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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Boston University
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EDUCATION

Expected 2027 **Boston University**
PhD Candidate, Political Science

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Theory
Areas of Interest: Politics of Memory; Popular Culture; Nationalism;
European Union; France; Mixed-Methods

Dissertation: Who Remembers Best? Institutional Memory and
Electoral Politics in France and South Carolina
Committee: Vivien Schmidt (chair), Steven Rosenzweig, Elizabeth
Cohen, David Art

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

“Political Behavior in Cultural Spaces: Voting in the Eurovision Song Contest” (with Taylor Boas, under review).

“Eurovision Performances and European Union History” in *Pop Goes the EU*, edited by Jennifer Ostojski (Lexington Books, forthcoming).

“European Union Identity-Building at the Eurovision: A Comparative Analysis of Elite and Citizens’ Votes” (Manuscript in progress).

“4+3=1? French and Spanish Basque Nationalism(s) in Comparative Perspective” (Manuscript in progress).

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“Politics and Geopolitics in Staging the FIFA World Cup: What is at Stakes for the Hosting Nations?” with Carole Gomez in *The Business of FIFA World Cup*, edited by Simon Chadwick et al. (Routledge Handbook, 2022).

“I Think Therefore I Don’t Vote: Discourses on Abstention, Distrust and Twitter Politics in the 2017 French Presidential Election” with Joseph Downing in *French Politics* vol. 20 (2021), <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41253-021-00166-6>.

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 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”
- Oct. 2018 – **Lingo Education Ltd.; Athena Tuition Ltd. (London)**
Dec. 2019 French Tutor
- 2017 **Boston University, Educational Resource Center (Boston, MA)**
French Tutor

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Summer **Boston University, Pardee School of Global Studies (Boston, MA)**
2023, 2024 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
- Summer **Boston University, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program**
2017 (Boston, MA)
Student Researcher (Student Research Award)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “Political Behavior in Cultural Spaces: A Survey on Eurovision Voting,”
83rd Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
Conference (Chicago, IL)
- 2024 “Popular Culture for Political Identity? Evidence from Voting Behavior at
the Eurovision Song Contest,” **56th Annual Northeastern Political**
Science Association (NPSA) Conference (Boston, MA)

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AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 **Boston University**
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)
- Summer **Boston University**
2023, 2024 Summer Fellowship at the Center for the Study of Europe (\$4,200)
- 2017 **Boston University**
Undergraduate Student Research Award (\$2,200)

RELEVANT SKILLS

- Computer Skills** R, Qualtrics
- Languages** French (Native), Spanish (Proficient)
- Other Experience** 2023 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan
- Grant proposal and project management ([Towards a European Union Sport Diplomacy](#); +€200,000 budget)
- +10 in-person semi-structured interviews for the 89 Initiative think tank (Report: [Securitisation and TSOs: A Comparative Study of France and Greece](#))
- Social Media Analysis: Principles and Practices for Big Data Certification

SERVICE

- Boston University, Department of Political Science**
Student Representative for the Director of Graduate Studies Liaison (AY 2025-26)
Graduate Student Organizer for the Research in Comparative Politics Workshop (2023-2025)
- Boston University, Graduate Student Organization**
Grant Review Committee Member (since 2024)
- Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Conference**
Panel Chair (Dec. 2024)