

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.** Political Science — *Anticipated Graduation: June 2027*  
Western Michigan University  
*Specialization: American Politics & Comparative Politics*

**Dissertation Title:** “Beyond the Ballot: Unraveling the Complexities of Young Adults’ Political Participation in Contemporary U.S. Politics”

**Committee:** Peter Wielhouwer, Ph.D., Chair; Lee Jongho, Ph.D.; Mark Hurwitz, Ph.D.; John Clark, Ph.D.; Jared McDonald, Ph.D.

**M.A.** Political Science — 2026  
Western Michigan University  
*Specialization: American Politics & Comparative Politics*

**M.A.** Political Science — 2020  
Western Illinois University  
*Specialization: Public Policy & Public Administration*

**B.A.** Political Science & Philosophy — 2018  
Augustana College

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Western Michigan University**, Kalamazoo, MI *June 2023-May 2026*  
**Instructor of Record**, Department of Political Science  
*Course: American National Government*

- Designed and independently taught undergraduate American National Government in both in-person and an online format, developing course materials, lectures, assessments, and discussion activities for classes of up to 30 students.
- Emphasized active learning through class discussions and discussion boards, writing assignments, and timely feedback while maintaining an inclusive learning environment.

**Western Michigan University**, Kalamazoo, MI *January 2022-December 2023*  
**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Political Science  
*Courses: American National Government; Data in Politics & Policy; Politics of Congress; Ancient Political Thought*

- Provided general assistance to faculty members with course preparation and class facilitation in class sizes of 21-73 students and in online and in-person modalities.
- Familiarized students with the utilization of Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) to analyze and interpret survey data from over 10,000 respondents.

**Black Hawk College, Moline, IL**  
**Adjunct Instructor**

*Course: English as a Learned Language (ELL)*

- Designed and taught English language instruction for adult learners from diverse immigrant backgrounds in classes of up to 20 students.
- Developed interactive lessons emphasizing reading, writing, listening, and speaking through collaborative activities and applied learning.

**Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL**

*August 2019-December 2020*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Political Science

*Courses: American Government and Politics; Introduction to Public Administration; Political Research & Analysis*

- Assisted instructor through discussion facilitation, grading, office hours, and classroom activities in undergraduate political science courses.
- Supported research methods instruction by incorporating SPSS into assignments and assisting with quantitative demonstrations.

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**TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

American Politics; Voting & Political Behavior; Campaigns & Elections; Public Policy; U.S. Congress; Political Methodology; Political Parties; Presidency.

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**MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

**Eletu, N., & Wielhouwer, P.** (Work in Progress). "A New Civic Repertoire: Young Adults and Unconventional Political Participation."

**Eletu, N., & Girman, M.** (Work in Progress). "Voting Against: Out-Party Dislike and the Likelihood of Electoral Participation in the U.S. Presidential Elections."

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**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Eletu, N., & Wielhouwer, P.** (September 2026). "A New Civic Repertoire: Young Adults and Unconventional Political Participation." Paper to be presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA.

**Eletu, N., & Wielhouwer, P.** (April 2026). "From Protests to Boycotts: Young Americans' Unconventional Participation in 2024 Presidential Election." Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

**Eletu, N.** (January 2026). "From Apathy to Activism: Reconceptualizing Political Participation Among Young Americans (ages 18-29)." Paper presented at the Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Eletu, N., & Olawepo, O.** (January 2026). "Guardians or Saboteurs? Unpacking Electoral Fraud and Elite Power in Nigeria's Democracy." Paper presented at the Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Eletu, N.** (April 2025). “Beyond the Ballot: Understanding the Nuances of Young Adults’ Political Participation in Modern U.S. Politics.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

**Eletu, N., & Olawepo, O.** (April 2025). “Democracy Under Siege: A Case Study of Electoral Fraud in Nigeria.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

**Eletu, N.** (January 2025). “Beyond the Ballot: Understanding the Nuances of Young Adults’ Political Participation in Modern U.S. Politics.” Paper presented at the Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Eletu, N., & Olawepo, O.** (October 2024). “Democracy Under Siege: A Case Study of Electoral Fraud in Nigeria.” Paper presented at the Annual Michigan Political Science Association Conference, Saginaw, MI.

**Eletu, N.** (April 2024). “Immigration in North America: A Comparative Study of American and Canadian Policy Choices.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

**Eletu, N.** (October 2023). “Immigration in North America: A Comparative Study of American and Canadian Policy Choices.” Paper presented at the Annual Michigan Political Science Association Conference, Flint, MI.

#### INVITED LECTURES & TALKS

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“Reconceptualizing Political Participation among Young Americans (Ages 18-29).” Constitution Day talk sponsored by The Institute of Government and Politics and the Department of Political Science at Western Michigan University, September 17, 2025

#### AWARDS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| <b>Dissertation Fellowship</b> , Western Michigan University                | <i>Present</i>               |
| <b>Research and Creative Activities Award</b> , Western Michigan University | <i>Spring 2026</i>           |
| <b>John Borsos Scholarship</b> , Western Michigan University                | <i>Fall 2021, 2024, 2026</i> |
| <b>Registrar</b> , Southern Political Science Association                   | <i>Spring 2025, 2026</i>     |
| <b>Graduate Research Award</b> , Western Michigan University                | <i>Summer 2025</i>           |
| <b>Three Minute Thesis</b> , Western Michigan University                    | <i>Spring 2025</i>           |
| <b>Whitmer Certification Grant</b> , Western Michigan University            | <i>Summer 2024</i>           |
| <b>Z.D. Shilling Scholarship</b> , Western Michigan University              | <i>Spring 2023</i>           |
| <b>Graduate College Welcome Scholarship</b> , Western Michigan University   | <i>Fall 2021</i>             |

#### SERVICE

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| <b>Advanced Placement (AP) Reader</b> , The College Board                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | May 2025; June 2026 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluated AP United States Government and Politics free-response examinations using standardized national scoring rubrics.</li><li>Collaborated with AP teachers and college faculty nationwide to discuss best practices and improve assessment strategies.</li></ul> |                     |

### Conference Service

- Panel Chair & Discussant, Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2025, 2024.
- Panel Chair, Annual Southern Political Science Conference (SPSA), 2025.

### Editor, *The Hilltop Review*, Western Michigan University *September 2024–April 2025*

- Served on the editorial team for Western Michigan University's interdisciplinary graduate student journal.
- Oversaw stages of the publication process from submission through final publication.

### ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS TRAINING

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**Statistical Methods Training Program** at Inter-University Consortium for Political Science and Social Research, University of Michigan (2024): completed coursework in Introduction to R, Mathematics for Social Scientists, Maximum Likelihood Estimation I, Data Visualization, Introduction to Time Series and Panel Data Analysis, and Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methodology.

**The Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Certification** for the ICPSR Summer Program at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan (2024): certified in Maximum Likelihood Estimation I.

### SKILLS

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**Software:** proficient in Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) and R-Studio.

**Course Design:** developing course materials in various management learning systems including Desire2Learn (D2L)/Brightspace and Google Classroom.

**Language:** Yoruba (Native) & English (Fluent)

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| • American Political Science Association (APSA)                 | <i>2025–Present</i> |
| • Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)                 | <i>2025–Present</i> |
| • Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)                  | <i>2023–Present</i> |
| • Pi Sigma Alpha – The National Political Science Honor Society | <i>2023–Present</i> |
| • Academic Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi                          | <i>2020–Present</i> |
| • The National Society of Leadership and Success                | <i>2020–Present</i> |