

Bijean Ghafouri

RESEARCH INTERESTS	Computational social science, Political behavior, Social media and Political communication	
EDUCATION	University of Southern California , Los Angeles, CA Ph.D., Political Science Fields: American politics, Quantitative methods, Data science	2020 -
	Université de Montréal , Montreal, Quebec, Canada BSc. (Hon.), Political Science	2017-2020
EXTERNAL METHODS TRAINING	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Digital Trace Data, Text analysis, Network analysis, Machine learning	2021
	Université Catholique de Louvain , Belgium Computational Text Analysis	2019
	ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods , Ann Arbor, MI Machine Learning for Social Scientists, Regression II	2019
GRADUATE COURSEWORK	2020-2021: Machine Learning for social scientists, Research Design, Experiments in Political science, Field experiments in Economics, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, American Politics I 2021-2022: Neuro-economics, Computational social science, American Politics II, Political behavior, Political theory, Bayesian statistics	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	Member, Machine Intelligence and Data Science (MINDS) group, USC Fellow, Center for Data Science, American University Member, Canada Research Chair in Electoral Democracy	2020 2019

WORKING
PAPERS

1. **Ghafouri, Bijean.** “The empirical implications of cumulative persuasion for behavior adoption modeling.”
2. **Ghafouri, Bijean.** “Political extremism and issue polarization”
3. Wang, Ryan and **Bijean Ghafouri.** “Political diversity in new media: A dataset of political Tiktoks during the 2020 US Presidential Election.”
4. **Ghafouri, Bijean.** “Revisiting opinion formation: The role of political extremists in electoral campaigns and political learning.”
5. **Ghafouri, Bijean.** “The behavioral foundations of donations in politics.”

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) 2020

AWARDS AND
GRANTS

Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC) 2021–25
Research fellowship awarded by the Government of Quebec to 300 students across all social sciences

Provost Fellowship, University of Southern California 2020–25
Graduate fellowship awarded to 100 outstanding Ph.D. students across all departments

Research Grant, University of Southern California (\$2500) 2021

Fulbright - Killam Fellowship (\$5000) 2019-2020
Awarded annually to 15 outstanding students across Canada

Travel Grant - Walter Beach Award - SPSA (\$1000) 2020

Travel Grant - Computational Text Analysis Workshop, UCLouvain (\$1500) 2019

Dean’s List of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Université de Montréal 2017-2019