boas, Steven Rosenzweig, Elizabeth Cohen, David Art (Tufts)
- 2019 **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**
MSc (Distinction) in Comparative Politics
- 2018 **Boston University**
BA (*cum laude*) in International Relations

WORKING PAPERS

- “Rethinking Preliminary Fieldwork: Reflections from a South Carolinian Ethnography” (Revise and Resubmit, *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*).
- “When Historical Narratives Change: The Politics of History Museums in South Carolina” (Manuscript in Progress).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- “Does Politics Drive Cultural Preferences? Voting Behavior in the Eurovision Song Contest” (with Taylor Boas), *European Political Science Review* (forthcoming).
- “I Think Therefore I Don’t Vote: Discourses on Abstention, Distrust and Twitter Politics in the 2017 French Presidential Election” (with Joseph Downing), *French Politics* vol. 20 (2021), <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41253-021-00166-6>.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Eurovision Performances and European Union History” in *Pop Goes the EU*, edited by Jennifer Ostojski (Bloomsbury, forthcoming).
- “Politics and Geopolitics in Staging the FIFA World Cup: What is at Stake for the Hosting Nations?” (with Carole Gomez), in *The Business of FIFA World Cup*, edited by Simon Chadwick et al. (Routledge Handbook, 2022).

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2027 **Boston University, Pardee School of Global Studies**
Instructor of Record for Topics in European Politics and Culture (PO539)
- Summer 2025 **Boston University, Department of Political Science**
Instructor of Record for Introduction to Comparative Politics (PO151)
- 2023 – 2025 **Boston University, Department of Political Science**
Teaching Fellow for Introduction to Political Theory (PO191), Introduction to Comparative Politics (PO151)
Guest Lecturer in Introduction to Comparative Politics (PO151) on “Identity”
- 2018 – 2019 **Lingo Education Ltd.; Athena Tuition Ltd.** (London)
French Tutor
- 2017 **Boston University, Educational Resource Center** (Boston, MA)
French Tutor

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 – 2024 **Boston University, Pardee School of Global Studies** (Boston, MA)
Summer Research Assistant
- 2021 – 2022 ***Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques – IRIS*** (Paris)
Research Associate; Research Assistant
- 2019 – 2021 **London School of Economics** (London)
Research Assistant at the European Institute; Policy Officer at 89 Initiative
- Spring 2018 **Middle East Institute** (Washington D.C.)
Publications Intern
- 2017 **Boston University, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program**
(Boston, MA)
Student Researcher (Student Research Award)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- “Chapter 3: Methods,” **2026 APSA Dissertation Workshop: New Topics in European Politics** (online)
- “Who Remembers Best? Institutional Memory and Political Mobilization in France and the United States,” **2026 Joint Sessions of Workshops at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)** (Innsbruck, Austria)
- “Who Remembers Best? Memory, Nationalism and Elections in a Comparative Perspective Between France and the United States,” **Center for European Studies Graduate Research Workshop at Harvard University** (2026 workshop presentation)
- “Who Remembers Best? Memory, Nationalism and Electoral Politics in South Carolina,” **Topics in Politics Workshop at the BU Department of Political Science** (2026 workshop presentation)
- “Political Behavior in Cultural Spaces: A Survey on Eurovision Voting,” **2025 Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference** (Chicago, IL)
- “Popular Culture for Political Identity? Evidence from Voting Behavior at the Eurovision Song Contest,” **2024 Annual Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Conference** (Boston, MA)

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AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants

Institute for Humane Studies – Humane Studies Fellowship (\$3,000)

Boston University

Center for Innovation in Social Science Undergraduate Research Assistance Grant (\$1,500)

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship (\$15,000)

Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (\$4,000)

Graduate Student Organization Research Grant (\$1,000)

Howard Zinn Graduate Fund for Studies of Democracy (\$1,900)

Center for Innovation in Social Science Travel Grant (\$1,500)

Graduate Research in the United States Fellowship (\$3,000)

Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant (\$1,000)

2023 and 2024 Summer Fellowship at the Center for the Study of Europe (\$4,200)

[Undergraduate] Student Research Award (\$2,200)

SERVICE

Boston University, Department of Political Science

Student Representative for the Director of Graduate Studies Liaison (AY 2025-26)

Graduate Organizer for the Research in Comparative Politics Workshop (2023-2025)

Boston University, Graduate Student Organization

Grant Review Committee Member (2024-2026)

Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Conference

Panel Chair (Dec. 2024)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2025 - Hands-on LLM Fundamentals Workshop at **Northeastern University**

2023 - Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (ICPSR) at the **University of Michigan**

2017 - Social Media Analysis: Principles and Practices for Big Data Certification

RESEARCH AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Languages English, French (Native), Spanish (Proficient)

Field Experience Paris (2021, 2026), South Carolina (2025, 2026), South of France (2026)

Programming and Software R, NVivo, Qualtrics