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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Political Parties, Populism, Affective Polarization, Democratic Backsliding, Western Democracies (with emphasis on European and Italian Politics)

## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D., Political Science, 2020-present
  - University of California, Davis
  - Committee: James Adams, Josephine Andrews, Lauren Young
- B.A. with Honors, Political Science & Italian, 2020
  - University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
  - *summa cum laude*

## BOOKS

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- Adams, James, Josephine Andrews, Timea Balogh, Braeden Davis, and **Alexa Federice**, Noam Gidron, Will Horne. *Who Attacks Whom? Conflict and Cooperation Between European Party Elites*. Cambridge University Press. (Revise & Resubmit).

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Adams, James, Josephine Andrews, Braeden Davis, and **Alexa Federice**. "Who Attacks Whom? How Populism and Euroscepticism Drive Cross-national Conflict between European Party Elites". *European Union Politics*. (Conditional Accept).
- Brodeur, Abel...**Federice, Alexa**, Jill R. Laufer, and Anya Stewart. "The Reproducibility and Robustness of Economics and Political Science". Meta-Paper. *Nature*. **652**, 151–156 (2026). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-026-10251-x>

## UNDER REVIEW

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- Fuller, Sam, **Alexa Federice**, and Jack Rametta. "The Prolific Relationship Between Age and Support for Political Violence: The Results of a Meta-Reanalysis". *American Political Science Review*.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- **Federice, Alexa**. "Populism as a Threat to Liberal Democracy: Evidence from Western European Democracies"
- **Federice, Alexa**. "When Do Politicians Use Populist Rhetoric? Evidence from Italy"
- Davis, Braeden, and **Alexa Federice**. "How to Treat Populists: Elite Conflict and the Diffusion of Populist Success in Europe".
- Hare, Christopher, Ross Butters, **Alexa Federice**, and Alice Malmberg. "Masters of War: Measuring

Heresthetic in Congressional Campaigns.”

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### *Survey Design and Data Collection*

- Co-Investigator of the Chapel Hill Expert Survey-United States (CHES-US) with Nicolás de la Cerda, Ryan Bakker, Royce Carroll, and Christopher Hare. September 2024-present
  - Expert survey measuring party positions on ideological and non-ideological dimensions in the United States. 2025: Data Collection in progress.

### *Graduate Student Researcher*

- with Dr. Christopher Hare, Summer 2024
- with Dr. James Adams and Dr. Josephine Andrews, Winter 2023
- with Dr. Jeannette Money, *Quarter at Aggie Square*, Summer 2022

### *Field Work*

- University of Genoa. Genoa, Italy. Conducted preliminary research for projects pertaining to populism in Italy, Spring 2024.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- The Bilinski Dissertation Writing Fellowship Summer 2023-Summer 2024 (**\$50,000**)
- First Quarter Fellowship, Fall 2020 (**\$6,000**)
- Summer Collaborative, UC Davis Political Science Department, Summer 2022 (**\$5,000**)
- GPFA Summer Stipend, Summer 2021 (**\$5,000**)
- Department Conference Travel Award, Spring 2023, Fall 2024 (**\$2,000**)
- Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2025 (**\$1,000**)

## PRESENTATIONS

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### *Conferences*

- 2025: MPSA, EPSA, APSA
- 2024: APSA, MPSA
- 2023: MPSA, EPSA, WPSA
- 2022: MPSA
- 2019: APSA, University of Michigan Emerging Scholars Conference

### *Invited Talks*

- 2024: Harvard University
- 2023: ETH Zurich

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *Associate Instructor*

- Comparative Electoral Systems, Summer 2025

### *Methods Tutor*

- Undergraduate Honors Seminar Methods Tutor, Fall 2024, Winter 2025, Fall 2025, Winter 2026

#### *Teaching Assistant*

- Public Policy and the Governmental Process (with Dr. Jordan Kujala), Fall 2025
- The Scientific Study of Politics (with Dr. Bradford Jones), Spring 2025
- The Scientific Study of Politics (with Dr. Christopher Hare), Spring 2023, Winter 2025, Spring 2026
- The Scientific Study of Politics (with Dr. Juan Tellez), Fall 2022, Fall 2024
- The Scientific Study of Politics (with Dr. McCage Griffiths), Winter 2023, Winter 2026
- Quarter at Aggie Square (with Dr. Jeannette Money), Summer 2022, Winter 2023, Winter 2024
- Intro to Comparative Politics (with Dr. Lauren Young), Spring 2022
- Women in Politics (with Dr. Rachel Bernhard), Winter 2022
- Equality and Justice (with Dr. Mark Verbitsky), Winter 2022
- British Politics (with Dr. James Adams), Fall 2021
- Local Politics (with Dr. Scott MacKenzie), Spring 2021
- Chicano Politics (with Dr. Bradford Jones), Winter 2021

## SERVICE

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- 2025- present Reviewer for *Government and Opposition*
- 2023-2025 Political Women's Roundtable Coordinator
- 2022-2023 President of the Graduate Association of Political Science Students
- 2021-2022 Social Coordinator of the Graduate Association of Political Science Students
- 2020-2021 Mentor for incoming graduate students

## SKILLS

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- Programming: R, Stata, LaTeX, Qualtrics
- Language: English (native), Italian (advanced), Spanish (beginner)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Political Science Association
  - Also member of the APSA CONGRIPS (Conference Group on Italian Politics and Society)
- European Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Western Political Science Association

## REFERENCES

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