

Gregory Stride

Curriculum Vitae

Profile

Versatile and diligent politics researcher interested in problem solving, democracy and research. Skills in qualitative and quantitative analysis, teaching, writing, coding and administration.

Education

2019–2022 **PhD Politics**, *University of Exeter*

Fully-funded ESRC studentship

Thesis title: "Electoral administrators' perceptions of electoral integrity in England"

2018–2019 **MRes Politics**, *University of Exeter*, Distinction

Dean's commendation for exceptional performance.

Dissertation title: "Measuring public perceptions of electoral integrity in England: the case of the 2019 voter ID trials."

2016–2017 **MPhil Modern European History**, *University of Cambridge*, 72%

Dissertation title: "British and West German Press Discourses on National Memory and Mutual Perceptions in 1965."

2012–2015 **Bsc Government and History**, *London School of Economics*, First Class

Bassett memorial award for highest grade in the degree programme.

Experience

2023–Present **Researcher**, *Local Government Information Unit*

Researcher with responsibility for leading research projects on a series of topics, most recently local government finance and voter ID.

2022 **Research Assistant**, *University of Oxford*

Working with a team in the Department of Politics on a project researching the impact of Voter ID in Britain. My work has included helping to design and run Qualtrics surveys, extensive secondary data management, liaising with external stakeholders and compilation of existing research.

2022 **Policy Intern**, *House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee*

Worked with the Foreign Affairs Committee as a UKRI funded research intern. I was working on the Committee when Russia invaded Ukraine, and helped to implement the Committee's response. This included booking the Foreign Minister of Estonia for an evidence session with only a day's notice, writing code to compare sanctions regimes, preparing briefings for the Committee, including for their questioning of the Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, and organising expert roundtables for Committee staff. I also worked on scrutiny of the Elections Bill with the Public Administration Committee, preparing questions for the Secretary of State for Levelling Up Michael Gove. I played a part in starting the first Select Committee podcast with Chair of the Committee Tom Tugendhat.

- 2021 **Research Assistant**, *University of Exeter Politics Department*, Exeter
 Worked as part of a team on a research project conducting a survey of civil servants and local government officials. My work included designing and implementing the survey on Qualtrics and writing a programme to automatically process contact details.
- 2019–2020 **Postgraduate Teaching Assistant**, *University of Exeter Q-Step Centre*, Exeter
 Taught two first-year undergraduate social science modules on data analysis using R, the statistical programming software. Responsible for making classroom resources, teaching classes of >20 students, holding office hours and marking essays. During the Covid-19 pandemic I arranged and recorded software demonstrations for undergraduates as required.
- 2017–2018 **Politics Writer**, *Zigzag Education*, Bristol
 Wrote resources for A-Level politics students. These included long-form textbook-style resources, short-form quiz resources and monthly magazines. Received positive feedback from external expert reviewers, in particular for my guide to the 1979 general election which was compared favourably to the official Edexcel textbook.
- 2016 **Electoral Services Assistant**, *Bristol City Council*, Bristol
 Worked to arrange the 2016 City council elections and the 2016 EU referendum in Bristol. Responsibilities involved: recruiting staff, booking polling stations, working on the electoral register, and regularly communicating with members of the public and other stakeholders.
- 2016 **Temporary Executive Assistant to the Mayor**, *Bristol City Council*, Bristol
 3 month part-time work at the Mayor's office. Communicated with members of the public on a variety of topics, including sensitive issues like workplace discrimination, and complex policy discussions. Managed the diaries of all the 9 cabinet members.

Computer Skills

- Office Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams
- Statistics R, Python, SPSS
- Other L^AT_EX word processing, customer relationship management software (Salesforce), elections software (Xpress Register/Manager), virtual learning environment software, and Qualtrics online survey software. Made the website: <https://www.gregdstride.co.uk>.

Other

- Representation Volunteered as the representative for politics PhD researchers in 2021, attending college-level meetings and helping with the organisation of community-building activities, including organising the 2022 politics postgraduate research conference.
- School Appointed Head Boy in 2011
- Data Analysis Attended the Essex Summer School course on Data Analytics using R in 2019
- Languages German, basic spoken and written.
- Driving Full clean UK driving license.