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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. “Corrupt but Competent: The Impact of Elite Performance on Corruption Voting in Argentina.” Forthcoming at <i>Government and Opposition</i> . Elia, Emily , Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer, and Sofia B. Vera. “Corruption, Partisanship, and Voting: A Survey Experiment during the Brazilian Presidential Election.” Forthcoming at <i>Survey Research Methods</i> . 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 , Aksel Sundström, and Stephen Dawson. “Environmental Crises, Gender, and Incumbency Punishment.”		
	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 , Kendall D. Funk, Jennifer M. Piscopo, and Aksel Sundström. “Disaster Preparedness, Corruption, and Women in Power.”		
	Monika Bauhr, Elia, Emily , and Jana Schwenk. “Women as Corruption Fighters or Corruption Abstainers? Experimental Evidence from Chile.”		
	Elia, Emily , Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer, and Sofia B. Vera. “Measuring Corruption Perceptions with Surveys: The Need for Better Instruments.”		
	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.”		
GRANTS AND AWARDS	Dawson, Stephen, Emily Elia , and Aksel Sundström. “Climate crises and women in politics: Evidence from Brazil.”		
	Helge Ax:son Johnson Stiftelse Grant (40000 SEK, eq.\$4130)	2026	
	with Jana Schwenk		
	Kungl.Vetenskaps- och Vitterhets-Samhället Grant (45000 SEK, eq.\$4718)	2025	
	with Jana Schwenk		
	Stiftelsen Lars Hiertas Minne Research Grant (30000 SEK, eq.\$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		
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
Department of Political Science, Rice University

Spring 2024

POLI 354 Latin American Politics
Department of Political Science, Rice University

Spring 2023

Thesis Supervision

Bachelor's Thesis Supervisor: 2 students

Fall 2025

Master's Thesis Supervisor: 7 students

Spring 2025, 2026

Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg

Teaching Assistant

POLI 212 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Fall 2020

Department of Political Science, Rice University

Instructor of Record: Jonathan Homola

POLI 338 Policy Analysis Course Grader

Fall 2021

Department of Political Science, Rice University

Instructor of Record: Paul Treacy

Examiner

Master's Thesis Examiner

Spring 2025-Present

Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Presenter, "Environmental Crises, Gender, and Incumbency Punishment," Uppsala University Gender & Politics Seminar Series, Department of Government, *Scheduled November 2026*

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)

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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