

CLARA VANDEWEERDT

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SUMMARY

- PhD candidate in Political Science at MIT
- Focus on political behavior, methods and climate change
- Papers include big data radio project, experiment on group interests, and climate opinion model
- Experience as lecturer and teaching assistant for five classes, including statistics
- Masters in political science, policy and psychology
- Fulbright Fellow

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge, MA
PhD candidate in Political Science	2015-2020 (expected)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Political Psychology, Quantitative Methods, Climate Politics• Committee: Andrea Campbell, Devin Caughey, F. Daniel Hidalgo, James Druckman	
The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University	Medford, MA
MA in Law and Diplomacy	2013-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate Politics, Political Economy	
University of Leuven, Faculty of Social Sciences	Leuven, Belgium
MS in Comparative and International Politics (magna cum laude)	2011-2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Politics, Political Economy	
BS in Political Science	2007-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Politics, Quantitative Methods	
University of Leuven, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences	Leuven, Belgium
MS in Psychology (magna cum laude)	2009-2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cognitive Psychology, Judgment & Decision Making	
BS in Psychology	2006-2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theory & Research Methods	

WRITING

Peer-reviewed publication:

- Vandeweerd, Clara, Bart Kerremans and Avery Cohn. "Climate voting in the US Congress: The power of public concern." *Environmental Politics* 25, no. 2 (2016): 268–288.

Under review:

- Vandeweerd, Clara. "In-group interest cues do not change issue attitudes."

Conference papers:

- Vandeweerd, Clara. "Higher volume, same tune: How political talk radio reacts to events." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Fall 2019.
- Vandeweerd, Clara, "The strangely weak effects of connecting in-groups and issues." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Spring 2019.
- Vandeweerd, Clara, "Worldwide trends in climate change opinion." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Spring 2019.

TEACHING

University of Copenhagen

Lecturer and course administrator

- MA course on Political Behavior (45 students, ongoing)
- MA course on Public Opinion (30 students, evaluation: 3.2 out of 4)

Denmark

2018-present

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Teaching Assistant

- PhD course on Quantitative Methods (30 students, evaluation: 6.4 out of 7)
- BA course on Public Policy (60 students, evaluation: 5.8 out of 7)

Cambridge, MA

2017-2018

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

Teaching Assistant

- MA course on Climate Policy (10 students)

Medford, MA

2014

Academic Resource Center, Tufts University

Time Management and Study Strategies Consultant

Medford, MA

2014-2015

FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright Fellowship & Ambassador Blinken Award for graduate studies

2013-2014

Rotary Club Scholarship for graduate studies

2013-2014

MacJannet Scholarship for European students

2013-2015

Belgian American Education Foundation Honorary Fellowship

2013-2014

SERVICE

Peer review for Environmental Politics and Political Research Quarterly

MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council, Gender and Diversity Chair

- ran departmental surveys on gender/organizational culture and on mental health
- survey findings resulted in graduate student and faculty training sessions on gender issues
- received MIT Graduate Women of Excellence Award for contributions to community

MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council, Mentorship Chair

- reached out to, advised and coordinated mentorship for incoming PhD students

SKILLS

Data:

- **collection:** web scraping, crowd sourcing
- **analysis:** Bayesian inference, causal identification, natural language processing
- **coding:** R, Python, SPSS, Stata, HTML, javascript

Languages:

- **Dutch:** native speaker
- **English:** proficient user (reading, listening, speaking and writing: C2)
- **French:** intermediate user (reading and listening: B2, speaking and writing: B1)
- **Italian:** intermediate user (reading and listening: B2, speaking and writing: B1)
- **Danish:** intermediate user (reading, writing, speaking and listening: B1)

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

2019 APSA Annual Meeting, presented

2019 MPSA Annual Meeting, presented

2018 Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting, attended

REFERENCES

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