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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

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

History of the 1980 Refugee Act 19 May 2026
Global Refuge Advocates Network Call

**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.	
Service to the Discipline	
Journal referee: <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> , <i>Journal of Race and Ethnic Politics</i> , <i>Children and Society</i> , <i>Journal of Political Science Education</i> , <i>Religion and Politics</i> , <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> , <i>Party Politics</i> , <i>Religions</i>	
Washington University in St.Louis	
<i>Faculty Advisor</i>	2026-
RAISE: Students for Immigrant Justice	
<i>Faculty Advisor</i>	2024-
WashU International Relations Council (Model United Nations club)	
<i>Second Reader for Senior Thesis in Political Science</i>	2024-2025

Academic service

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^AT_EX

Languages

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

Honors and awards

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

Professional memberships

American Political Science Association

Sections: Migration and Citizenship, Religion and Politics
Affiliated groups: Women's Caucus, LGBTQ Caucus

European Union Studies Association