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Education

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
PhD in Political Science

Sep 2024 – Ongoing

- Developing a thesis with the aid of advanced statistical techniques on the causes and consequences of party position shifts using both cross-national, longitudinal data, and experimental survey research.

University College Dublin, Ireland
MSc in Politics & Data Science

Sep 2022 – Aug 2023
First-Class Honours

University College Dublin, Ireland
BA in Politics & International Relations

Sep 2017 – May 2021
First-Class Honours

Research

Under Review

- McClenaghan, Jamie. 2026. “*Say It Like You Mean It*: The Varied Effects of Emphasis- and Opinion-Based Change on Voter Behaviour”.

In Progress

- McClenaghan, Jamie. 2026. “*Democrats Through a Mirror, Darkly*: Variation in Voter Evaluations of Independent U.S. Senate Candidates”. Working paper.

Projects

Irish Political Policy Document Database, Dublin, Ireland
Project Manager

May 2023 – Nov 2023

- Compiled, manually coded, and created R package for policy papers of Irish political parties (2011–2023).

Book Contributions

- 2025. “Appendix”, in: Michael Gallagher, Theresa Reidy, and Eoin O’Malley (eds.): *How Ireland Voted 2024: The New Normal?* Palgrave Macmillan.

Teaching Experience

Acted as Head Teaching Assistant for all modules taught;

Irish Politics A; POU33021
Trinity College Dublin

Sep 2024 – Dec 2024

Irish Politics B; POU33032
Trinity College Dublin

Jan 2025 – May 2025

Research Methods for Political Science A; POU33011
Trinity College Dublin

Sep 2025 – Dec 2025

Comparative Politics B; POU22032
Trinity College Dublin

Jan 2026 – May 2026

Political Participation & Mobilisation; POU33231
Trinity College Dublin

Sep 2026 – Dec 2026

Skills

- **Research:** Causal Inference, Quantitative Text Analysis, Experiments, Interview Methods, Large Language Model Classification, Machine Learning, Multilevel Models, Panel Data, Quasi-Experiments, Surveys, Web Scraping
- **Technical:** BERT, CSS, Git, GPT, HTML, L^AT_EX, Markdown, Ollama, Prolific, Python, Qualtrics, R, SPSS, Stata, Word2Vec
- **Languages:** English (Native), Irish (Native), French (Intermediate)

Research Presentations

- “The consequences of varied party shifts on voters”. 2025. Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAI) Annual Conference. Galway, Ireland.
- “Voting Behaviour and Variation in Party Policy Movement: Evidence from Observational Data”. 2026. TCD Political Science Friday Seminar. Dublin, Ireland.

Funding/Awards

- **Department of Political Science PhD Scholarship**, Trinity College Dublin *September 2024*
€19,000 annually
- **Event Participation Grant**, UK in a Changing Europe (UKICE) *April 2025*
£500
- **Event Participation Grant**, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) *August 2025*
€500
- **Conference Inclusion Scheme – Domestic Award**, Political Studies Association of Ireland *October 2025*
€300
- **Professor Ron Johnston Methodological Training Award**, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties *June 2026*
€420

Service

Ad-hoc Reviewer

Electoral Studies

References

Available upon request