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EMPLOYMENT	University of Gothenburg , Gothenburg, Sweden Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Fem-LEAD (ERC Starting Grant), September 2024 - Present	
EDUCATION	Rice University , Houston, Texas Ph.D., Political Science, May 2024 Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning, May 2024 M.A., Political Science, May 2020 The University of Alabama , 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	Title: “Evading Electoral Accountability: How Political Elites Maintain Electoral Support in Contexts of Corruption” Committee: Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer (chair), Jonathan Homola, Randy T. Stevenson, Mark P. Jones, and Mallesh M. Pai	
PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES	Elia, Emily. 2025. “ Can the Fairer Sex Save the Day? Voting for Women After Corruption Scandals in Latin America. ” <i>Political Behavior</i> 47: 97-117. Elia, Emily and Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer. 2022. “ Corruption perceptions, opposition parties, and reelecting incumbents in Latin America. ” <i>Electoral Studies</i> 80: 102545.	
BOOK CHAPTERS	Elia, Emily. 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	Elia, Emily , Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer, and Sofia B. Vera. “Corruption, Partisanship, and Voting: A Survey Experiment during the Brazilian Presidential Election.” <i>Conditional Accept at Survey Research Methods</i> . Elia, Emily. “Corrupt but Competent: The Impact of Elite Performance on Corruption Voting in Argentina.” <i>Revise & Resubmit at Government and Opposition</i> .	

Elia, Emily, Aksel Sundström, and Stephen Dawson. “Climate Shocks, Gender, and Incumbency Punishment.”

Elia, Emily, Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer, and Sofia B. Vera. “Measuring Corruption Perceptions with Surveys: The Need for Better Instruments.”

Elia, Emily and Jana Schwenk. “Expecting the Worst: How Prior Beliefs Shape Electoral Accountability for Corruption.”

Elia, Emily and Jana Schwenk. “Gender, Policy Domains, and Corruption: Testing Stereotype-Based Electoral Sanctions.”

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

Elia, Emily. “Are All Competencies Created Equal? Gender Differences in Performance Voting in Argentina and Chile.”

Elia, Emily. “Who Fights Corruption? Anticorruption Bill Proposals in the Argentine Chamber of Deputies.”

Elia, Emily and Gustavo Guajardo. “Draining the Swamp: Political Outsiders and the Credibility of Anticorruption Appeals.”

Dawson, Stephen, **Emily Elia**, and Aksel Sundström. “Climate crises and women in politics: Evidence from Brazil.”

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

Instructor of Record

Gender and the Environment Module, SK1224 Environmental Policy Spring 2026
Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg

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

Thesis Supervision

Bachelor’s Thesis Supervisor: 2 students Fall 2025

Master's Thesis Supervisor: 8 students
Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg

Spring 2025, 2026

Teaching Assistant

POLI 212 Introduction to Comparative Politics
Department of Political Science, Rice University
Instructor of Record: Jonathan Homola

Fall 2020

Examiner

Master's Thesis Examiner
Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg

Spring 2025-Present

POLI 338 Policy Analysis Course Grader
Department of Political Science, Rice University
Instructor of Record: Paul Treacy

Fall 2021

INVITED TALKS
AND WORKSHOPS

Uppsala University Research Environment on Sexual Corruption (UU-RESC) International Workshop, "Measuring Voter Perceptions of Likely Perpetrators," December 2025.

KickBack - The Global Anticorruption Podcast, "[Emily Elia on Gender and Electoral Accountability in Latin America](#)," November 2025.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

2026: GEPOP Internal Conference, Quality of Government Institute Internal Conference, MPSA, EPSS, ECPG, APSA

2025: Quality of Government Institute Internal Conference, MPSA, Politics & Gender Conference, EPSA, Italian Political Science Association Annual Conference, APSA

2023: Texas Comparative Circle, MPSA, IPSA, APSA, Women in Legislative Studies Annual Conference

2022: Texas Comparative Circle

2021: SPSA, ISA Corruption Workshop, APSA

2020: SPSA, Texas Comparative Circle

2019: LAPOP-El Público y la Democracia en las Américas

SERVICE

Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg

Organizer, Early Career Scholars Professional Development Series (Spring 2026-Ongoing)

Quality of Government Institute, University of Gothenburg

Best Paper Award Selection Committee (Spring 2026)

Fem-LEAD ERC Starting Grant, University of Gothenburg

Postdoctoral Research Fellow Hiring Committee (November-December 2025)

Women in Legislative Studies

Research Assistant (August 2021-May 2024)

Graduate Student Ambassador, Rice University

Member of Ambassador Leadership Council (April 2021-May 2024)

Center for Teaching Excellence Graduate Liaison, Rice University

Graduate Liaison for the Department of Political Science (August 2021-May 2023)

Political Science Graduate Student Association, Rice University
Co-Founder and President (April 2020-January 2021)

Ivy+ Teaching Transformations Summit
Participant (May 2022)

Reviewer

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, & Policy; European Journal of Politics and Gender; Politics, Groups, & Identities; Survey Research Methods; Governance; Political Research Exchange

SKILLS

Programming: STATA, R, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics
Language: Spanish (advanced proficiency), Swedish (beginner), English (native)
Fieldwork: Buenos Aires, Argentina (September 2022-December 2022)
Technical Skills: Manifesto Project (MARPOR) coder (2020; 2024)

AFFILIATIONS

Quality of Government Institute, University of Gothenburg
American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
European Political Science Society
European Consortium for Political Research
Phi Beta Kappa

REFERENCES

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