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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology **Cambridge, MA**
PhD in Political Science 2015-2020

- Political Psychology, Climate Politics, Quantitative Methods
- 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

University of Leuven **Leuven, Belgium**
MS in Comparative and International Politics (magna cum laude) 2011-2013
BS in Political Science 2007-2012

University of Leuven **Leuven, Belgium**
MS in Psychology (magna cum laude) 2009-2011
BS in Psychology 2006-2009

EMPLOYMENT

University of Copenhagen **Copenhagen, Denmark**
Assistant professor, Department of Political Science and SODAS 2023-present

University of Copenhagen **Copenhagen, Denmark**
Post-doctoral fellow, Department of Political Science 2021-2022

- Supervisor: Peter Thisted Dinesen
- Researching identity politics in US & Scandinavia

University of Copenhagen **Copenhagen, Denmark**
Post-doctoral fellow, Department of Psychology 2021

- Supervisors: Robert Böhm and Guido Makransky
- Researching use of Virtual Reality to overcome vaccine hesitancy

Part-time parental leave 2020-2021

TEACHING

University of Copenhagen

Department of Political Science + Social Data Science program

- MSc courses on Advanced Social Data Science (II), Political Behavior, Methods in Public Opinion
- BSc course on Danish and Comparative Politics
- Supervised 23 students' Master theses

Copenhagen,
Denmark
2018-present

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Department of Political Science

- PhD course on Quantitative Methods
- BSc course on Public Policy

Cambridge, MA
2017-2018

WRITING AND MEDIA

Peer-reviewed publications:

- Vandeweerd, Clara. "Weaving It In: How Political Radio Reacts to Events." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 87, no. 1 (2023): 120-141.
- Plechatá, Adéla, Clara Vandeweerd, Michael Atchapero, Tiffany Luong, Christian Holz, Cornelia Betsch, Bonnie Dietermann, Yori Schultka, Robert Böhm, and Guido Makransky. "Experiencing herd immunity in virtual reality increases COVID-19 vaccination intention: Evidence from a large-scale field intervention study." *Computers in human behavior* 139 (2023): 107533.
- Coscia, Michele, and Clara Vandeweerd. "Posts on central websites need less originality to be noticed." *Scientific Reports* 12, no. 1 (2022): 15265.
- Vandeweerd, Clara. "Someone like you: False consensus in perceptions of Democrats and Republicans." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 32, no. 3 (2022): 739-749.
- Vandeweerd, Clara. "In-group interest cues do not change issue attitudes." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 10, no. 5 (2022), 828-836.
- Almasri, Nasir, Blair Read, and Clara Vandeweerd. "Mental Health and the PhD: Insights and Implications for Political Science." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 55, no. 2 (2022): 347-353.
- Vandeweerd, Clara, Tiffany Luong, Michael Atchapero, Aske Mottelson, Christian Holz, Guido Makransky, and Robert Böhm. "Virtual reality reduces COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in the wild: a randomized trial." *Scientific Reports* 12, no. 1 (2022): 1-7.
- Mottelson, Aske, Clara Vandeweerd, Michael Atchapero, Tiffany Luong, Christian Holz, Robert Böhm, and Guido Makransky. "A self-administered virtual reality intervention increases COVID-19 vaccination intention." *Vaccine* 39, no. 46 (2021): 6746-6753.
- 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:

- Hedegaard, Frederik, Isak Klindt, Anton Kronborg and Clara Vandeweerd. "Do green parties in

government benefit from natural catastrophes? How wildfires affect voting.”

IN THE MEDIA

“Onwettige klimaatacties blijven gewettigd.” De Standaard, January 2023.
(https://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20230108_97997992)

“Why We Rally around Some Social Issues and Not Others.” Scientific American, August 2021.
(<https://bit.ly/3NGeXmF>)

“Denmark trial uses virtual reality game to boost COVID vaccinations.” Reuters, June 2021.
(<https://reut.rs/3v6JGmz>) Story adopted by 69 media outlets worldwide.

“Københavnsk forskningsforsøg med virtual reality mod vaccineskepsis trækker internationale overskrifter.”
TV2 Lorry, June 2021. (<https://bit.ly/3aiXVNU>)

“Investigating the power of group think”. MIT News, November 2019. (<https://bit.ly/3P3jIaX>)

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 reviewer for Journal of Politics, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Environmental Politics and Scientific Reports

Received MIT Graduate Women of Excellence Award for contributions to gender equality in the MIT community