

# Dr. Stephanie N. Shady

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## Research Interests

Migration, national identity, religion, political psychology and behavior, party politics, European and U.S. politics, United Nations

## Academic Appointments

**Academic Coordinator**, Washington University in St. Louis  
Global Studies Program, MO, USA 2026-

**Lecturer**, Washington University in St. Louis 2023-2026  
Department of Political Science, MO, USA

**Visiting Assistant Professor**, American University of Sharjah 2022-2023  
Department of International Studies, United Arab Emirates

## Education

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** Chapel Hill, NC, USA  
*Ph.D., Political Science* 2022

**Dissertation:** "Heaven Is a Place on Earth: Religion and the Politics of Territorial Belonging"

Committee: Dr. Gary Marks (Chair), Dr. Pamela Johnston Conover, Dr. Jacqueline Hagan, Dr. Liesbet Hooghe, Dr. Milada Vachudova

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** Chapel Hill, NC, USA  
*M.A., Political Science* 2018

**Thesis:** "Divided We Blur: Internal Party Dynamics and Position Clarity"

Committee: Dr. Gary Marks (Chair), Dr. Liesbet Hooghe, Dr. Rahsaan Maxwell  
James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Masters Research (dept. award)

**Texas Christian University** Fort Worth, TX, USA  
*B.S., Political Science, and B.A., Spanish and Hispanic Studies* 2016

Minors: Economics, French

Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa (2015), John V. Roach Honors College

**La Universidad Pablo de Olavide** Seville, Spain  
TCU in Seville Semester Study Abroad Program 2015

## Publications

### Peer-reviewed articles

**Division on the Christian Right: Conservative Pastors and the Use of Force.** 2024

Stephanie N. Shady, Liesbet Hooghe, and Gary Marks.  
*Politics and Religion*, 17(3): 367-388.

**Religion Policy and Subnational Identity Construction in Alsace-Moselle, France, and Catalonia, Spain.** 2023

Stephanie N. Shady. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 30(10): 2191-2227.

- Territory and the Divine: The Intersection of Religion and National Identity.** 2022  
Stephanie N. Shady. *West European Politics*, 45(4): 744-766.
- A Pimp’s Game: A Rational Choice Approach to Understanding the Decisions of Sex Traffickers.** 2017  
Vanessa Bouché and Stephanie Shady. *Women and Criminal Justice*, 27(2): 91-108.
- Reviews**
- The Radical Mind: The Origins of Right-Wing Catholic and Protestant Coalition Building*** by Chelsea Ebin. 2025.  
Stephanie N. Shady. *Political Science Quarterly*, 140(3): 654-655.
- Educational materials**
- Comprehensive Immigration Reform, an Abandoned Goal in Favor of Enforcement Focus.** In press 2026  
Stephanie N. Shady. *Contemporary Cases in US Foreign Policy: From National Security to Human Security* (ed. Ralph Carter). 7th ed. Rowman and Littlefield.
- Conflict and Natural Resources.** 2023  
Stephanie N. Shady. *National Model United Nations 2023 Background Guide, General Assembly First Committee, Washington D.C., with Tobias Willms.*
- Comprehensive Immigration Reform, with Piecemeal Policymaking in the Meantime.** 2021  
Stephanie N. Shady. *Contemporary Cases in US Foreign Policy: From National Security to Human Security* (ed. Ralph Carter). 6th ed. Rowman and Littlefield.
- Committee Overview.** 2019  
Stephanie N. Shady. *National Model United Nations 2020 Background Guide, UN Population Fund, New York, with Alexis Evans and Melissa Salgado.*
- Strengthening the Capacity of Refugee Resettlement Countries.** 2018  
Stephanie N. Shady. *National Model United Nations 2019 Background Guide, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, New York, with Alejandro Borja, Claire Molk, and Melissa Salgado.*
- Committee Overview.** 2017  
Stephanie N. Shady. *National Model United Nations 2018 Background Guide, Economic and Social Council, New York, with Michael Oyakojo, Aiskell Roman, and Zachery Stuebs.*
- Addressing the Issue of Migration in Libya.** 2017  
Diego Padillo Mata and Stephanie N. Shady. *National Model United Nations 2018 Background Guide, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, New York, with Marilyn Obesaki, Yannick Stiller, and Michael Valdivieso.*

**Women's Economic Empowerment in a Changing World of Work.** 2017  
Stephanie N. Shady. *National Model United Nations 2017 Background Guide Update, Commission for the Status of Women, New York, with Kiki Bouwmans, Adrian Hassler, and Lidia Marseglia.*

**Enhancing Women's Role in Peace Processing and Political Transition.** 2016  
Stephanie N. Shady. *National Model United Nations 2017 Background Guide, Commission for the Status of Women, New York, with Kiki Bouwmans, Adrian Hassler, and Lidia Marseglia.*

## Research experience and training

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
Co-Investigator, with Drs. Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks 2021-2022  
Moral Underpinnings of Political Change  
European Research Council Grant 885026

Research Assistant, Drs. Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks 2019-2020  
[Chapel Hill Expert Survey \(CHES\)](#)

Research Assistant, Dr. Stephen Gent 2016-2017  
Collected qualitative data on the geopolitics of natural resources in the North and Black Seas

**Syracuse University**  
The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research 2021

**Queen's University Belfast**  
Visiting Research Associate May 2019  
Department of Irish Studies

**Texas Christian University**  
Research Assistant, Dr. Emily Farris 2016  
[Coded media sources to study the use of images in immigration coverage](#)

Research Assistant, Dr. Vanessa Bouché 2014-2016  
[Survey on the Use of Technology to Recruit, Groom, and Sell Domestic Minor Trafficking Victims](#)

## Teaching experience

**Washington University in St.Louis**  
**L32 4046: Forced Displacement and the Politics of Seeking Refuge**  
Spring 2024 (also 5046 for graduate students), Spring 2025, Spring 2026  
**L32 4228: Comparative Political Identities and Behavior**  
Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026  
**L32 3075 International Organizational Research**  
(travel to [National Model UN conference in New York](#))  
Spring 2025 (represented Sudan; 2 position paper awards),  
Spring 2026 (representing Jordan; Distinguished Delegation and 1 position paper award)  
**L32 3074 United Nations Institutions and Processes**  
Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Fall 2026

**IA 5100: Foundations in Social Science for International Affairs**

Fall 2026 (asynchronous online course in continuing education program)

**IA 5000: Process and Design of Research**

Fall 2025 (asynchronous online course in continuing education program)

**L32 4905 Research Design and Methods**

Fall 2024, Fall 2025

**L32 2102: Introduction to Migration Policy and Politics**

Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Fall 2025

**U32: Introduction to Migration Policy and Politics**

Summer 2025 (asynchronous online course in continuing education program)

**L32 4100: Fascism and the Far Right in Europe**

Fall 2023

**L32 4060: Senior Seminar: Religion, Politics, and Community**

Fall 2023

**L32 299: Internship in Political Science (faculty advisor)**

Fall 2024 (Noor Huda, ACLU Missouri), Fall 2025 (Moises Delgado, Rep. Eric Sorensen, IL-17)

**L32 413: Directed Research in Political Science**

- Spring 2024: Layla Zonouzy, interest groups and abortion policy framing strategies; Cela Lopez, youth political socialization
- Fall 2024: Cela Lopez, youth political socialization
- Fall 2025: Ian Gomez, Syrian refugee communities in Türkiye; Yoana Zamora Miranda, U.S. immigration policy memo writing
- Spring 2026: Matías Adroque and Alejandro Ballesteros, Mexico immigration policy data collection assistance; Yoana Zamora Miranda, co-authoring research on anti-ICE protests

**American University of Sharjah**

**INS 340: Fascism and the Populist Radical Right in Europe**

Spring 2023

**POL 201: Introduction to Political Studies**

Spring 2023, Fall 2022

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

**POL 239: Introduction to European Politics** (online, instructor)

Spring 2021, Fall 2020

**POL 255: International Migration and Citizenship Today** (instructor)

Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Summer 2018

**POL 788: Statistics and Data Analysis** (grader and tutor)

Fall 2018

**POL 130: Introduction to Comparative Politics** (teaching assistant)

Spring 2018

**POL 150: Introduction to World Politics** (teaching assistant)

Fall 2017

**Texas Christian University**

Model United Nations Head Delegate, 2013, 2016

Peer Tutor, Department of Modern Languages, French and Italian, 2014

## Teaching training

### Washington University in St. Louis

CEILE (Community for Exploration and Innovation in Learning Environments)  
Fall 2025-Spring 2026  
Association for Teaching, Research, and Practice Faculty (ATRAP) Reading  
Community: *Polished* on first generation and low-income students  
Fall 2025  
Course Design Institute and Continuing and Professional Studies (CAPS)  
Foundations courses  
Spring 2025  
Inclusive Writing and Reading Pedagogies Community of Practice of Faculty  
Fall 2024 - Spring 2025  
*Grading for Growth* Reading Group  
Spring 2024  
Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) Early Career Seminar  
Fall 2023  
CTL Teaching Triangles  
Fall 2023, Spring 2024  
CTL Workshop: Collaborative Learning  
17 August 2023  
Engage Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion 1: Community Commitments  
14 August 2023  
CTL: Course Design Institute, May 2023

### American University of Sharjah

Certificate in Teaching and Learning Excellence, Fall 2022

## Professional experience

### Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources

Contractor, air quality monitoring, St. Louis, MO 2026-

### National Model United Nations

Director, General Assembly First Committee, Washington, D.C. 2022-2023  
Director, UN Population Fund, New York (cancelled due to COVID) 2019-2020  
Director, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, New York 2018-2019  
Director, Economic and Social Council, New York 2017-2018  
Assistant Director, Commission on the Status of Women, New York 2016-2017

### Orange County Board of Elections, North Carolina

Precinct Official Assistant, municipal election 2021

### Center for European Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Program Assistant 2018-2019

## Grants and fellowships

**CEILE (Community for Exploration and Innovation in Learning Environments)**, WashU, 2000 USD for teaching purposes 2025-2026  
**Summer Graduate Support Program** 2022

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, UNC-Chapel Hill, 5000 USD  
+ summer tuition

**Uhlman Top-Up Award** 2016-2021

Department of Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill, 25,000 USD

**Jean Monnet Center of Excellence EU Summer Research Award** 2019

Center for European Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 3000 USD

	<b>NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates</b>	2015
	Department of Political Science, University of North Texas, 4000 USD	
	<b>Herman Brown Undergraduate Research Fellowship</b>	2014
	Department of Political Science, TCU, 500 USD	
<b>Conferences</b>	<b>Defending “A Nation of Immigrants,” Defending Democracy: Explaining Anti-ICE Protests in the Second Trump Administration.</b>	2026
	Stephanie N. Shady and Yoana Zamora Miranda. The Migration Conference. Bratislava, Slovakia.	
	<b>Migrant Inclusion Initiatives: Strategies and Consequences at the Regional Level.</b>	2025
	Stephanie N. Shady. European Union Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA.	
	<b>Re-centering Humans in Quantitative Social Sciences.</b>	2024
	Stephanie N. Shady. STL Political Science Pedagogy Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, MO.	
	<b>Christian Nationalism and Resistance to Humanitarianism: The Case of Refugee Resettlement. and Strategic Political Talk in Religious Contexts.</b>	2022
	Stephanie N. Shady. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD.	
	<b>Mensheviks, Bolsheviks, and the Divide on the Religious Right: Conservative Pastors and the Use of Force.</b>	2022
	Liesbet Hooghe, Gary Marks, and Stephanie N. Shady. Lessons of Post-Functionalism Conference, Robert Schuman Center, European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy.	
	<b>Religion Policy and Subnational Identity Construction: A Comparison of Catalonia, Spain, and Alsace-Moselle, France.</b>	2022
	Stephanie N. Shady. European Union Studies Association, Miami, FL.	
	<b>Religion Policy and Subnational Identity Construction: A Comparison of Catalonia, Spain, and Alsace-Moselle, France.</b>	2022
	Stephanie N. Shady. Europe: Consider It All! Conference, Center for European Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.	
	<b>Foreign Policy Analysis Distinguished Scholar Panel Honoring James M. Scott.</b>	2022
	James M. Scott, Jeff Pickering, Ralph G. Carter, A. Cooper Drury, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Yasemin Akbaba, Charles Rowling, and Stephanie N. Shady. International Studies Association, Nashville, TN.	
	<b>Territory and the Divine: The Intersection of Religion and National Identity.</b>	2019
	Stephanie N. Shady. Inaugural Thomas M. Carsey Graduate Student Symposium, UNC-Chapel Hill, NC.	
	<b>Research Mentoring for Undergraduate and MA Students.</b>	2018
	Ralph G. Carter, Clayton Thyne, James M. Scott, A. Cooper Drury,	

Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Laron Williams, Charles Rowling,  
Pearce Edwards, Stephanie Shady, and Molly Brennan.  
International Studies Association-Midwest, St.Louis, MO.

**Divided We Blur: Internal Party Dynamics and Position  
Clarity.** 2018

Stephanie N. Shady. Duke Workshop on Radical Party Challenges and  
Realignment in Advanced Democracies, Durham, NC.

**Europeanization and Tolerance of Immigrants.** 2016

Stephanie N. Shady. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

**A Pimp's Game: A Rational Choice Approach to  
Understanding the Decisions of Sex Traffickers.** 2016

Vanessa Bouché and Stephanie Shady.  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

**Church-State Relations and the Integration of Muslim  
Immigrants in Western Europe.** 2016

Stephanie Shady. AddRan Festival of Scholarship and Creativity,  
TCU, Fort Worth, TX.

**Invited  
talks**

**From Service to Solidarity: The Evolution  
of Immigrant Advocacy and Nonprofit Work** 18 November 2025

RAISE: Response in Action: Students for Immigrant Justice,  
and Pi Sigma Alpha, Washington University in St. Louis, MO.  
With Gabby Eissner, MICA Project.

**Understanding Immigration in 2025.** 23 September 2025

RAISE: Response in Action: Students for Immigrant Justice,  
Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

**Teaching and Learning in an Age of Precarious Student  
Visas.** 30 April 2025

Center for Teaching and Learning, Washington  
University in St. Louis, MO. With Katie Meyer, School of Law, and  
Margot Moinester, Sociology.

**Policy and Politics of Refugee Resettlement  
in Europe and the United States.** 17 October 2024

Global Population on the Move: Language and Resettlement with Law,  
Healthcare, and Education (taught by Katherine Kerschen), German and  
Applied Linguistics Dept., Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

**College Dems Immigration Panel.** 7 November 2023

Washington University in St.Louis, MO.

**Radical Right Parties in Europe.** 5 April 2023

Introduction to Political Studies (taught by Sammy Badran),  
American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE.

**Religion Policy and (Sub)national Identity in Europe.** 24 November 2022

Comparative Politics (taught by Bethany Shockley),  
American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE.

**Religion, Multiculturalism, and (Sub)national Identity in Comparative Context.** 29 September 2022

Dept. of International Studies Research Colloquium,  
American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE.

**Religion, Multiculturalism, and (Sub)national Identity in Europe.** 20 April 2022

Introduction to Comparative Politics (taught by Claire Greenstein),  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham (virtual).

**Religion, Multiculturalism, and (Sub)national Identity in Europe.** 10 March 2022

Minorities in Social Science, Rice University (virtual).

**Heaven Is a Place on Earth: Religion and the Politics of Territorial Belonging.** 1 June 2021

EuroPOW (Politics Online Workshop), hosted by Seth Jolly  
(Syracuse University) and Catherine E. De Vries (Bocconi University).

**Territory and the Divine: The Intersection of Religion and National Identity.** 7 April 2021

TCU Political Science Distinction Program, Fort Worth, TX (virtual).

**Territory and the Divine: The Intersection of Religion and National Identity.** 19 February 2021

Uhlman Seminar, UNC-Chapel Hill Dept. of Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC.

**Pints and Politics: Brexit and the EU, What's Happening?** 2019

Panel with Dominic Nyhuis and Lucas Fernandez. UNC Center for  
European Studies and Carolina Public Humanities, Chapel Hill, NC.

**Who is European Analyzing European Identity in Subnational Contexts.** 2019

Stephanie N. Shady, Santiago Giron Gesteira, and Amaia Valparis.  
UNC Center for European Studies Graduate Panel, Chapel Hill, NC.

## Academic service

### Service to the Discipline

Journal referee: *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of Race and Ethnic Politics*, *Children and Society*, *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Religion and Politics*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Party Politics*, *Religions*

### Washington University in St. Louis

*Faculty Advisor* 2026-

RAISE: Students for Immigrant Justice

*Faculty Advisor* 2024-

WashU International Relations Council (Model United Nations club)

*Second Reader for Senior Thesis in Political Science* 2024-2025

*Associate Director of Graduate Studies* 2023-2026  
 Department of Political Science  
*WUSTEPS Advisor* 2026  
 Department of Political Science  
 Visiting undergraduate Andy Del Toro Obeso (U.S. migration politics)

*Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Advisor* (years in parentheses)  
 1. Ariel Chavez (2025-2027, Salvadoran migration and identity beyond war through the lens of the pupusería)  
 2. Valentina Leon Vasquez (2026-2028, Venezuelan migration and food fusion entrepreneurship in Peru)

*Senior Thesis Advisor in Political Science* (graduation year in parentheses)  
 1. Noor Huda (2026, comparative gender and democratic backsliding)  
 2. Emma Nitsun (2026, book bans in the United States)  
 3. Nalay Soto-Prazos (2026, Cuban-American congressional responses to U.S. foreign policy)  
 4. Emma Feldmeier (2027, pro-democracy protests in the United States)  
 5. Rohan Patel (2027, Hindu nationalist rhetoric in cricket)  
 6. James Surnamer (2027, identity-based misinformation and democratic backsliding)  
 7. Emily Updike (2027, bureaucratic biases and asylum outcomes)

*Senior Thesis Advisor in Global Studies* (graduation year in parentheses)  
 1. Nicole Ambar de Santos (2026, migration across North American borders)  
 2. Maggie Chen (2027, immigrant transmission of native language to children)  
 3. Ian Gomez (2027, community network construction among Syrian refugees in Türkiye)

**American University of Sharjah**  
*Faculty Co-Advisor, AUS Model United Nations* 2022-2023  
*Research Colloquium Committee* 2022-2023  
 Department of International Studies

**UNC-Chapel Hill**  
*Graduate Field Representative, Comparative Politics* Spring 2019  
*Conference Student Organizer and Discussant* 2019  
 Partisan Divides in Western Democracies Workshop  
*Conference Student Organizer and Discussant* 2017-2018  
[Radical Party Challenges and Realignment in Advanced Democracies](#), Department of Political Science, Duke University

**Texas Christian University**  
*Student Co-Chair, Political Science Distinction Program* 2015-2016  
*Conference Assistant, Southwest Asian Conference* 2015

## Skills

### Programming

R, STATA, Qualtrics, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

### Languages

English (native), Spanish (highly proficient), French (proficient), Arabic (intermediate in Modern Standard and Levantine), Italian (conversational), Portuguese (beginner)

## Honors and awards

<b>Distinguished Faculty in Social Sciences</b>	2026
WashU College of Arts and Sciences Council (student-nominated award)	
<b>Leaders in Political Science Education (LEAPS) Award</b>	2024
Kappa Chapter at WashU of Pi Sigma Alpha	
<b>People's Choice Award, 3-Minute Thesis</b>	2020
UNC Department of Political Science Uhlman Seminar	
<b>James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Masters Research</b>	2019
UNC Department of Political Science (best 2018 MA thesis)	
<b>James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. Award for Senior Scholar in Political Science</b>	2016
TCU Department of Political Science	
<b>Faculty Choice Award for Excellence in Spanish</b>	2016
TCU Department of Spanish and Hispanic Studies	
<b>Phi Sigma Iota, Foreign Language Honor Society</b>	
<b>Pi Delta Phi, French Honor Society</b>	
<b>Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society</b>	
<b>Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish Honor Society</b>	

## Professional memberships

### American Political Science Association

Sections: Migration and Citizenship, Religion and Politics

Affiliated groups: Women's Caucus, LGBTQ Caucus

### European Union Studies Association