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EMPLOYMENT	<b>University of Gothenburg</b> , Gothenburg, Sweden  Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Fem-LEAD (ERC Starting Grant), September 2024 - Present	
EDUCATION	<b>Rice University</b> , Houston, Texas  Ph.D., Political Science, May 2024  Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning, May 2024  M.A., Political Science, May 2020  <b>The University of Alabama</b> , Tuscaloosa, Alabama  B.A., Political Science and Spanish (Double Major), May 2018 <i>Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Blount Scholar, Honors College</i>	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative politics, Latin America, electoral accountability, political corruption, gender, representation, elite behavior, voting behavior, survey experiments	
DISSERTATION	<b>Title:</b> “Evading Electoral Accountability: How Political Elites Maintain Electoral Support in Contexts of Corruption”  <b>Committee:</b> Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer (chair), Jonathan Homola, Randy T. Stevenson, Mark P. Jones, and Mallesh M. Pai	
PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES	<b>Elia, Emily.</b> 2025. “ <a href="#">Can the Fairer Sex Save the Day? Voting for Women After Corruption Scandals in Latin America.</a> ” <i>Political Behavior</i> 47: 97-117.  <b>Elia, Emily</b> and Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer. 2022. “ <a href="#">Corruption perceptions, opposition parties, and reelecting incumbents in Latin America.</a> ” <i>Electoral Studies</i> 80: 102545.	
BOOK CHAPTERS	<b>Elia, Emily.</b> 2024. “Corruption, Gender, and Elections: The Presence of Female Candidates on Party Lists After Corruption Scandals in Chile and Uruguay.” In <i>Handbook on Gender and Corruption</i> , ed. Tiffany D. Barnes and Emily Beaulieu Bacchus.	
UNDER REVIEW	<b>Elia, Emily</b> , Aksel Sundström, and Stephen Dawson. “Climate Shocks, Gender, and Incumbency Punishment.”  <b>Elia, Emily</b> , Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer, and Sofia B. Vera. “Corruption, Partisanship, and Voting: A Survey Experiment during the Brazilian Presidential Election.” <i>Revise &amp; Resubmit.</i>	

	<b>Elia, Emily.</b> “Corrupt but Competent: The Impact of Elite Performance on Corruption Voting in Argentina.”
	<b>Elia, Emily,</b> Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer, and Sofia B. Vera. “Measuring Corruption Perceptions with Surveys: The Need for Better Instruments.”
	<b>Elia, Emily</b> and Jana Schwenk. “The Role of Voters’ Prior Beliefs in Electoral Punishment for Corruption.”
	<b>Elia, Emily.</b> “Are All Competencies Created Equal? Gender Differences in Performance Voting in Argentina and Chile.”
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<b>Elia, Emily.</b> “Who Fights Corruption? Anticorruption Bill Proposals in the Argentine Chamber of Deputies.”
	<b>Elia, Emily</b> and Jana Schwenk. “The Role of Gendered Perceptions in Electoral Punishment for Corruption.”
	<b>Elia, Emily</b> and Gustavo Guajardo. “Draining the Swamp: Political Outsiders and the Credibility of Anticorruption Appeals.”
	Dawson, Stephen, <b>Emily Elia</b> , and Aksel Sundström. “Climate crises and women in politics: Evidence from Brazil and South Africa.”
GRANTS AND AWARDS	Kungl. Vetenskaps- och Vitterhets-Samhället Grant (45000 SEK, eqv. \$4718) 2025 with Jana Schwenk
	Stiftelsen Lars Hiertas Minne Research Grant (30000 SEK, eqv. \$2683) 2025 with Jana Schwenk
	Social Sciences Research Institute Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$5000) 2022 Rice University
	James T. Wagoner Foreign Study Scholarship, Rice University (\$5000) 2022 Rice University
	Social Sciences Research Institute Pre-Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$2845) 2021 Rice University
	Social Sciences Research Institute Travel Grant, Rice University 2019, 2021, 2023
	APSA Travel Grant, American Political Science Association 2023
	Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association 2019
	Rice University Dean’s Scholarship (\$10000) 2018
	Rice University Department of Political Science Graduate Fellowship 2018-2023
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Instructor of Record</b>
	POLI 370 Corruption in Politics Spring 2024 Department of Political Science, Rice University
	POLI 354 Latin American Politics Spring 2023 Department of Political Science, Rice University
	<b>Thesis Supervision</b>
	Bachelor’s Thesis Supervisor: 2 students Fall 2025
	Master’s Thesis Supervisor: 3 students Spring 2025
	Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b>

	<p>POLI 212 Introduction to Comparative Politics Department of Political Science, Rice University Instructor of Record: Jonathan Homola</p> <p><b>Grader</b> Master's Thesis Grading Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg</p> <p>POLI 338 Policy Analysis Department of Political Science, Rice University Instructor of Record: Paul Treacy</p>	<p>Fall 2020</p> <p>Spring 2025-Present</p> <p>Fall 2021</p>
INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS	<p>Uppsala University Research Environment on Sexual Corruption (UU-RESC) International Workshop, "Measuring Voter Perceptions of Likely Perpetrators," December 2025.</p> <p>KickBack - The Global Anticorruption Podcast, "<a href="#">Emily Elia on Gender and Electoral Accountability in Latin America</a>," November 2025.</p>	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p><b>2025:</b> Quality of Government Institute Internal Conference, MPSA, Politics &amp; Gender Conference, EPSA, Italian Political Science Association Annual Conference, APSA</p> <p><b>2023:</b> Texas Comparative Circle, MPSA, IPSA, APSA, Women in Legislative Studies Annual Conference</p> <p><b>2022:</b> Texas Comparative Circle</p> <p><b>2021:</b> SPSA, ISA Corruption Workshop, APSA</p> <p><b>2020:</b> SPSA, Texas Comparative Circle</p> <p><b>2019:</b> LAPOP-El Público y la Democracia en las Américas</p>	
SERVICE	<p><b>Women in Legislative Studies</b> Research Assistant (August 2021-May 2024)</p> <p><b>Center for Teaching Excellence Graduate Liaison, Rice University</b> Graduate Liaison for the Department of Political Science (August 2021-May 2023)</p> <p><b>Political Science Graduate Student Association, Rice University</b> Co-Founder and President (April 2020-January 2021)</p> <p><b>Graduate Student Ambassador, Rice University</b> Member of Ambassador Leadership Council (April 2021-May 2024)</p> <p><b>Ivy+ Teaching Transformations Summit</b> Participant (May 2022)</p> <p><b>Reviewer</b> <i>American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Political Behavior; Political Science Research and Methods; Research and Politics; Electoral Studies; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Journal of Women, Politics, &amp; Policy; European Journal of Politics and Gender; Politics, Groups, &amp; Identities; Survey Research Methods; Governance; Political Research Exchange</i></p>	
SKILLS	<p><b>Programming:</b> STATA, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics</p> <p><b>Language:</b> Spanish (advanced proficiency), Swedish (beginner), English (native)</p> <p><b>Fieldwork:</b> Buenos Aires, Argentina (September 2022-December 2022)</p>	

**Technical Skills:** Manifesto Project (MARPOR) coder (2020; 2024)

AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association  
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European Political Science Society  
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