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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> , 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> .  <b>Elia, Emily.</b> “Corrupt but Competent: The Impact of Elite Performance on Corruption Voting in Argentina.” <i>Revise &amp; 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

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

Fall 2021

**Examiner**

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

Spring 2025-Present

INVITED TALKS  
AND WORKSHOPS

Panelist, "Popular Movements in the Context of the Far Right in Latin American: Lessons from Argentina," University of Gothenburg, Department of Languages and Literature, January 2026

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

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

Presenter, International Studies Association Corruption Workshop, "Corruption perceptions, opposition parties, and reelecting incumbents in Latin America," April 2021

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, 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, 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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