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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bennett School of Public Policy, University of Cambridge Assistant Professor in Public Policy <i>Topic: AI and Computational Tools in Public Decision Making.</i>	07/2026 – Present
Centre for AI in Government, University of Birmingham Research Fellow in Computational Social Science <i>Topic: LLM Multi-Agent System Simulation of Political Deliberation.</i>	02/2024 – 06/2026
Westminster Bridge, Nuffield Politics Research Centre Research Review Writer <i>Topic: Unequal Representation in Liberal Democracies</i>	03/2022 – 08/2023
Inter-Parliamentary Union Research Assistant for the Global Parliamentary Report <i>Topic: Parliamentary Public Engagement</i>	09/2020 – 08/2021

HONOURS & FELLOWSHIPS

Institute for Data and AI, University of Birmingham Research Associate <i>Focus: Interdisciplinary Data Science</i> Selected as part of a university-wide data science network established to initiate and fund interdisciplinary research.	06/2025 – 06/2026
Schmidt Foundation International Strategy Forum Fellow <i>Focus: Technological Innovation & Democratic Resilience.</i> Selected as one of 80 emerging leaders worldwide to examine the intersection of technology and democracy, strengthening international collaboration and research engagement.	01/2025 – 12/2025

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

University of Oxford, Oxford DPhil in Politics, Hertford College Supervised by Petra Schleiter <i>Thesis: Capturing Coalition Government Bargaining with Computational Text Analysis</i>	2020-2024 <i>No Corrections</i>
University of Oxford, Oxford MPhil in Politics (European Politics and Society), St. Antony's College Supervised by Radoslaw Zubek <i>Thesis: Coalition Governance and Institutional Change in the Dutch Parliament</i>	2018-2020 <i>Distinction</i>
Erasmus University College, Rotterdam Bachelor of Arts, Double Major in Political Science and Sociology, Minor in Computer Science Supervised by Roy Kemmers & Ward Vloeberghs <i>Thesis: The Brussels Leviathan: A discourse analysis of five hard Eurosceptic parties</i>	2015-2018 <i>Cum Laude</i>

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

MSc Supervision

CAIG MSc in AI and Government
Juan Herrada & Amanda Putriutari

Peer Reviewing

British Journal of Political Science
(BJPS)

Professional Service

AI Paper Lab,
CAIG LLM SIG,
Oxford Politics Colloquium

TEACHING

Machine Learning and AI (Graduate)

Course Convenor & Lecturer

MSc in Digital Scholarship, University of Oxford

Cohort size of 15 • 9 contact hours per week (4 weeks).

Autumn 2023 & 2024

Machine Learning (Graduate)

Teaching Assistant

Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods, University of Oxford

Cohort size of 20 • 15 contact hours (1 week intensive).

Spring 2023

Fundamentals of Social Data Science in Python (Graduate)

Teaching Assistant

MSc in Social Data Science, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford

Cohort size of 25 • 8 contact hours per week (8 weeks).

Autumn 2022

Wrangling Data (Graduate)

Teaching Assistant

MSc in Social Data Science, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford

Cohort size of 30 • 8 contact hours per week (8 weeks).

Spring 2022

Comparative Politics & Politics of Europe (Undergraduate)

Tutor

PPE, Jesus College, St. Anne's College, and Hertford College, University of Oxford

Cohort size of 2 • 1 contact hour per week (8 weeks).

2020 & 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Sheldon, C. (2023) **Closing the gap: establishing a “feedback loop” for effective parliamentary public engagement**, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, 29(3), 425–441.

Working Papers

Sheldon, C. (2025) **Coalition Differentiation at Scale: Measuring Intra-Coalition Conflict with Supervised Text Classification**, under review at *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Sheldon, C. (2025) **Who gets to be different? Assessing the Failure to Present Coalitional Unity in Parliamentary Speech.**, submitted to *American Political Science Review*.

Arnold, C., Sheldon, C., Henrichsen, T., & Cross, J. (2025) **How Useful is Your LLM Output? A Probabilistic Approach to Assessing Synthetic Text Data for Domain Specific Applications**, preparing for submission at *Political Analysis*.

Sheldon, C., & Küpfer, A. (2025) **Polarization in Bi-Directional Political Communication: Analysing the Language of Abgeordnetenwatch Questions and Answers.**, preparing for submission at *British Journal of Political Science*.

Other Publications

Sheldon, C. (2025). **AI Tools for Democratic Strategy**, *Special Competitive Studies Project*

Sheldon, C. (2024). **Het gebruik van AI door politici**, *Sociologie Magazine*, (3), 14-15.

Sheldon, C. (2022). **Australia’s Unprecedented Coalition Politics: Unpacking Scott Morrison’s Ministerial Self-Appointments**, OxPol Blog

Sheldon, C. (2020). **Undoing the Fixed Term Parliaments Act**, OxPol Blog

LANGUAGES

Dutch:	English:	German:
Native Proficiency	Native Proficiency (Bilingual)	Upper Intermediate Proficiency
	Certification: Cambridge English C2	Certification:Goethe-Institut B2

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Digital Democracy Workshop, University of Zurich	2025
COMPTTEXT Conference on Computational Text Analysis	2023, 2024, 2025
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2025
European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference	2023, 2025
UK Political Science Association (PSA) Annual Conference	2023, 2025