Tom Barton

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LinkedIn

Academic Positions

September 2024 –

Postdoctoral Research Associate
Department of Political Economy, KCL
Working on the Advocacy in Digital Democracy: Use, Impact and Democratic Consequences ERC project.
PI: Prof. Anne Rasmussen

January 2024 – September 2024

Associate Lecturer (Teaching) in Quantitative Methods
Department of Political Science, UCL
Teaching on undergraduate and postgraduate modules, supervision of postgraduate dissertations.

Education

Royal Holloway, University of London

2020 – 2024

PhD
Politics
Passed with minor corrections

Advanced Quantitative Methods Steer
Thesis title: The Impact of Voter ID Laws on Participation and Electoral Integrity.
Supervisors: Prof. Chris Hanretty & Prof. Oliver Heath
Examiners: Prof. Toby James & Dr. Florian Foos

2019 – 2020

MSc
Elections, Campaigns and Democracy.
Distinction.

Dissertation title: Self-Selection or Socialisation: Explaining the Link Between Social Values and University Attendance.

University of Kent

BA (Hons)
Politics and International Relations with Quantitative Research.
1st Class.

Dissertation title: The Impact of Voter Identification Laws on Electoral Turnout and Perceptions of Democratic Integrity: A Comparative Study.

Publications

Barton, T. (2022) Understanding a Key Electoral Tool: A New Dataset on the Global Distribution of Voter Identification Laws.
[10.1080/00344893.2022.2113117](10.1080/00344893.2022.2113117)

Revise and Resubmit

Barton, T. Understanding the Impact of the 2018 Voter ID Pilots on Turnout at the London Local Elections: A Synthetic Difference-in-Difference Approach.

Under Review

Barton, T. Do Restrictive Voter ID Laws Alter Expert Perceptions of Electoral Integrity? A Comparative Analysis.

Working Papers

Barton, T. Can concessionary travel enhance turnout at UK elections: A regression discontinuity design.
Hanretty, C. & Barton T. The effects of voter id requirements on turnout in local elections.

Barton, T. Do Stricter Voter ID Laws Decrease Voter Turnout? A Comparative Analysis.

Barton, T. and Virgo, L. Does the Minister Agree with Me: Do MPs' Positions on Brexit Affect the Asking of Parliamentary Questions?

Research Assistance

June 2022

Research Assistant for Deliberation Event on Uncivil Speech
Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy
Royal Holloway, University of London
Primary Investigators: Dr Kaat Smets, Dr Johnathan Seglow and Dr Sofia Collignon

January 2022 – March 2022
Research Assistant for the Electoral integrity Project (Part-Time)
Department of Political Science
Royal Military College, Canada
Primary Investigators: Dr Holly-Ann Garnet and Prof. Toby James
https://www.electoralintegrityproject.com/reports

Teaching

Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Association   **September 2022**

Undergraduate:

January 2024 – March 2024

Data Analysis
Department of Political Science, UCL
(Seminar Leader)
In-person

January 2021 – June 2021

Research Methods for Social Scientists
Department of Criminology, Royal Holloway,
(Methods Lab Assistant, led revision sessions,
assessed coursework and exams)
Online

September 2021 –

Researching Politics and International Relations:
Analysis, Design and Practice
Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy
Royal Holloway
(Seminar Leader)
In-person and Hybrid

January 2023

How and why people vote
Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy
Royal Holloway
(Guest Lecture on Voter ID Laws)

Postgraduate:

September 2021 – February 2022 & September 2023 – December 2023

Introduction to Quantitative Methods
Department of Political Science
UCL
(Seminar Leader)
In-person and Online
Awarded the PGTA Excellence in Student Feedback Award

January 2024 – March 2024

Causal Inference
Department of Political Science
UCL
(Seminar Leader & Guest Lecture on Synthetic Control)

March 2024 – August 2024

Dissertation Supervision
Department of Political Science
UCL

Presentations, Workshops and Seminars

September 2023

EPOP (PSA) Annual Conference 2023:
(Presenter)
Understanding the Impact of the 2018 Voter ID Pilots on Turnout at the London Local
Elections: A Synthetic Difference-in-Difference Approach.

September 2023

ECPR General Conference 2023:
(Presenter)
Do Restrictive Voter ID Laws Alter Expert Perceptions of Electoral Integrity? A
Comparative Analysis.

February 2022

Oxford DPIR Colloquium
(Presenter)
Do Stricter Voter ID Laws Decrease Voter Turnout? A Comparative Analysis.
Invited by Prof. Petra Schleiter

April 2022

UK in a Changing Europe: British Politics After Brexit
(Presenter) (Co-author with Lewis Virgo)
Does the Minister Agree with Me: Have MPs' Positions on Brexit Affected the Asking of Parliamentary Questions?

April 2022

PSA Annual Conference 2022: Politics from the Margins
(Presenter)
The Relationship Between Voter ID Laws and Turnout: Going Beyond the United States

July 2021

Electoral Integrity Project pre-IPSA World Congress Workshop
(Presenter)
Understanding a Key Electoral Tool: A New Dataset on the Global Distribution of Voter Identification Laws

July 2021

PSA Early Career Network 'Random Access Memories' Conference
(Co-Presenter with Lewis Virgo)
When Emotions Run High: Have MPs' Positions on Brexit Affected the Asking of Parliamentary Questions?

April 2021

8th Education PGR Conference at Warwick
(Presenter)
Self-Selection or Socialisation: Explaining the Link Between Social Values and University Attendance

February 2021

Toronto Data Workshop on Reproducibility
(Presenter)
Self-Selection or Socialisation: Explaining the Link Between Social Values and University Attendance

Blog Posts

Hanretty, C. & Barton, T. Voter ID and turnout in GE2024. Online Blog: DEC@RHUL. Available at: https://hollodec.github.io/2024/07/09/voterid.html

Democracy and Elections Centre (2023) Why we may never know the full effects of voter ID. Online Blog: DEC@RHUL. Available at: https://hollodec.github.io/2023/05/26/voterid.html

Barton, T. and Hanretty, C. (2020) US elections MRP polling: Voter fraud concerns heaviest in Trump states. Online Blog: Survation. Available at: https://www.survation.com/us-elections-exclusive-mrp-polling-voter-fraud-concerns-heaviest-in-trump-states/

Technical Skills

Coding Languages: R | Basic Knowledge of Python
Software: SPSS | Excel | Qualtrics | Basic Knowledge of STATA | Basic Knowledge of ArcGIS
Systems: Github | Basic Knowledge of SQL
Courses: 2021 Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods (Machine Learning). *Taught by Dr Thomas Robinson (Durham)*

Academic Service
Journal Reviewed For: Electoral Studies, Election Law Journal
Panel Discussant For: ECPR 2023 Annual Conference - PRA069 – Campaigns and Election Finance. iEIP Virtual Workshop 2024 – Voter Perceptions: Trust and Satisfaction.

Co-Organiser for the SeNSS 2022 Annual Conference held at the University of Surrey.

Postgraduate Research Peer Mentor	**September 2021 – July 2022**
SeNSS Student Forum Chair	**July 2021 – July 2022**
SeNSS Student Forum Deputy Chair	**July 2020 – July 2021**
SeNSS Student Forum Master's Representative	**October 2019 – July 2021**

Scholarships, Grants and Awards

Royal Holloway School of Law and Social Sciences PhD Poster competition (2nd Place)	**2022**
PSA EPOP & YouGov Survey Project: Public Attitudes Towards Voter ID Laws	**2021**
ESRC (SeNSS) Research Training Support Grant (Course Attendance: £450)	**2021**
ESRC (SeNSS) 1+3 PhD Studentship (Advanced Quantitative Methods Steer)	**2019**

Other Activities

Accredited Election Observer (UK Electoral Commission)   **May 2021 –**

References:

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Royal Holloway, University of London
Chris.hanretty@rhul.ac.uk
(PhD Supervisor)

Prof. Oliver Heath
Royal Holloway, University of London
Oliver.heath@rhul.ac.uk
(PhD Supervisor)

Dr. Colin Provost
University College London
c.provost@ucl.ac.uk
(Current Line Manager)