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### RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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- Comparative Politics: Europe & North America; Dutch Politics; German Politics
- Migration: Citizenship; Immigrant Incorporation; Representation
- Political Parties & Electoral Systems
- Political Science Education & Pedagogy: Writing Skills; Empathy; Information Literacy

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Associate Teaching Professor**, Department of Political Science, Northeastern University, July 2023-

**Assistant Teaching Professor**, Department of Political Science, Northeastern University, July 2018-June 2023 (parental leave Spring 2021)

**Harvard College Fellow**, Department of Government, Harvard University, July 2016-June 2018

**Lecturer**, Department of Government, Harvard University, January 2015-June 2016

### EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Political Science**, Harvard University, March 2015

Dissertation: "Constituents at the Gate: European Political Parties and the Representation of Migration-Background Communities"

**B.A. in Political Science**, University of Rochester, May 2007

*magna cum laude*; high research honors in political science; German and Russian minors

### PUBLICATIONS

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*Book Under Contract*: Mark Kesselman, Joel Krieger, William A. Joseph, Kelly Bauer, and Colin M. Brown. *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition. Boston: Cengage. (anticipated May 2024 publication)

Other:

1. (with Sarah E. James, George Soroka, Matthew Reichert, and Aaron Watanabe) "Setting Expectations: Rubrics as a Formative Tool for Communicating in the Social Sciences," forthcoming at *College Teaching*
2. (with Kelly Bauer, Maricruz Ariana Osorio, and Melissa L. Sands) "Making a Statement: Research, Teaching, and Diversity Statements for the Academic Job Market," in

Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond, American Political Science Association, 2022

3. (with Megan Becker, Elizabeth A. Bennion, & Eric Loepp) "Resources for Teaching Excellence: APSA's Education Section and the TLC," in Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond, American Political Science Association, 2022
  4. "From "Good" to "Effective": Teaching Writing Skills Explicitly in Political Science," in The Palgrave Handbook of Political Research Pedagogy, Julia Hellwege, Eric Loepp and Daniel Mallinson, eds. Palgrave Macmillan: 2021, pp. 401-411
  5. (with Sarah E. James and George Soroka) "Explicit Content: Two Experiments on Bringing Writing Instruction into the Political Science Classroom." 2021. *Journal of Political Science Education* 17(sup1): 835-861
  6. Book Review: "Dilemmas of Inclusion: Muslims in European Politics" by Rafaela Dancygier, 2017. *EuropeNow*, July 2018
  7. Book Review: "Thinking Like a Political Scientist: A Practical Guide to Research Methods" by Christopher Howard, 2017. *Journal of Political Science Education* 14(1): 138-140
  8. Book Review: "Contesting Immigration Policy in Court" by Leila Kawar, 2015. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 2(1): 145-147.
  9. (with Joshua Dean, Jacob Eschenburg, Caleb Miller, and Levente Szentkiralyi,) "2016 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference and Track Summaries: Teaching How to Teach." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 49(3): 583-584.
  10. (With Jennifer L. Hochschild) "Searching (with Minimal Success) for Links among Immigration and Imprisonment." Oxford Handbook of Race, Ethnicity and Crime, Michael Tonry and Sandra Bucerius, eds. 2013.
  11. "Anti-Immigrant Politics." M.E. Sharpe Encyclopedia of American Immigration, 2nd Ed. 2013.
- Non-peer reviewed contributions to Active Learning in Political Science, Political Science Educator*

## **PAPERS IN PROGRESS (drafts available upon request)**

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- (with Jennifer Ostojski) "Embracing the Chaos: Simulating Uncertainty and Confusion in German Politics," *in first drafts*

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Conference Papers**

- (with Chelsea Kaufman) "Showing the Other Side: What Kinds of Empathy Should Political Science Teach?," APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, February 2023
- "Feedback Loop: Reflections from a Peer Review-Intensive Seminar," APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Albuquerque, February 2020
- (with Sarah E. James and George Soroka) "Explicit Instruction Strategies for Political Science Writing," American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2018 (*Panel Organizer*)

- "Representing Women and Immigrant Minorities in French Communes: Differential Effects of Electoral Rules," Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 2017
- (with *George Soroka*) "A Modular Approach to Teaching Writing and Academic Integrity in the Discipline: GovWrites," APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Long Beach, February 2017.
- "The Intersection of Gender and Immigrant Representation in Legislatures: The German Case," American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016
- "Preference Voting and Descriptive Representation in the German Cities," International Conference of Europeanists, Paris, July 2015
- "Showing up First to the Party: Immigration-Background Activists and Political Party Outreach Efforts," American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 2014
- "Ethnic Mandates without Ethnic Candidates? Increasing Representation of Migrant-Background Voters under Cumulative Voting in Hamburg & Bremen," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2014
- "Constituents at the Gate: Social Democratic Parties and the Extension of Citizenship and Naturalization Rights in Europe," American Political Science Association, Seattle, Wash., September 2011
- "Making the List: The Rise (and Varying Success) of Immigrant-Origin Political Candidates in Western Europe," Graduate Student Conference, BMW Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University, February 2011 (*Best Paper Award*)
- "Ethnic Conflict In Democracies: Applying Theories of Protest and Violence to Ethnopolitics," National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Dominican University of California, April 2007
- "Post-Devolution Changes in Scottish Party Identification: One Country with Two Fault Lines?" Undergraduate Research Conference, Rice University, January 2005

### **Workshops and Invited Presentations**

- (with *Jennifer Ostojski*): "Embracing the Chaos: Using a Simulation to Demonstrate Political Uncertainty", APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, February 2023
- Panelist: "Navigating Graduate School: Dos, Don'ts, and the Hidden Curriculum - Practical Considerations," American Political Science Association, Montreal, September 2022
- (with *Sarah E. James and George Soroka*) "Using Rubrics in the Political Science Classroom," APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Albuquerque, February 2020
- "Teaching Peer Review in Political Science," International Teaching and Learning Conference, Brighton, UK, June 2019
- "Introduction to Political Parties," GPI US Summer Programs, July and August 2017
- "Die Qual der Wahl—wie bunt muss ein Parlament aussehen?" Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, Auslandstreffen Boston 2015, April 2015
- "Who Counts vs. Who Counts: Variations in Open-List Ballots and Representation of Migration-Background Candidates" Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, October 2014
- "Development of Migrant Strategies and Candidate Recruitment in Bremen and Rotterdam" Brown Bag Seminar, Working Group on Migration, University of Duisburg-Essen, June 2012

"Variations in the Recruitment of Immigrant-origin Candidates and Voters in Rotterdam"  
Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liège, May 2012

"Maas Participation: Political Parties and Immigrant Outreach in Rotterdam" Political and Civic Participation Conference, PIDOP Consortium, University of Surrey, April 2012

"What (if anything!) Can American Ethnic Politics Teach us about Political Incorporation in Europe?" CIMIC Working Group, Erasmus University Rotterdam, December 2011

*Guest Lectures for Courses at Northeastern University, Harvard Extension School, Harvard Summer School, James Madison University, Lebanon Valley College*

## **TEACHING and ADVISING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Northeastern University, Boston, MA**

#### **Course Head/Instructor of Record** [times taught]

- "Comparative Politics" [7] & "Comparative Politics (Honors)" [4]
- "International Relations" [1]
- "Immigration Politics" [3]
- "Research Methods" [Undergraduate (UG) 5, Graduate (G) 3]
- "Political Science Senior Capstone" [4]
- "National and Local Politics in the Netherlands" [4]
- "Migration and Diversity in the Netherlands" [4]
- "Quantitative Techniques" [2]

**Internships Coordinator**, July 2018-present

**Faculty Leader**, *Dialogues of Civilization* 5-week Study Abroad Program: "Unity and Diversity: Politics and Migration in the Netherlands," Summer 2020 & 2021 (virtual); Summer 2022 & 2023 (in-person)

**Member**, 2021 College Board AP Comparative Government & Politics Standard Setting Panel

### **Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**

#### **Course Head/Instructor of Record**

- "Political Parties in Developed Democracies" [UG (FAS) 3, G (HES) 1]
- "Politics of Citizenship and Naturalization" [UG (FAS) 2, G (HES) 1]
- Senior Thesis Tutorial [2]

#### **Teaching Fellow**

- "Foundations of Comparative Politics" [5, 3 times as head teaching fellow]
- "Is the American Racial Order Being Transformed?" [1, as head teaching fellow]
- "Introduction to Political Science Research Methods" [1]
- "Comparative Politics in Latin America" [1]

**Departmental Writing Fellow, Government**, Fall 2014-Spring 2017

**Advisor**

- 4 undergraduate theses in Government and 1 undergraduate thesis in Social Studies
- Visiting Undergraduate Student Program: primary academic adviser for short-term exchange students at Harvard, 2012-2020
  - Non-resident 2012-2016; in residential housing 2016-2020
- National fellowships advisor, Dudley House, Harvard, 2017-2018
- Minor field advisor: European History, Politics and Societies, 2016-2018

**University of Rochester, Rochester, NY****Teaching Assistant**

- "Introduction to Comparative Politics"

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Co-Editor, *Political Science Educator* (2021-)

**Northeastern University**

- POLS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2018-
- POLS Graduate Admissions Committee, 2022
- POLS PhD Committee, 2022-

**American Political Science Association**

- Section on Migration and Citizenship
  - Member, Best Dissertation Award Committee, 2021
- Section on Political Science Education
  - Social Media Coordinator, 2020-
  - Executive Committee Member, 2021-
- APSA Annual Conference
  - Teaching and Learning Conference (TLC at APSA) Program Co-Chair 2024
  - "Lightning Round" Panel Selection Committee 2021 (ad hoc, invited)
  - Panel Discussant 2018, 2022, 2023
  - Panel Chair 2022, 2023

**Other**

- Award Committee, Senior Thesis Grants, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2021 & 2022

**RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Coordinator**, John F. Kennedy Memorial Policy Fellows

Administrator of short-term fellowship at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, bringing German journalists and policymakers to Harvard as short-term resident fellows, 2014-2018

**Curriculum Development**, Harvard University (Department of Government)  
Part of development team for online tool to teach writing skills and academic integrity within political science, 2014-2018  
Departmental delegate to College Board's AP Symposium on Government & Politics, Philadelphia, November 2017

**Visiting Researcher Appointments**

Erasmus University Rotterdam (Sociology), 2011; University of Duisburg-Essen (Sociology) & Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, 2012

**Research Assistant**, University of Sydney

"Crossroads of Migration" project, Anna Boucher and Justin Gest, eds.

**Research Assistant**, Die Junge Akademie

Set-Theoretic Methods: A User's Guide for Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) and Fuzzy Sets in the Social Sciences. Carsten Q. Schneider and Claudius Wagemann, Cambridge University Press, 2012 (employed Dec. 2009-July 2011, as translation and research assistant)

**Communications Intern**, Office of Mayor Vera Katz (Portland, OR), Summer 2004

**District Intern**, Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer (Portland, OR), Summer 2003

**SELECTED AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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**Teaching Awards & Grants**

Faculty Fellowship, Northeastern University Global Experience Office, Summer 2019  
Teaching Inquiry Fellowship, Northeastern University Center for Advancing Teaching and Learning through Research, Spring & Fall 2019  
Teach Partnership, Harvard Extension School, Digital Teaching and Learning, 2017-18  
Certificate of Excellence/Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, Fall 2012, Spring 2015 & Spring 2018

**Fellowships & Grants**

Full-Time Faculty Professional Development Fund, Northeastern University Office of the Provost, 2020-21  
Graduate Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2013-2014  
Graduate Research Dissertation Fellowship, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, 2011-12  
Mid-Dissertation Summer Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Summer 2011  
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Summer 2010  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Grant, Turkey, 2009  
DAAD Election Observer, Germany, September 2009  
Fulbright Fellowship to Austria, 2007 (declined in order to begin graduate studies)

**Academic Recognition**

Take-Five Scholar, University of Rochester, 2006-2007  
Everett S. Ascher Award for Best Paper in Political Science, University of Rochester, 2006

Phi Beta Kappa, 2006  
College Jeopardy! Quarterfinalist, 2005

## **LANGUAGES**

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Dutch: Fluent

German: Fluent reading and writing, intermediate speaking & listening

Turkish: Intermediate reading, basic speaking & listening

French & Danish: Intermediate reading only

Polish & Russian: Basic reading only

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- American Political Science Association
- International Association for the Study of German Politics
- Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University (local faculty affiliate)
- Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality (faculty affiliate)