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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions

University of Essex, Department of Government, UK	
Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor)	10/2021 – present
Lecturer (Assistant Professor, permanency granted 01/2020)	07/2018 – 09/2021
London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Government	
Senior Visiting Fellow	01/2025 – present
Aarhus University, Department of Political Science, Denmark	
Assistant Professor	07/2015 – 06/2018
University of Zürich, Department of Political Science (IPZ), Switzerland	
Pre-/Post-doctoral Research Fellow (Oberassistentin)	09/2014 – 06/2015

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Rice University	2015
M.A. in Political Science, Rice University	2010
M.A. & B.A. in Political Science, Yonsei University	2008

Additional Training

EITM Summer Institute, University of Houston	2014
Essex/Nuffield CESS Experimental Summer School, University of Oxford	2013
Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP), Stanford University	2010

Areas of Interests

Comparative Politics & Political Behavior: comparative political behavior, political institutions, political psychology, public opinion, parties and elections
Methodology: survey methodology, measurements, experimental design, multilevel models

Peer-Reviewed Publications

16. "The Distance Between Us: The Role of Ideological Proximity in Shaping Perceptions of Inter-partisan Relationships." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, Forthcoming.
15. "When Elections Wait: A Cross-National Analysis of Election Postponement During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Political Research Quarterly* 78:(1) 151-167, 2025.
14. "Anchoring Vignettes as a Diagnostic Tool for Cross-National (In)Comparability of Survey Measures: The Case of Voters' Left-Right Self-Placement." (with Nick Lin) *British Journal of Political Science* 54: 492-502, 2024.

13. "Projection in the Face of Centrism: Voter Inferences about Candidates' Party Affiliation in Low-information Contexts." (with Anthony Kevins) *Political Psychology* 44(2): 319-336, 2023.
12. "How Governments Strategically Time Welfare State Reform Legislation: Empirical Evidence From Five European Countries." (with Georg Wenzelburger, Carsten Jensen, and Christoph Arndt) *West European Politics* 43 (6): 1285-1314, 2020.
11. "Risky Business? Welfare State Reforms and Government Support in Britain and Denmark." (with Carsten Jensen, Christoph Arndt, and Georg Wenzelburger) *British Journal of Political Science* 50 (1): 165-184, 2020.
10. "Measuring Knowledge of Parties' Legislative Seat Shares." (with Agustina Haime and Randy Stevenson) *Political Science Research and Methods* 7(1): 185-196, 2019.
9. "Mass Media Attention to Welfare State Reforms: Evidence from Britain 1996-2014." (with Carsten Jensen) *West European Politics* 42(1): 113-132, 2019.
8. "Multi-dimensional Policy Preferences in the 2015 UK General Election: A Conjoint Analysis." (with Akitaka Matsuo) *Electoral Studies* 55: 89-98, 2018.
 – Featured in: *The People's Choice* [LSE Research news]
7. "Policy Instruments and Welfare State Reform." (with Carsten Jensen, Christoph Arndt, and Georg Wenzelburger) *Journal of European Social Policy* 28(2): 161-176, 2018.
6. "Decomposing Political Knowledge: What Is Confidence in Knowledge and Why It Matters." (with Akitaka Matsuo) *Electoral Studies* 51: 1-13, 2018.
5. "Hvordan reagerer vælgerne på velfærdsforringelser? [How Do Voters Respond to Welfare State Retrenchment?]" (with Carsten Jensen, Christoph Arndt, and Georg Wenzelburger) *Politica: Tidsskrift for politisk videnskab* 48(3): 303-319, 2016. [In Danish]
 – Featured in: *Hvordan reagerer vælgere på velfærdsreformer?* [Altinget]
4. "An Expanded Empirical Evaluation of Cross-National Comparability of Survey Measures of Political Interest Using Anchoring Vignettes: A Research Note." (with Nick Lin and Randy Stevenson) *Electoral Studies* 44: 423-428, 2016.
3. "Evaluating the Cross-National Comparability of Survey Measures of Political Interest Using Anchoring Vignettes." (with Nick Lin and Randy Stevenson) *Electoral Studies* 39: 205-218, 2015.
2. "Party Responsiveness to the Collective Judgment of the Electorate: The Case of Presidential Popularity in Latin America." *Comparative Political Studies* 47(14): 1973-1999, 2014.
1. "Party Policy Differentiation after DLP's Entry in the Legislative Process." (with Young-jae Jin) *Korean Journal of Legislative Studies (Ui-jong-yeon-gu)* 22: 223-255, 2006. [In Korean]

Grants and Fellowships

BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (GBP 9,900)	2022
Small Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University (DKK 45,000)	2017
Interacting Minds Centre (IMC) Seed Research Grant, Aarhus University (DKK 30,000)	2017
Interacting Minds Centre (IMC) Seed Research Grant, Aarhus University (DKK 30,000)	2016
National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (USD 20,862)	2013
Academic Research Grant, Yonsei University, Office of Graduate Studies	2007
Research Fellowship, Korea Research Foundation	2006–2007

Original mass surveys and survey experiments fielded

2025	UK, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark
2024	UK
2022	UK
2021	Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands, Italy, New Zealand
2020	Germany, Denmark, Netherlands
2019	UK, Canada, Germany, Denmark
2018	Germany, USA
2017	Canada, UK, USA
2015	Argentina, Canada, China, Chile, Denmark, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, UK, USA
2014	Denmark, Germany, Italy, USA
2013	UK, USA

Work in Progress

Partisan Identity in Multi-Party Democracies (with Ryan Block and Randy Stevenson) – *Book manuscript under review, Cambridge Element in Comparative Political Behaviour, Cambridge University Press*

Heuristic Inference and the Left-Right: An Experimental Analysis of How Voters Form Their Left-Right Images of Parties (with Randy Stevenson and Philip Santoso) – *Book manuscript under review, Cambridge Element in Experimental Political Science, Cambridge University Press*

How We Think About the Political Stances of Others: Evidence on Projection from Canada, Germany, and the UK (with Anthony Kevins) – *Under review*

The Misinformation Gender Gap: Are Men More “Confidently Wrong” About Political Facts Than Women? – *Under review*

Gender Inclusive Parties Are Seen as More Left-Leaning: Observational and Experimental Evidence (with James Adams, David Bracken, Noam Gidron, Will Horne, Diana Z. O'Brien, Philip Santoso, Kaitlin Senk, and Randy Stevenson) – *Under review*

How Voters Predict Coalition Bargaining Outcomes (with David Fortunato and Randy Stevenson) – *Under review*

Explaining Cross-National Differences in Political Interest: The Role of Partisan and Ideological Cues (with Randy Stevenson and Joey Cozza) – *Book project*

Cooperating Parties, Befriending Partisans: How Coalition Participation Affects Citizens' Perceptions of Inter-partisan Relations

Gendered Affective Polarization: How Political and Social Contexts Shape Gender Differences in Partisan Hostility (with Nick Lin)

Appetite for Conflict: The Gender Gap in Out-Group Animosity and Its Consequences

Research Talks and Presentations (Selected recent)

“Gendered Affective Polarization: How Political and Social Contexts Shape Gender Differences in Partisan Hostility ” (with Nick Lin)

- International Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seoul, South Korea, July 2025.
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, September 2025. (scheduled)

“The Misinformation Gender Gap: Are Men More “Confidently Wrong” About Political Facts?”

- LSE Department of Government Political Behaviour Seminar, February 2025.
- Workshop on Gender Dynamics in Politics, the Workplace, and Society, Lund University, Sweden, September 2023.
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Glasgow, UK, June 2023.

“How we think about the political stances of others: Evidence on projection from Canada, Germany, and the UK” (with Anthony Kevins)

- EPOP Conference, Manchester, UK, September 2024.
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Glasgow, UK, June 2023.
- PSA Annual International Conference, Liverpool, UK, April 2023.

“Party of friends and foes: How people perceive inter-partisan relations in multiparty systems”

- International Conference on Parliamentary Studies, Soochow University, Taiwan, June 2024.
- TAMU Conference on Voters' Perceptions of Political Parties, Texas A&M University, College Station TX, October 2023.

“Surfing the COVID Waves? A Comparative Study on the Determinants of Election Postponement”

- Comparative Politics Seminar, Lund University, Sweden, March 2023.
- PEPSI work-in-progress seminar, Department of Government, University of Essex, February 2023.
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Prague, Czech Republic, June 2022.

“Projection in the Face of Centrism: Voter Inferences about Candidates' Party Affiliation in Low-information Contexts” (with Anthony Kevins)

- PSA Annual International Conference (virtual), April 2022.

Teaching

* UG=undergraduate, PG=postgraduate, FullYear/ Spring/ Fall/ Summer module

Public Opinion and Political Behaviour (PG; FY2018/19 2021/22–2023/24, 2025/26, Essex)

Fundamentals of Social Data Science (UG; F2025, Essex)

Measuring Public Opinion (UG; F2023, Essex)

Concepts and Measurements in Comparative Political Research (PG; S2020 SU2021 S2022 S2023, Essex)

Electoral Behaviour (UG; S2020, Essex)

Apples and Oranges: How to Make Valid Comparisons in Political Research (PG; F2016, Aarhus)

Political Motivations, Engagement and Democracy in Comparative Perspective (PG; S2016, Aarhus)

Political Institutions: Western Countries, EU, and Foreign Policy (UG team-teaching; S2016, Aarhus)

Introduction to American Politics (UG co-teaching; F2014, Zürich)

American Government and Politics (UG teaching assistant; S2013, F2012, S2010, F2010, Rice)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG teaching assistant; S2012, Rice)

Pedagogical Training and Certificates

Fellow, The Higher Education Academy (HEA), July 2019.

Completion of Teacher Training Program (adjunktspædagogikum, 10 ECTS), Center for Teaching and Learning, Aarhus University, January 2017.

Completion of Teaching Workshop Certificate Program, Rice University Office of Graduate & Post-doctoral Studies, November 2012.

Professional Service

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science* (2018), *American Political Science Review* (2018, 2020), *British Journal of Political Science* (2024, 2025), *Cambridge University Press* (2021), *Electoral Studies* (2018, 2021, 2025), *European Journal of Political Research* (2018, 2025), *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications – Nature* (2025), *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* (2021, 2022, 2024), *Journal of Common Market Studies* (2021), *Journal of East Asian Studies* (2020), *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* (2019, 2023, 2024, 2025), *Journal of Politics* (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019), *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2022), *Perspectives on Politics* (2023, 2024), *Political Behavior* (2021, 2025), *Political Research Exchange* (2024), *Politics* (2024), *Research and Politics* (2021), *SAGE Open* (Article Editor, 2019)

Department of Government, University of Essex

Division Head, Political Behaviour (2023–)

Q-Step Lead (2023–2024)

Member, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (EDIC) (2022)

PGR Coordinator (2021–2023)

CHASE Studentship Lead (2021–2023)

SeNSS Studentship Selection Committee (2021)

Research Students' Progress Board (RSPB) member (2019–2023)

PGR Progress officer (2019/2020)

PGT Recruitment officer (2019)

Panelist, Capstone project conference (April 2019)

Member, Athena Swan self-assessment team (2018/2019)

Undergraduate recruitment officer (2018)

Computing and Programming Skills

R, Stata, Wolfram Mathematica, Inquisit, Qualtrics, Python, Git, Markdown

References

Available upon request