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RESEARCH AREAS: Comparative Politics, Political Representation, Parties, Elections, Public Opinion, Applied Quantitative Methods, and Quantitative Text Analysis

CURRENT POSITION

Since 2015 **Trinity College Dublin**, Department of Political Science
PhD Candidate and Teaching Assistant

- Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholar (2016–2019)
- Trinity College Postgraduate Ussher Fellow (2015–2016)

Thesis: “The Perception, Coding, Coverage, and Fulfilment of Election Pledges”
Supervisor: Prof. Gail McElroy

EDUCATION

2014–2015 **Trinity College Dublin**, Department of Political Science
Master of Science in Politics and Public Policy
First Class Honours with Distinction

2011–2014 **University of Bonn**, Institute of Political Science and Sociology
Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Sociology
Summa cum laude

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2017–2018 Small Postgraduate Research Grant, Trinity Research in Social Science (TRiSS)

2016–2019 Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, Irish Research Council

2015–2018 Postgraduate Ussher Fellowship, Trinity College Dublin (declined after 08/2016)

2011–2015 Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowship, German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

Bowler, Shaun, Gail McElroy, and Stefan Müller. 2018. “Voter Preferences and Party Loyalty under Cumulative Voting: Political Behaviour after Electoral Reform in Bremen and Hamburg.” *Electoral Studies* 51: 93–102.

Becker, Manuel, and Stefan Müller. 2014. “Die Politikwissenschaft in Deutschland jenseits traditioneller universitärer Strukturen [Beyond Traditional University Structures: Political Science in Germany].” *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 25(4): 547–572.

UNDER REVIEW

Explaining Government Support Throughout the Legislative Cycle: A Comparative Analysis (with Tom Louwerse).

The Relationship Between Campaign Effort and Legislative Activity (with Shaun Bowler and Gail McElroy).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Prospective and Retrospective Salience: A Novel Concept of Campaign Strategies and Policy Preferences. – *Winner of the 2018 Manifesto Corpus Conference Best Paper Award*

Improving the Reliability and Efficiency of Extracting Election Pledges from Political Text: A Combination of Crowdcoding and Automated Sentence Classification.

Expectation of Coalition Formation in Multi-Party Settings: When Do Voters Get It Right? (with Shaun Bowler and Gail McElroy).

Challenger Quality as a Moderator of the Incumbency Advantage in Personalised PR Systems: Applying the Regression Discontinuity Design to Irish Local Elections (with Michael Jankowski).

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

“[quanteda](#)”: R package for managing and analysing text (core contributor)

“[TADA: The Text as Data App](#)”: a graphical user interface for quantitative text analysis (developer)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

Research Methods for Political Science (Undergraduate), Trinity College Dublin, 2017/18.

Public Opinion and Political Participation (Undergraduate), Trinity College Dublin, 2017/18.

Comparative Politics (Undergraduate), Trinity College Dublin, 2015/16, 2016/17.

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

Workshop: Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis using [Quanteda](#), WZB Berlin Social Science Center (with Kohei Watanabe), 2018.

Workshop: Data Wrangling and Visualisation Using R, Trinity Research in Social Science (TRiSS), 2017.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Since 06/2015 **Trinity College Dublin**, Department of Political Science
Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant
- 02/2014–04/2014 **Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik**
(German Institute for International and Security Affairs)
Intern in Research Division “EU External Relations”
- 07/2013–02/2014 **Bonner Akademie für Forschung und Lehre praktischer Politik**
(Bonn Academy for Research and Teaching of Applied Politics)
Student assistant
- 08/2012–07/2014 **University of Bonn**, Institute of Political Science and Sociology
Student assistant

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2017 Data Mining and Statistical Learning, Trinity College Dublin (Lecturer: Kenneth Benoit)
- 2016 Certificate in Academic Teaching & Supporting Learning, Centre for Academic Practice
and eLearning, Trinity College Dublin
- 2016 Quantitative Text Analysis, Trinity College Dublin (Lecturer: Kenneth Benoit)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2/2018 Manifesto Corpus Conference 2018, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany
- 10/2017 The Political Studies Association of Ireland 2017 Annual Conference, Dublin, Ireland
- 7/2017 4th Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, Basel, Switzerland
- 6/2017 7th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association Milan, Italy

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- 9/2017 Bridging Disciplines in Analysing Text as Social and Cultural Data, Alan Turing Institute,
London
- 4/2017 Text Analysis Using R, 2-day workshop, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 8/2015 Philosophical Problems of Statistics, Summer School of the German Academic Scholarship
Foundation, Roggenburg

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- European Political Science Association
- Society for Political Methodology
- Political Studies Association of Ireland
- ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- 2016–2018 **Trinity College Dublin**, Trinity Research in Social Science (TRiSS)
PhD representative
- 2014–2015 **Trinity College Dublin**, Department of Political Science
Joint M.Sc. postgraduate student representative

SKILLS

LANGUAGES

German (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Basic), Latin (Latinum)

SOFTWARE & PROGRAMMING

R, Stata, Python, SPSS, \LaTeX , GitHub, Microsoft Office

Last updated: February 2018