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EDUCATION

PhD	2004	Political Science	University of Rochester
MA	2000	Political Science	University of Rochester
M.Sc.	1995	Comparative Politics	London School of Economics
B.A.	1994	History and Political Science	Trinity College, Dublin
MA	2020	Master in Arts (<i>jure officii</i>)	Trinity College, Dublin

Continual Professional Development

2020-2022	Irish Universities Association Executive Leadership Programme (Advance HE)
2015-2016	Executive leadership and coaching (Parity)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2019-2024	Dean, Faculty Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Trinity College, Dublin
2015-2019	Head of School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Trinity College, Dublin
2013-2015	Head of Dept. of Political Science, Trinity College, Dublin
2012-	Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Trinity College, Dublin
2005-2011	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Trinity College, Dublin
2008-2009	Jean Monnet Fellow, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
2002- 2005	Broad Curriculum Lecturer, Dept. of Political Science, Trinity College, Dublin
2001	Instructor, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming	'The Presidential Election of 2025' in <i>The Irish Presidency; Power, Ceremony and Politics</i> , John Coakley and Kevin Rafter eds.
2025	'Policy Space and Party Competition' in M. Gallagher et al (eds.) <i>How Ireland Voted 2024</i> , pp. 99-121. Springer International Publishing. With Stefan Müller.
2022	Who wants women to run? an investigation of gender differences in patterns of support among Irish local election candidates. <i>Irish Political Studies</i> (2022): 1-22.
2022	Voter expectations of government formation in coalition systems: The importance of the information context. <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> , 61(1), 111-133. With Shaun Bowler and Stefan Müller

- 2021 The evolving nature of the Irish policy space. In *How Ireland Voted 2020*. Springer International Publishing, 2020, pp 255-273. With Lisa Keenan.
- 2020 Campaigns and the Selection of Policy-seeking Representatives, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 45(3) 397-431. With Shaun Bowler and Stefan Müller.
- 2018 Voter preferences and party loyalty under cumulative voting: Political behaviour after electoral reform in Bremen and Hamburg. *Electoral Studies*, 51, 93-102. With Shaun Bowler and Stefan Müller.
- 2018 'The Impact of Gender Quotas on Voting Behaviour in 2016' in Marsh et al the *Post Crisis Irish Voter*. Manchester University Press.
- 2017 *A Conservative Revolution?: Electoral change in 21st century Ireland* (ed.). Oxford University Press. With Michael Marsh and David Farrell.
- 2017 'Party Competition in Ireland' In *A Conservative Revolution?: Electoral Change in Twenty-First Century Ireland*, pp. 61-82.
- 2017 'Who supports gender quotas in Ireland?', *Irish Political Studies* 32, no. 3 (2017): 382-403. With Lisa Keenan
- 2017 'Introduction: The 2011 Election in Context' in, editor(s) Michael Marsh, David Farrell and Gail McElroy , *A Conservative Revolution?: Electoral Change in 21st Century Ireland*, 2017, pp 1 – 10.
- 2016 'Voting Behaviour: Continuing De-alignment'. *How Ireland Voted 2016*. Springer International Publishing, 2016, pp. 159-184.
- 2015 Political Group Cohesion and 'Hurrah' Voting in the European Parliament. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 22(9), 1355-1365 (With Shaun Bowler)
- 2012 Policy Positioning in the European Parliament. *European Union Politics* (With Ken Benoit). 13, (1), 2012,p 150-167.
- 2011 Electing Women to the Dáil: Gender Cues and the Irish Voter. *Irish Political Studies*, with Michael Marsh. Vol 26 (4), 2011, p521 - 534
- 2010 'Candidate Gender and Voter Choice: Analysis from a Multi-Member Preferential Voting System', with Michael Marsh. *Political Research Quarterly*. 63, (4), 2010, p822 - 833.
- 2010 'The Appointment of Rapporteurs in the European Parliament', with Antoine Yoshinaka and Shaun Bowler. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.
- 2010 'Party Policy and Group Affiliation in the European Parliament', with Kenneth Benoit. *British Journal of Political Science*. 40(2) , p377 – 398.

- 2010 'Dodgy kebabs everywhere? Variety of Worldviews and Regulatory Change', with Martin Lodge and Kai Wegrich. *Public Administration*, 88, (1):247-266.
- 2009 Intra-Party Politics at the Transnational Level: party switching in the European Parliament in, editor(s) Kenneth Benoit and Danilla Gianetti, *Intra-Party Politics and Coalition Governments*, New York, Routledge,
- 2008 'Committees and Party Cohesion in the European Parliament', *Osterreichische Zeitschrift fuer Politwissenschaft*, 37(3):357-373.
- 2008 Individual MEPs and Party Switching in the European Parliament', in Daniela Giannetti and K. Benoit 'Intra-Party Politics And Coalition Governments In Parliamentary Democracies', pp.205-226. London: Routledge.
- 2007 'Legislative Politics as Normal? Voting Behaviour and Beyond in the European Parliament', *European Union Politics*, 8(3): 433-48.
- 2007 'Party Groups and Policy Positions in the European Parliament', *Party Politics*, 13(1): 5-28, (with Kenneth Benoit).
- 2007 'The Opinion Polls and the Election', in eds. Michael Gallagher and Michael Marsh. *How Ireland Voted 2007*, pp.132-147. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, (with Michael Marsh).
- 2007 'Legislative Politics', in eds. Knud Erik Jorgensen, Mark Pollack, Ben J Rosamond, *Handbook of European Union Politics*, pp.175-195. Thousand Oaks: SAGE.
- 2006 'Committee Representation in the European Parliament', *European Union Politics*, 7(1): 5-29.
- 2003 'Why the Opinion Polls Got it Wrong in 2002', editor(s) Michael Gallagher, Michael Marsh and Paul Mitchell. *How Ireland Voted 2002*, pp159 – 176. Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan, (with Michael Marsh).

Other Publications/Opinion Pieces/Outputs

- 2025 Ireland's presidential election race now down to two women.
The Conversation, October 22, 2025
- 2024 Why Ireland's government was one of the few worldwide to be re-elected this year. *The Conversation*, December 4, 2024
- 2024 Centre holds as FF and FG preferred by majority in stable economic situation, *Irish Times*, December 2, 2024
- 2024 Exit Polls - what are they and how do they work? *RTÉ Digital*

- 2020 'Irish election: Sinn Féin's surge signals a precarious path ahead'. *The Conversation*, February 10, 2020
- 2019 Curator, 'Drawing Your Attention; Four Centuries of Political Caricature', Exhibition, Long Room, Trinity College Dublin June-July 2019
- 2019 'Ireland: Leo Varadkar's coalition government holds remarkably stable in face of Brexit'. *The Conversation*, February 1, 2019
- 2017 'Brexit: The View from Dublin'. *Europe's World*. 19/5/2017.
- 2013 Review of 'The European Parliament's Committees: National Party Influence and Legislative Empowerment' by Richard Whittaker. *West European Politics* 36 (1):295-296
- 2011 Review of "Democracy within Parties: Candidate Selection Methods and Their Political Consequences." *West European Politics* 34(6): 1314-1315.
- 2010 Review of 'Quotas for Women in Politics: Gender and Candidate Selection Reform Worldwide' by Mona Krook. *West European Politics* 33(2):403-404.
- 2005 Le Parlement Européen, in editor(s) Yves Deloye and Michael Bruter, *Dictionnaire des Elections Européennes*. Paris: Economica, pp.503-512. Republished in English (2007) *Encyclopaedia of European Elections*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2004 Review of 'The Scottish parliament: A Scandinavian Style Assembly?' by David Arter. *West European Politics* 27(5): 975-976.
- 2002 Review of 'Altering party systems: Strategic Behavior and the Emergence of new Political Parties in Western Democracies' by Simon Hug. *Journal of Politics*. 64(4):1228-1229
- 1995 'Ireland', *Irish Political Studies*, Vol. 11 1996, pp.213-308 (with M.Marsh, R. Wilford and S.King).

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2025 Visiting Fellow, FORS, University of Lausanne
- 2024 Visiting Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, Toulouse School of Economics
- 2020 Masters in Arts, *Jure Officii*, Trinity College, Dublin
- 2011 Best Paper Award (published in 2010), *Political Research Quarterly*
- 2011 Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin.
- 2008 Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute
- 2005 Carl Albert Best Dissertation Award, Legislative Studies Section, APSA
- 2004 Ghita Ionescu Scholarship for the Study of Comparative Politics
- 2004 Honourable Mention, European Politics & Society (APSA) Best Dissertation Award
- 2000 Richard F. Fenno Jr. Award, University of Rochester.
- 1998 Excellence in Teaching, Graduate Student Award, University of Rochester
- 1996 Fulbright Scholar
- 1994 Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Chevening Scholarship

1992 Trinity College Dublin, Foundation Scholar

FUNDED GRANTS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2016-2018 Principal Investigator. COHESIFY: The Impact of Cohesion Policy on EU Identity. *European Commission* (H2020) (€1.6 million)
- 2015 Principal Investigator. Gender and legislative debate in Ireland: When and what female TDs talk about. *Irish Research Council*, New Foundations Award (€5,000).
- 2012-13 Principal Investigator, 'Where are all the Women? The Gender Gap in Political Ambition in the Republic of Ireland'. *Irish Research Council* (€99,936)
- 2008-2011 Principal Investigator, *European Science Foundation* and Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences, 'Representation in Europe: Policy Congruence between Citizens and Elites' (Total €700,000, IRCHSS contribution €85,000).
- 2002-2011 Associate PI, Irish National Election Study, (various funding agencies: IRCHSS, HEA, NDEP). Total c.€450,000.
- 2004-2007 Principal Investigator, 'The Globalisation of Party Competition', Institute for International Integration Studies (€165,000).
- 2004-2006 Associate PI, 'Legislative Party Switching', National Science Foundation (\$200,000).
- 2002-2004 Legislative Committees in Comparative Perspective, TCD Start Up Fund (€6,600)
- 2004 Trinity College Dublin, Arts and Social Science Benefaction Fund. (€1600).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses

Comparative Politics, Lecture Class
 European Union Politics, Lecture Class
 West European Politics, Lecture Class
 Comparative Political Institutions, Seminar
 European Public Policy, Seminar
 BA Thesis Research, Seminar

Postgraduate Courses

Government Institutions, Masters Seminar
 Research Design in Political Science, PhD Seminar
 Advanced Statistical Methods, PhD Lecture Class
 Topics in Political Science, PhD Seminar

Other Research Training And Experience

Beijing Foreign Studies University, Summer School, July 23-August 5, 2018.
Course Director and Instructor, Certificate in Legislative and Parliamentary Studies for Senior Managers, Joint Houses of the Oireachtas (Irish Parliament). 2009-2012
EPIC (The European Policy Information Centre) Summer School, 'New Developments In The European Union'. September 19- 22, 2010". Hvar, Croatia.
Summer School on Analytical Politics, Institute for Political Science, Zurich, Switzerland, September, 2006.

University/Departmental Service

PhD Dissertations, Primary Supervisor, TCD.

Rory Costello (2009, IRC funded, Senior Lecturer, University of Limerick)
Leonardo Baccini (2009, IRC funded, Professor, McGill University)
Adriana Bunea (2012, IRC funded, Professor University of Bergen)
Raimondas Ibenskas (2012, IRC funded, Professor University of Bergen)
Caroline McEvoy (2013, IRC funded, Technical Writer, Xtremepush)
Laura Flannelly (2015, IRC funded, Senior Statistician, Central Statistics Office, Ireland)
Stephen Erskine (2016, IRC funded, Researcher, Insight Statistical Consulting)
Miriam Sorace (2016, IRC funded, Associate Professor, University of Reading)
Lisa Keenan (2017, Grattan Scholar, Assistant Professor, TCD)
Liam Kneafsey (2018, IRC funded, Assistant Professor TCD)
Stefan Mueller (2019, IRC funded, Associate Professor, University College, Dublin)
Juliane Wesselmann (ongoing).
Sarah Magdhis (ongoing).

External Examiner PhD Theses

Andrea Aldrich (2015, University of Pittsburgh)
Silje Hermansen (2017, University of Oslo).

University Administration

Dean of Faculty 2019-2024
University Council 2019-2024
University Safety Committee 2019-2024
University Risk Committee 2019-2024
University Finance Committee 2023-2024
University Quality Committee 2019-2024
University Planning Group and Executive Officers Group 2019-2024
University Athena Swan Committee 2019-2024
Continuity of Learning and Student Activities Working Group 2020-2022
Trinity Living with Covid Group 2020-2022
Trinity Futures Group 2020-2021
Postgraduate Renewal Committee 2021-2024
Board Member The Lir, National Academy of Dramatic Arts 2019-2024
University Library and Information Policy Committee 2019-2023
Senior Academic Promotions Committee 2014, 2019-2024
Junior Academic Promotions Committee 2019-2024

Head of School of Social Sciences and Philosophy 2015-2019
Head of Department of Political Science, 2013-15
Chair of Financial Information Systems Transition Committee, 2017-2019
Chair of University Procurement Committee 2016-2019
Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) School of Social Sciences, 2007-2008.
2010-2012.
Course Director, Politics, Philosophy, Economics and Sociology, 2014
Member of FECF steering group (Finance sub-committee) of the University, 2012
Course Co-ordinator, History & Political Science, Philosophy & Political Science, 2009-
Departmental Exams Co-ordinator, 2007-2008, 2009-2010.
Undergraduate Tutor, 2004-2011
Postgraduate Coordinator, Dept. of Political Science, 2005-2007.
Director of Postgraduate Admissions, Dept. of Political Science. 2005-2006.
Foundation Scholarship Committee, 2005-2008.
Mature Students Admission Committee, 2004.
Seminar Series Organiser, Dept. of Political Science 2003-2005.
Business, Economics and Social Studies, Open Day Committee, 2002-2004.

Discipline/Societal Service

Irish Political Studies, Best Article Prize Committee, 2025
Theodore Lowi Committee, Best First Book Award, American Political Science
Association/International Political Science Association. 2025.
National Electoral and Democracy Survey, Management Board. The Irish Electoral
Commission (An Coimisiún Toghcháin) , 2023-
Comparative Candidate Study, Chair of Steering Committee, 2024-2030
Comparative Candidate Study, Chair of the Questionnaire Development Committee (round
IV), 2023-2024,
Scientific Advisory Board, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna 2023-2027
Panel Member/Deputy-Chair, European Research Council, Starter Grants (SH2), 2020, 2022,
2024
External Reviewer, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Toronto 2023
Consortium for National Election Studies, Irish Delegate
Comparative Candidate Study, Irish Principal Investigator
External Reviewer, Lithuanian Research Council, 2017, 2020.
External Assessor, Chair Appointment, University of Durham, 2020
Programme Co-Chair, European Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2019
External Assessor, Swedish Research Council, Infrastructural Grants, 2019
External Assessor, Department of Government University College Cork, 2017
Vice-President of the Political Studies Association of Ireland 2016-2019
Member of Council of the European Political Science Association 2015-2018
External Assessor and Chair of Panel, Social Sciences Review (Law, Sociology, Psychology and
Political Science), Ministry of Education and Science, Lithuania. 2015.
External Assessor, Department of Politics and Public Policy University of Strathclyde, June
2014.
European Social Survey, National Steering Committee, 2012-2015
Chair of the American Political Science Association International Committee, 2011-14
Member of the Rosenthal Prize Committee, 2012. Legislative Studies Section of APSA

Associate PI, Irish National Election Study, 2007, 2011, 2016.

Chair, Legislative Studies Section, APSA, Best Dissertation Award, 2007.

Editorial Boards

Editorial Board, *European Union Politics* 2007-present

Editorial Board, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2009-2012

Editorial Board, *Political Science Research and Methods*, 2012-present

Editorial Board, *British Journal of Political Science*, 2013- present

Editorial Board, *Irish Political Studies*, 2015- 2023

Editorial Board, *Political Studies Review*, 2017- present

Conference Section Chair

European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, Potsdam, Germany, September 10-12th, 2009.

Section Chair, Comparative Industrialized Democracies, American Political Science Association 2012.

Section Chair, Legislative Studies, American Political Science Association 2013.

Section Chair, European Politics, European Political Science Association, 2014

Section Chair, European Politics & Legislative Studies, European Political Science Association, 2019

External Reviewer Government Agencies/Science Foundations

Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (Catalonia)

European Research Council

European Science Foundation

Economic and Social Research Council (UK)

Independent Research Fund Denmark

Lithuanian Research Council

Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research

National Science Centre, Poland.

Romanian Research Council

Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Belgium

Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre (Mosta), Lithuania

Slovak Research and Development Agency

Swedish Research Council

Reviewer:

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, European Union Politics, European Integration Online Papers, European Journal of Political Research, Foreign Policy Analysis, Gender and Politics, German Politics, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Legislative Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behaviour, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies Review, Public Administration, Public Choice, Review of International Organizations, West European Politics.

COLLOQUIA/ INVITED TALKS (Selected)

May 2025	National Election and Democracy Study Stakeholder Event, Dublin, Ireland.
January 2025	National Economic and Social Council, Dublin Ireland.
April 2019	Coimbra Group Lectures: Narratives of Europe, Narratives for Europe, University of Köln
July 2018	Belt & Road Initiative and Intercultural Communication, Beijing Foreign Studies University
January 2018	Votáil 100, Royal Irish Academy.
May 2017	IBEI Business School, Madrid
October 2015	University of Pittsburgh
June 2014	Expert Witness, European Affairs Committee, Houses of the Oireachtas (Irish Parliament). Topic: European Elections Outcome.
28 May 2014,	Outcome of the 2014 European Parliament elections: What's different?" European Parliament Offices, Dublin.
20 Nov 2013	Department of Law and Government, Dublin City, University
3 July 2013	'Women for Elections'.
4 June 2013	Women in Irish Politics, The Policy Institute Public Lecture Series, Dublin
16/17 Feb 2013	Expert Speaker, Constitutional Convention, Ireland, Women in Politics and Public life.
November 6, 2012	Waitress Moms, Soccer Moms, Security Moms: Why do women decide the US President? US Embassy Election Night Coverage, Guinness Storehouse, Dublin.
14 March 2012	Dept. of Politics and Public Administration, University of Limerick.
Sept.15, 2011,	Democracy Day, Dáil Éireann. Presentation of results of the Irish National Election Study 2011 (with Michael Marsh).
May 2011	Anglo-German State of the State Conference, Oxford University.
March 12, 2010	European Parliament Offices, Dublin
March 4, 2009	Dept. of Political & Social Sciences, European University Institute
November 2007	'The Post-Enlargement European Union', Charles University, Prague
July 11, 2007	Department of Politics and Management, University of Konstanz
April 3, 2006	Department of Political Science, University of Rochester, New York
February 10, 2006	Nuffield College, Oxford University, UK
July 7-9, 2005	Institute for Political Science, University of Tübingen, Germany
December 8, 2004	Department of Law and Government, Dublin City, University

Media Engagement- Selection

Ireland: **RTÉ TV-** Primetime, The Week in Politics, Exit Poll General Election, 2024. General Election 2024 Count Show.
RTÉ Radio: Marian Finucane Show, Today with Séan O'Rourke, Drivetime, Morning Ireland, This Week.
Newstalk: Séan Moncrieff Show
Newspapers: The Irish Times, The Journal, The Independent

International:

TV Sky News, ORF, BBC, ABC Australia, Euronews, ITV News, CGTN, Česká televize, Radiotelevisione Svizzera , NRK (Norway)

Radio- Bloomberg Westminster, Radio France, PRX, Radio Sputnik, BBC Wales, BBC Ulster, Catalunya Radio, France Culture, NRK (Norway), Times Radio, Radio Berria (Basque), BBC Northern Ireland

Newspapers: The Guardian, The New York Times, Washington Post, The Financial Times, The Times, Globe and Mail, Le Soir, der Spiegel, Frankfurter Allgemeine, El Pais, Le Monde, Suddeutsche Zeitung, Publico (Portugal), Helsingin Sanomat (Finland), La Presse, Liberation, Corierr della Sera, l'Opinion, Ouest France, Tagespiegel, Il Post (Italy), Liberation (France)

News Agencies: Agence France Presse, Reuters, Associated Press, Austria Presse Agentur, Agencia EFE.