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EDUCATION

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D. in Political Science

Expected 2021

Dissertation: “Reexamining Electoral Reform: The Role of Voters and Party Backbenchers”

Committee: Jennifer Gandhi (chair), Adam Glynn, Miguel R. Rueda

M.A. in Political Science

August 2018

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, UK

M.Sc. in Politics and Government in the European Union with Merit

November 2013

Thesis: “Nationalism versus Neoliberalism? Explaining Euroscepticism within the British Conservative Party”

Franklin and Marshall College (F&M), Lancaster, PA

B.A. in Government with Departmental Honors (Magna Cum Laude)

May 2012

Honors Thesis: “Electoral Reform in the United Kingdom: Lessons From the 2011 Alternative Vote Referendum”

Advanced Studies in England, Bath, England

Summer 2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative political institutions, electoral systems and electoral reform across democracies and autocracies, party systems and political parties, British politics

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

Gandhi, Jennifer and Abigail L. Heller. 2018. “Electoral Systems in Authoritarian States.” In *Oxford Handbook of Electoral Systems*, Erik S. Herron, Robert J. Pekkanen, and Matthew Soberg Shugart (eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

WORKING PAPERS

Heller, Abigail L. “Public Support for Electoral Reform: The Role of Electoral System Experience.” (*Under Review*)

Gandhi, Jennifer, Abigail L. Heller, and Ora John Reuter. “Shoring up Power: Electoral Reform and the Consolidation of Authoritarian Rule.”

Heller, Abigail L. “The Battle over Gerrymandered Districts: How Americans Balance Fairness and Partisanship.”

WORK IN PROGRESS

Heller, Abigail L. “Legislating Themselves Out of Office: Electoral Reform and Parties as Non-Unitary Actors.”

Heller, Abigail L. “Experience Versus Party Cues: Public Opinion about Electoral Reform”

Heller, Abigail L. “The Best of Both Worlds: Minor Electoral Reforms in Autocracies”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Heller, Abigail L. “Public Support for Electoral Reform: The Role of Electoral System Experience.” Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Prague, Czech Republic, June 18–19, 2020. (*Presentation canceled due to COVID-19*)

Heller, Abigail L. “Public Support for Electoral Reform: The Role of Electoral System Experience.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 9–11, 2020.

Heller, Abigail L. “Public Support for Electoral Reform: The Role of Electoral System Experience.” Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Atlanta, GA, October 18, 2019.

Heller, Abigail L. “Public Support for Electoral Reform: The Role of Electoral System Experience.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., August 29–September 1, 2019.

Heller, Abigail L. “Public Support for Electoral Reform: The Role of Electoral System Experience.” 2019 Duke-Emory-Rochester Grad Student Conference, Duke University, Durham, NC, June 13-14, 2019.

Heller, Abigail L. “Public Support for Electoral Reform: The Role of Electoral System Experience.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4–7, 2019.

Heller, Abigail L. “The Battle over Gerrymandered Districts: How Americans Balance Fairness and Partisanship.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 17–19, 2019.

Heller, Abigail L. “Public Opinion About Redistricting: How Americans Balance Competing Preferences.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30–September 2, 2018.

Gandhi, Jennifer, Abigail L. Heller, and Ora John Reuter. “Shoring Up Power: Strengthening Regime Parties via Electoral Reform.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30–September 2, 2018.

Gandhi, Jennifer, Abigail L. Heller, and Ora John Reuter. “Expanding the Pie: Compensating Losers in Authoritarian Regimes.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 31–September 3, 2017.

Heller, Abigail L. “More Than Seat Maximization: The Role of Credit Claiming and Corruption in Electoral Reform.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6–9, 2017.

Gandhi, Jennifer, Abigail L. Heller, and Ora John Reuter. “Expanding the Pie: Compensating Losers in Authoritarian Regimes.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6–9, 2017.

Gandhi, Jennifer and Abigail L. Heller. “Expanding the Pie: Compensating Losers in Authoritarian Regimes.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 12–14, 2017.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Emory University

Graduate

Teaching Assistant (with Adam Glynn), POLS 570: Causal Inference, Fall 2016

Undergraduate

Co-Instructor (with Hubert Tworzecki), POLS 325: East European Politics, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant (with Jeffrey Staton and Jennifer Gandhi), POLS 111: Principles of Political Science, Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant (with Zack Bowersox), POLS 110: Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2017

Workshops

Instructor, ELMO 101: Learn About a Tool for Real-Time Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis for Your Field Research, The Institute for Developing Nations (IDN) and The Carter Center, Emory University, April 10, 2019.

Instructor, ELMO 101: Learn About a Tool for Real-Time Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis for Your Field Research, The Institute for Developing Nations (IDN) and The Carter Center, Emory University, February 19, 2019.

Instructor, ELMO: Real-Time Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis for Your Field Research, The Institute for Developing Nations (IDN) and The Carter Center, Emory University, October 30, 2018.

Instructor, ELMO: Real-Time Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis for Your Field Research, The Institute for Developing Nations (IDN) and The Carter Center, Emory University, October 11, 2018.

FELLOWSHIPS

Emory Libraries/Emory Center for Digital Scholarship (ECDS) Research and Engagement Graduate Fellowship (Emory Libraries & ECDS), 2020–present

Election Monitoring (ELMO) Initiative Graduate Fellowship (The Carter Center, Institute for Developing Nations, & Laney Graduate School), 2018–2019

Laney Fellowship (Laney Graduate School, Emory University), 2014–present

Hackman Fellowship (Research collaboration with Dr. Linda Hasunuma, F&M), 2011

F&M Marshall Scholar (Partial tuition merit scholarship), 2008–2012.

GRANTS, AWARDS, & HONORS

Grants

American Political Science Association Travel Award, 2018

Emory University Laney Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, 2018, 2020

Professional Development Support Research Grant (Laney Graduate School, Emory University), 2018

Marshall Grant (Grant for independent research awarded by F&M), 2011

Awards & Honors

Arthur King Kunkel Prize in Government for Excellence as Demonstrated by Independent Research (F&M), 2012

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Emory University

Referee: *European Political Science Review*

Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019

Theme Panel Organizer, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018

President, Graduate Political Science Organization, 2018–2019

Graduate Student Council Representative, Graduate Political Science Organization, 2016–2017

Franklin and Marshall College

Referee: *Franklin and Marshall Journal of Social Sciences*

Member, Government Department Faculty Search Committee, Student Division, 2012

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Computer: R (advanced), Stata (advanced), LaTeX (advanced)

Language: English (native), Spanish (basic reading/speaking)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)

European Political Science Association (ESPA)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

REFERENCES

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