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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

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

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Theory

Areas of Interest: Politics of Memory; Electoral Politics; Voting Behavior;
Culture; Nationalism; European Union; France; Mixed-Methods

Dissertation: Who Remembers Best? Institutional Memory and Electoral Politics
in France and the United States

Committee: Vivien Schmidt (chair), Steven Rosenzweig, Elizabeth Cohen, David
Art (Tufts)

2019 **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**
MSc (Distinction) in Comparative Politics

Dissertation: *Les Bleus* as a Site of (Dis)Integration: The Limits of Political
Mobilisation in Sports Through the Case of French Football

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, *Revise & Resubmit*, *European Journal for Political Research*).

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

“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 2023, **Boston University, Pardee School of Global Studies** (Boston, MA)
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 AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “Who Remembers Best? Institutional Memory and Political Mobilization in France and the United States,” **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** (workshop presentation)

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“Who Remembers Best? Memory, Nationalism and Electoral Politics in South Carolina,” **Topics in Politics Workshop at the BU Department of Political Science** (workshop presentation)

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)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants

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

Boston University

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 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)

RELEVANT SKILLS

Computer Skills R, Qualtrics

Methods Training and Experience 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

2020-2021 - Grant proposal and project management ([Towards a European Union Sport Diplomacy](#); +€200,000 budget)

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2022 - +10 in-person semi-structured interviews for the 89 Initiative think tank
(Report: [Securitisation and TSOs: A Comparative Study of France and Greece](#))

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

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