

# Samantha Call

## Personal Information

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## Academic Appointments

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**Fall 2025-Present** Assistant Professor of Political Science  
*Berry College | Rome, GA*

**2024-May 2025** Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science  
*Siena College | Latham, NY*

## Education

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**2024** Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science  
*Syracuse University | Syracuse, NY*  
Comparative and American Politics

Dissertation: Explaining Authoritarian Populist Behavior in Episodes of Democratic Backsliding  
Committee: Seth Jolly (Advisor); Emily Thorson; Simon Weschle

**2021** Master of Arts in Political Science  
*Syracuse University | Syracuse, NY*

**2017** Bachelor of Arts in Political Science  
*St. John Fisher College | Rochester, NY*

## Publications and Data

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**2024** Call, Samantha, and Waters, Kari. (2024) “The European Union as a Target: When Do Democratic Backsliders Rhetorically Challenge the EU?” *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13641>

- 2020** Call, Samantha, and Seth Jolly. "Euroscepticism in the Populism Era." *The Journal of Politics* 82, no. 1 (January 2020): e7–12.  
<https://doi.org/10.1086/706457>.
- 2017** Odile Gaultier-Voituriez and Samantha Call. *Éphéméride 2016-2017*. Pascal Perrineau. *Le Vote disruptif*, Presses de Sciences Po, pp.331 - 355, 2017, 9782724621655. {hal-03397713}

## Teaching Experience

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- 2025-Present** Assistant Professor | *Berry College*
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
  - Comparative Politics of Europe
- 2024-2025** Visiting Assistant Professor | *Siena College*
- Contemporary U.S. Politics (Fall and Spring 2024-2025)
  - U.S. Populism (Fall 2024)
  - Quantitative Methods (Spring 2025)
- 2023** Instructor of Record | *Syracuse University*
- Introduction to American Politics and Government
- 2022** Instructor of Record | *Syracuse University*
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- 2021** Adjunct Professor | *St. John Fisher College*
- Politics of the European Union
  - Eurosimulation (simulation and course)
  - Intersectional Politics
- 2019-2024** Teaching Assistant | *Syracuse University*
- Constitutional Law II (2024)
  - Constitutional Law I (2023)
  - Campaign Analysis (2021)
  - Ethnic Conflict (2020)
  - Refugees in International Politics (2020)
  - U.S. Public Policy (2020)
  - Introduction to American Politics, sections (2019)

## Working Papers

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- In Progress*** Call, Samantha, and Waters, Kari. "Talking about Democracy in the EU: Parliamentary Questions and EU Enforcement"
- In Progress*** Call, Samantha. "Explaining Authoritarian Populist Behavior in Hungary."
- In Progress*** Coauthored. "Democratic Backsliders and Free Speech Cases."

## Fellowships and Awards

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- 2024** Koff Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics  
*Department of Political Science, Syracuse University*
- 2023** American Political Science Association Travel Grant
- 2022-2023** Research Excellence Doctoral Funding (REDF) Fellowship  
*Syracuse University*
- Awarded at the University level, this is a yearlong fellowship to work on research in place of teaching responsibilities.
- 2022** Koff Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics  
*Department of Political Science, Syracuse University*
- 2021-2022** Syracuse University Graduate Fellowship  
*The Graduate School, Syracuse University*
- Awarded through the Graduate School, this is a yearlong fellowship to work on research in place of teaching responsibilities.
- 2018-2019** Syracuse University Graduate Fellowship  
*The Graduate School, Syracuse University*
- Awarded through the Graduate School, this is a yearlong fellowship to work on research in place of teaching responsibilities.

## Service

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- Fall 2025-Present** Advisor  
*Pi Sigma Alpha*  
*Berry College*
- May 2024** Invited Guest Speaker  
*Democratic Backsliding in Hungary, the US, and Brazil*  
*Syracuse University*
- May 2023** Invited Guest Speaker  
*Democratic Backsliding in the United States*  
*Washington & Jefferson College*
- 2021-2022** Post-Comprehensive Exam Graduate Student Representative  
*Political Science Graduate Student Association Executive Board,*  
*Syracuse University*
- 2021** Tenure Committee Graduate Student Representative  
*Political Science Department, Syracuse University*

## Conference Presentations

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- 2025** European Union Studies Association  
*Paper:* "Talking about Democracy in the EU: Parliamentary Questions and EU Enforcement"  
*Chair and Discussant:* Actors, contestation and EU democratic legitimacy
- 2023** American Political Science Association  
*Paper:* "The European Union as a Target: When do democratic backsliders challenge the EU?"
- 2023** European Union Studies Association  
*Paper:* "The European Union as a Target: When do democratic backsliders challenge the EU?"  
*Paper:* "Explaining Authoritarian Populist Behavior in Hungary"  
*Discussant*
- 2022** Midwest Political Science Association  
*Paper:* "Motivators of Authoritarian Populist Behavior: How Institutional Threat and Public Opinion Explain Democratic Backsliding in the United States"

## Memberships and Groups

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**2023-2025** Member, American Political Science Association

**2023-Present** Member, European Union Studies Association

**2022** Member, Midwest Political Science Association

**2019-2024** Member, European Politics Workshop  
*Syracuse University*

**2020-2024** Member, Graduate Student Research Meetings  
*Syracuse University*