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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Royal Holloway, University of London

Associate Professor of Politics 2022-

*Change in title from Senior Lecturer, 2026*

Lecturer in Politics 2020-22

### University of Manchester

Presidential Fellow 2018-20

Research Fellow 2017-18

Research Associate 2015-17

### Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow 2015-19

### Christ Church, University of Oxford

College Lecturer 2012-13

## EDUCATION

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### University of Oxford

Doctor of Philosophy in Politics 2011-15

Master of Philosophy in Politics: Comparative Government 2009-11

### Australian National University

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)/Bachelor of Psychology 2004-8

*Political Science, Philosophy, and Psychology*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

2. *Electoral Realignment? How Brexit Reshaped British Voting Behaviour*. Oxford University Press (in production). With Edward Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, Jack Bailey, and Jonathan Mellon.
1. *Electoral shocks: The volatile voter in a turbulent world*. Oxford University Press (2020). With Edward Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, Jonathan Mellon, Hermann Schmitt, and Cees van der Eijk.

### Peer reviewed journal articles

18. The Rise and Fall of Class Voting in Britain, 1885-2024. *Political Studies*, (forthcoming). With Oliver Heath, Humphrey Southall and Paula Aucott.
17. [The Brexit realignment amid electoral volatility: The role of party blocs in the 2024 General Election](#). *Parliamentary Affairs*, 79(1) (2026), pp. 154-189. With James Griffiths, Stuart Perrett, Ed Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Jonathan Mellon, Jack Bailey and Geoffrey Evans.
16. [Regularized Regression Can Reintroduce Backdoor Confounding: The Case of Mass Polarization](#). *American Political Science Review*, 119(4), pp. 2002-2010 (2025). With Jonathan Mellon.

15. [Who lacks voter identification? The electoral implication of the Elections Act 2022.](#) *Parliamentary Affairs*, 78(4), pp. 695-715 (2025). With Ed Fieldhouse, Ralph Scott, Jack Bailey and Jonathan Mellon.
14. [Volatility, Realignment, and Electoral Shocks: Brexit and the UK General Election of 2019.](#) *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 56(4), pp. 537-545 (2023). With Ed Fieldhouse, Geoffrey Evans, Jane Green, Jonathan Mellon, and Jack Bailey.
13. [Which Promises Actually Matter? Understanding promissory representation with conjoint analysis of election pledges.](#) *Political Studies* 71(3), pp. 573–596 (2023). With Jonathan Mellon, Jordan Urban, and Adam Feldman.
12. [How do coronavirus attitudes fit into Britain’s ideological landscape?](#) *Parliamentary Affairs*, 74(3), pp. 597–616 (2021). With Jonathan Mellon and Jack Bailey.
11. [Correlation with Time Explains the Relationship between Survey Nonresponse and Mass Polarization.](#) *Journal of Politics*, 83(1), pp. 390-395 (2021). With Jonathan Mellon.
10. [Tremors But No Youthquake: Measuring Changes in the Age and Turnout Gradients at the 2015 and 2017 British General Elections.](#) *Electoral Studies*, 64 (2020). With Edward Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Jonathan Mellon, and Geoffrey Evans.
9. [Brexit or Corbyn? Campaign and Inter-Election Vote Switching in the 2017 UK General Election,](#) *Parliamentary Affairs*, 71(4), pp. 719-737 (2018). With Jonathan Mellon, Geoffrey Evans, Edward Fieldhouse, and Jane Green.
8. [The limits of partisan loyalty: How the Scottish independence referendum cost Labour,](#) *Electoral Studies*, 52, pp. 11-25 (2018). With Edward Fieldhouse.
7. [Missing Non-Voters and Misweighted Samples: Explaining the 2015 Great British Polling Miss,](#) *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 81 (3), pp. 661-687 (2017). With Jonathan Mellon.
6. [Twitter and Facebook are not Representative of the General Population: Political Attitudes and Demographics of British Social Media users,](#) *Research and Politics*, 4 (3), pp. 1-9 (2017). With Jonathan Mellon.
5. [Second order electoral rules and national party systems: The Duvergerian effects of European Parliament elections,](#) *European Union Politics*, 17 (3), pp. 366-386 (2016).
4. [Dimensionality, ideology and party positions towards European integration,](#) *West European Politics*, 39 (4), pp. 731-754 (2016).
3. [Do local elections predict the outcome of the next general election in the UK?](#) *Electoral Studies*, 41, pp. 274–278 (2016).
2. [Calling European Union treaty referendums: Electoral and institutional politics,](#) *Political Studies*, 64 (1), pp. 182-199 (2016).
1. [Building policy scales from manifesto data: a referential content validity approach,](#) *Electoral Studies*, 35, pp. 88-101 (2014).

#### Invited journal articles

7. [Fragmentation revisited: The UK General Election of 2024,](#) *West European Politics*, 48(6), pp. 1501-1513 (2025).
6. [The 2024 General Election and the Rise of Reform UK,](#) *Political Quarterly*, 96(1), pp.91-101 (2025). With Oliver Heath, Humphrey Southall, and Paula Aucott.

5. [The End of the EU Affair: The UK General Election of 2019](#), *West European Politics*, 44(2), pp. 450-461 (2021).
4. [The Twilight of the Polls? A Review of Trends in Polling Accuracy and the Causes of Polling Misses](#), *Government and Opposition*, 53(4), pp. 757-790 (2018). With Jonathan Mellon.
3. [The strange death of multi-party Britain: the UK General Election of 2017](#), *West European Politics*, 41(5), pp. 1226-1236 (2018).
2. [Party system fragmentation and single-party government: the British general election of 2015](#), *West European Politics*, 39(6), pp. 1299-1310 (2016). With Jane Green.
1. [Learning the right lessons from Labour's 2015 defeat](#), *Juncture*, 22 (2), pp 131-141 (2015) With Jane Green.

#### Chapters in edited volumes

3. [Turnout for what? The \(mis\)measurement of electoral participation](#), in *Sex, Lies and Politics*, edited by Philip Cowley and Robert Ford, Biteback (2019).
2. [Horses for courses: using internet surveys for researching public opinion and voting behaviour](#), in *The Routledge Handbook of Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour*, edited by Justin Fisher, Edward Fieldhouse, Mark N Franklin, Rachel Gibson, Christopher Wlezien, and Marta Cantijoch, Routledge (2018). With Edward Fieldhouse.
1. [Tuned in to public life but turned off politics? Voluntary organisations and political participation](#), in *More Sex, Lies and the Ballot Box*, edited by Philip Cowley and Robert Ford, Biteback (2016).

#### Other publications

9. [The reliability of replications: a study in computational reproductions](#), *Royal Society Open Science*, 12 (3), (2025). Mass collaboration led by Nate Breznau.
8. [Written representation concerning the 2026 Review of Senedd Constituencies](#) (2024). With Chris Hanretty.
7. [Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty](#), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(44), (2022). Mass collaboration led by Nate Breznau.
6. [COVID-19](#), in *UK in a Changing Europe: British Politics after Brexit* (2022). With Jonathan Mellon and Jack Bailey.
5. [Evidence submitted to the House of Lords Select Committee on The Electoral Registration and Administration ACT 2013](#) (2019). With Edward Fieldhouse, Jonathan Mellon, and Jessica Smith.
4. [Assessing the Impact of Individual Electoral Registration using the British Election Study](#). *Report for the Electoral Commission* (2018). With Edward Fieldhouse, Jonathan Mellon, and Jessica Smith.
3. [Evidence submitted to the House of Lords Select Committee On Polling and Digital Media](#) (2017). With Jonathan Mellon.
2. [Survey of public attitudes towards conduct in public life 2014](#), *Report for the Committee on Standards in Public Life* (2015).
1. [Public Awareness of Police Accountability](#), *Report for the Committee on Standards in Public Life* (2015).

## GRANTS

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### **Democracy and Social Change in Britain, 1851-2024** (Economic and Social Research Council)

*Co-investigator, with Oliver Heath (PI), Humphrey Southall, and Paula Aucott.*

Main grant (2019-23) £248,253

### **British Election Study 2019-2026** (Economic and Social Research Council)

*Co-investigator, with Edward Fieldhouse (PI), Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, and Jonathan Mellon.*

Main grant (2019-23) £1,891,937

Enhancement to the British Election Study face-to-face survey (2019) £276,000

Additional funding (2021) £196,661

Extension (2023-26) £2,655,637

Further extension (2026) £577,000

### **British Election Study 2014-2019** (Economic and Social Research Council)

*Named researcher, with Edward Fieldhouse (PI), Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, Jonathan Mellon, Hermann Schmitt, and Cees van der Eijk.*

Emergency funding (2017) £743,930

Extension (2018-19) £329,223

## PRIZES

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### **Political Studies Association**

*Pippa Norris Prize* 2023

For a research team that has made an outstanding contribution to advancing knowledge in Political Studies (with Edward Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans, Jonathan Mellon, and Jack Bailey).

### **University of Manchester**

*Faculty of Humanities Outstanding Staff Award* 2020

For PGT dissertation supervision

## TEACHING

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### **Royal Holloway**

Advanced Quantitative Methods (graduate) Convener: 2022-

Political Psychology (graduate) Convener: 2020-

Democracy in Britain (undergraduate) Co-convener: 2022-25

Introduction to Politics and Government (undergraduate) Co-convener: 2020-22

### **University of Manchester**

Understanding Political Change (graduate) Co-convener: 2017-2020

Applied Quantitative Methods (graduate) Guest lecturer: 2018-2020

### **University of Oxford**

*Tutorials for Christ Church, Exeter, Keble, St John's, and Mansfield Colleges* 2012-2014

Politics Prelims, Comparative Government, Political Sociology, Politics of the EU, Modern British Politics

### **University of Canberra**

Sessional Tutor in Politics, University of Canberra 2009

## SERVICE

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### **Royal Holloway, University of London**

Departmental Postgraduate Research co-lead	2025-
University Research Ethics Committee	2024-
Departmental Research ethics lead	2021-
Democracy and Elections Centre co-director	2021-
Deputy-chair Departmental Assessment Board	2022-24
Open Science/ Open Research Working Group	2021-22

### **University of Manchester**

Manchester Democracy and Elections cluster lead	2020
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### **Academic publishing**

Editorial Board, <i>Electoral Studies</i>	2023-
Editorial Assistant, <i>Electoral Studies</i>	2013-2015

## NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### **McDougall Trust**

Trustee	2025-
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### **ITV News**

Psephologist	2015-
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### **World Squash Federation**

Voting Structure and Representation Review Group	2018-2019
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### **Committee on Standard in Public Life**

Consultant Data Analyst	2014-2015
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### **BBC**

Psephologist	2014
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