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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Royal Holloway, University of London

Senior Lecturer in Politics	2019-
Lecturer in Politics	2016-2019
British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellow	2016-2019

### University of Oxford

Rothermere American Institute Junior Research Fellow in US Politics	2013-2016
Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow, Nuffield College	2013-2016
College Lecturer, Christ Church and Exeter College	2011-2012

## EDUCATION

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### University of Oxford

Doctor of Philosophy in Politics <i>Sir Walter Bagehot Prize for the best thesis in the field of Government and Public Administration (Political Studies Association)</i>	2011-2013
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Master of Philosophy in Politics: Comparative Government	2009-2011
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Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Economics <i>First Class.</i>	2006-2009
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## PUBLICATIONS

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### Research Monograph

America's Voucher Politics: How Elites Learned to Hide the State  
*Cambridge University Press, April 2020*

### Peer-reviewed journal articles

8. [The Reinvention of Vouchers for a Color-Blind Era: A Racial Orders Account](#) *Studies in American Political Development* Volume 33, Issue 2, October 2019, pp 234-257. With Desmond King.
7. [Attenuated Governance: How Policymakers Insulate Private School Choice from Legal Challenge](#), *Policy Studies Journal*, Volume 47, Issue 2, May 2019. Pp237-273
6. [Theorizing the Submerged State: The Politics of Private Schools in the United States](#), *Policy Studies Journal*, Volume 45, Issue 3, pp. 464-489 (2017).
5. [The Six Great Societies](#), *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Volume 46, Issue 2, pp284-305 (2016).
4. [The Exit-Voice Choice: Religious Divides, Public Aid and Americas Private Schools](#), *Politics and Religion*, Volume 9, Issue 2, pp249-270 (2016).
3. [The Goldilocks Principle: Applying the Exclusive Disjunction to Fuzzy Sets](#), *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, Volume 19, No 5, pp551-574 (2016).
2. [But Not Both: The Exclusive Disjunction in Qualitative Comparative Analysis \(QCA\)](#) *Quality and Quantity*, Volume 49, Issue 1, pp 75-92 (2015).

1. Republicans, Catholics and the West: Explaining the Strength of Religious School Aid Prohibitions, *Politics and Religion*, Volume 7, Issue 3, pp 499-520 (2014).

### **Edited Journal Special Issues**

Editors' Introduction: Symposium on the Politics of Religious Alliances, *Politics and Religion*, Volume 9, Issue 2, pp227-233 (2016). With David E. Campbell.

Editors Introduction: 100 Days of Trump: Security and Foreign Policy Implications, *Critical Studies on Security*, 5(3), pp1-2 (2017). With Michelle Bentley and Clara Eroukhmanoff.

### **Chapters in edited volumes**

Offers and Throffers: Education Policy under Obama, in *The Obama Presidency and the Politics of Change*, edited by Edward Ashbee and John Dumbrell. Palgrave Macmillan. (2017)

### **In Progress/Under Review**

6. Delinking Intention and Effects: How Policymakers Defend Controversial Policies in Court
5. Offers, Throffers, and Elastic Rules: How Policymakers Induce Compliance
4. Policy Crystallization: Education Reform in England and America
3. Who will win? Our children or the powerful teachers union? Union Influence in Voucher Politics
2. Secularism and Accommodationism in Americas School Voucher Politics. Edited Volume on Religion in American Life. With Emma Long and Steven Green.
1. Compelled Riders and Campaign Spending: The Union Question

### **Oxford Analytica Publications**

Education in the United States: A System in Crisis?, *The US Prosperity Index Report 2014: Oxford Analytica and The Legatum Institute* (2014)

Education could export US soft power, *The Oxford Analytica Daily Brief* , Friday, February 21 (2014).

### **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

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11. Sir Bernard Crick Prize for Outstanding Teaching, Political Studies Association (2020)
10. Royal Holloway Politics and International Relations Society Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence (voted by students to recognise my role in improving the lives of students at RHUL) (2018)
9. Royal Holloway Teaching Excellence Commendation in recognition of my transferable approach to fostering student engagement with research (2017)
8. British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship (2016-19)
7. Sir Walter Bagehot Prize for the best 2014 dissertation in the field of Government and Public Administration, Political Studies Association (2015)
6. Richard E. Neustadt Prize for the best paper in the field of US government and politics presented by a postgraduate student at the American Politics Group Conference (2014)
5. Winner, OXTALENT university-wide conference poster competition (2013)

4. Exeter College, Oxford, Senior Scholarship for academic achievement (2010, 2011)
3. Exeter College, Oxford, Stapledon Scholarship for academic achievement (2008, 2009)
2. Fitzgerald Prize for a Distinction in Preliminary Examination at Oxford (2007)
1. Sir Arthur Benson Memorial Prize for Philosophy (2007)

## TEACHING

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### Essay Writing Study Skills Book

Brilliant Essays

*Under contract with Palgrave Macmillan (March 2020). Delivery: June 2020*

### Creator of Online Teaching Materials

YouTube Channel: [How to Write Brilliant Essays](#) *Original videos on essay writing*

Essay writing website: [www.brilliant-essays.com](http://www.brilliant-essays.com) *Exercises and answers, FAQs, tips, videos, and contact form*

Twitter Account [@Dr Essays](#) *Regular essay writing tips*

### Royal Holloway, University of London

Government and Politics of the United States (undergraduate)	Course Convener: 2019-
American Political Development (undergraduate)	Course Convener: 2016-
Media, Power and Public Affairs (graduate)	Contributor: 2016-

### Current PhD Students

- Amber Macintyre *Campaigning by Numbers: Data Logic and Civil Society*
- Zhamilya Mukasheva *The Politics of Higher Education Spending: When Are Student Movements Successful At Advocating For More Higher Education Spending?*

### University of Oxford

Tutorials for Brasenose, Christ Church, Exeter, Magdalen and Queen's Colleges 2011-2016

*Courses taught:* Comparative Government (undergraduate)

Government and Politics of the United States (undergraduate)

American, British, and Comparative Politics Prelims (undergraduate)

Course Convenor and Lecturer for Government and Politics of the United States 2014-2016

### Completed Thesis Supervisees

- Adam Ward, MPhil Politics *The Effect of Legislative Professionalization on Opposition Party Behaviour in American State Legislatures* (Distinction)
- Thomas Robinson, BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics *Marijuana legalisation at the ballot box: iteration and interactivity in the ballot initiative process* (First Class)

## PANELS ORGANIZED

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**America's Voucher Politics: How Elites Learned to Hide the State** 2020  
 Book launch: Rothermere American Institute (forthcoming)  
 University of Oxford  
 Panellists: Ursula Hackett, Nigel Bowles, Desmond King, Sidney Milkis

**The Politics of Education Reform** 2019  
 Organized panel: American Political Science Association Conference  
 Ursula Hackett and Paul Manna (Discussants)

Paper-givers: Leslie Finger and Sarah Reckhow, Richard Johnson, Jim Farney and Linda White, Michael Hartney and Sam Hayes

**The Constitutional Politics of Religion and Education in the US** 2016

Jointly organized panel: Midwest Political Science Association Conference

Melissa Deckman (Chair), David Campbell (Discussant)

Paper-givers: Ursula Hackett and Andrew Lewis, William Blake and Amanda Friesen, Laura Olson, Stephen Mockabee

**The New Politics of Education: Vouchers, Waivers and Racial Divisions** 2015

Jointly organized panel: Midwest Political Science Association Conference

Jennifer Hochschild (Chair), Chloe Thurston (Discussant)

Paper-givers: Ursula Hackett and Desmond King, Will Howell, Michael Hartney, Richard Johnston

**Framing and Racialization: The Politics of School Choice** 2014

Jointly organized panel: American Political Science Association Conference

Margaret Weir (Chair), William G. Howell (Discussant)

Paper-givers: Ursula Hackett and Desmond King, Jeffrey Henig, Patrick J. Wolf, and Michael Tesler

**Federalism, Educational Choice and Religious School Aid Provisions** 2012

Organized panel: American Political Science Association Conference (cancelled due to hurricane)

Carol Weissert (Chair), Todd Swanstrom and John Kincaid (Discussants)

Paper-givers: Ursula Hackett, Patrick McGuinn, Steven G. Koven, and Patrick J. Wolf

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

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**The Democratic Deficit in American Politics** 2016

Two-day international conference. Co-organized with Lisa L. Miller.

**The Strange Bedfellow Politics of Religious Alliances** 2015

One-day international conference. Co-organized with David E. Campbell. Co-edited a symposium, which was published in 2016 by *Politics and Religion*

**The Rights of the Political Minority in America** 2014

Two-day international conference. Co-organized with Nicholas Cole.

**Rothermere American Institute Graduate Seminar Series** 2011-13

Weekly speaker series in American politics. Co-organized with Blake Ewing.

**The Faith School Forum** 2007

Panel discussion with academics and faith schools campaigners. Open to the general public.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

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### Invited Presentations

Foreign and Commonwealth Office, How Washington Works 2018, 2019, 2020

Education and Social Mobility Workshop, Nuffield College, Oxford 2019

American Politics Group Colloquium, British Library, London 2019

Institute for Education, University College London, Politics of Education 2019

Chatham House, London, RBG Screening and Supreme Court panel discussion 2019

Chatham House, London, Live Webinar on Government Shutdowns 2019

Chatham House, London, Assessing the Midterm Elections (livestreamed) 2018

Nuffield College (Oxford), The Politics of Education 2018

Miller Center (Virginia) and RAI (Oxford), America at the Crossroads	2018
Nuffield College (Oxford), Money and Politics	2017
Royal Holloway Speed Research, Trump: One Year On	2017
Prospect Magazine panel discussion, London, Earthquake America	2017
Royal Holloway, What Now? Policy Implications of the 2016 US Elections	2016
Institute for the Americas, University College London, 2016 US Elections	2016
Royal Holloway, What to expect in the 2016 US Elections	2016
Chatham House, London, US Election 2016: Battle Ground Policy Areas	2016

### Conference Presentations

Toronto Political Development Workshop	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019
American Political Science Association (APSA)	2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017(decl.), 2019
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)	2017
American Politics Group of the Political Studies Association (PSA)	2014, 2016
European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2014
International Conference of School Choice and Reform	2013
International Religion and Spirituality in Society Conference	2012(decl.)

### Discussant Roles

American Political Science Association Conference, Washington D.C.	2019
The Trump Presidency and the Course of American Political Development, Oxford	2019
Transatlantic Conference on Money and Politics, Oxford.	2017
Workshop on Social Movements and The American State, Oxford.	2017
Black Politics in a Color-Blind Era Conference, Oxford.	2015
Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago.	2015
European Political Science Association Conference, Edinburgh.	2014

## FUNDING AWARDS

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Royal Holloway Research Strategy Fund for representation experiments (£2500)	2019
Royal Holloway Research Strategy Fund for pilot survey experiments (£600)	2017
British Academy training and conferences grant (£3000)	2017
British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship (£278,536)	2016
Andrew W Mellon funding awards for conferences (£1500)	2012, 2013
Harris Manchester College Travel Awards for conferences (£400)	2012, 2013
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Studentship (£45,000)	2011
Rothermere American Institute Postgraduate Travel Award (£1250)	2010
Exeter College Amelia Jackson Scholarship (£13,580)	2010
Department of Politics and International Relations Studentship (£5000)	2010

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Administrative Experience

Deputy School Director of Research, School of Law and Social Sciences	2020
Departmental Research and Knowledge Exchange Lead, PIR, Royal Holloway	2019 -
Chair of PIR Department Research Committee, Royal Holloway	2019 -
Member, School of Law and Social Sciences Steering Research Committee	2019 -
Probation Advisor for new Lecturer, Royal Holloway	2019 -
Internal Advisor, AQPO validation of new BSc in Social Sciences	2019
History Liaison, School of Politics, Philosophy and IR, Royal Holloway	2018-19
Careers and Alumni Officer, School of Politics, Philosophy and IR, Royal Holloway	2018-19

University of Oxford, Course Convener and Examiner 2015-2016  
*Government and Politics of the United States*

University of Oxford, Assessor 2014-2016  
*Assessed:* Doctoral Confirmation and Transfer of Status  
Master's thesis and research design  
Final Honours Schools examinations

University of Oxford, College Interviewer  
*Lead Politics Interviewer for PPE admissions, Exeter College* 2014  
*Co-interviewer for History and Politics admissions, Corpus Christi College* 2013

### **Professional Service**

ESRC Grant Reviewer, UKRI New Investigator Grants 2020  
External Examiner, PhD Work in Progress Panel, Copenhagen Business School 2020  
Prize Committee, APSA Public Policy Section, Best Comparative Policy Paper 2019-20  
International Network on Education Governance 2018 -  
Centre for International Public Policy, Royal Holloway 2018-2019  
Co-Director, American Studies Network, Royal Holloway 2017 -2018  
School Steering Research Committee, School of Law and Social Science 2019 -  
Research Committee, Royal Holloway 2017 -  
Government and Sociology Panel, Oxford 2015-16  
Executive Committee, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford 2013-16  
Academic Committee, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford 2013-16

### **Journal reviews**

*American Journal of Political Science; Perspectives on Politics; Political Research Quarterly; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Politics and Religion; Administration and Society; Electoral Studies; Publius, the Journal of Federalism; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*

### **Editorial Boards**

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, Political Development Series 2018 -  
*University of Toronto Press*

## **TRAINING**

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ECPR Summer School, Central European University 2017  
Engaging Communications for Academics, Oxford 2016  
Institute for Qualitative Research, Maxwell Syracuse University 2012  
ESRC Media Training, Cambridge 2012  
Research Methods Training, Oxford 2010

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES AND COMMISSIONED JOURNALISM**

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[Assessing the Midterm Elections and the Impact on the Trump Presidency](#), *Livestreamed Chatham House panel discussion* November 7th 2018. (Video)

[UK-US Relations in the Trump-Brexit Era](#), *Quintessentially commissioned article* June 27th 2018. (subscription required)

[Why Donald Trump will not be impeached](#), *Quintessentially commissioned article* December 11th 2017. (subscription required)

[This major church-state case makes direct funding of religious organizations more likely](#), *LSE American Politics and Policy Blog* June 30th, 2017.

How to Impeach Donald Trump, *Prospect Magazine commissioned article* February 10th 2017.

The submerged politics of Obamacare may make it harder to repeal than Trump and the GOP realize, *LSE American Politics and Policy Blog* December 14, 2016.

The appointment of Betsy DeVos as US Education Secretary is a green light for market forces in education, *LSE American Politics and Policy Blog* November 25, 2016.

Live BBC Radio Oxford discussions on Super Tuesday (1st Mar 2016), foreign policy (27th Apr 2016) and Hilary Clinton (8th June 2016)

What does the Chicago Teachers Strike mean for Obama and the Democrats?, *Politics Inspires* September 24, 2012.

Santorum, Catholicism and the American Wall of Separation between Church and State, *Politics Inspires* March 6, 2012.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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<b>Governor of St Francis CE Primary School, Oxford</b>	2011-2014
Vice-Chair of the Governing Body	2012-2014

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