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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Expected 2027 **Boston University**
PhD Candidate in 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), Taylor Boas

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 Political Science Review*).

“Rethinking Preliminary Fieldwork: Reflections from a South Carolinian Ethnography”
(*Revise & Resubmit, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*)

“Eurovision Performances and European Union History” in *Pop Goes the EU: Framing
European Identity in Popular Culture*, edited by Jennifer Ostojski (Bloomsbury, forthcoming),
<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/pop-goes-the-eu-9781666970852/>.

“The Politics of History Museums in South Carolina” (Manuscript in Progress)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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

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

Estelle Brun and Carole Gomez. “À fleurets mouchetés : l’opposition sino-états-unienne au prisme des diplomaties sportives,” *Revue internationale et stratégique* vol. 120(4) (2020), <https://doi.org/10.3917/ris.120.0071>.

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”
- 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)

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CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “Chapter 3: Methods,” **APSA Dissertation Workshop: New Topics in European Politics** (online)
- “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)
- “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

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

Boston University, Graduate Student Organization

Grant Review Committee Member (2024-2026)

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Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Conference

Panel Chair (Dec. 2024)

RELEVANT SKILLS

Computer Skills R, Qualtrics

Methods 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

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