

DANIEL CASEY

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SUMMARY

I am an academic that bridges the public policy / academia divide, bringing my 15 years of public service skills and knowledge into academia. I combine theory and practical knowledge in my teaching and research. My PhD thesis, inspired by my public service work, used a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods to examine how letters from the public influence prime ministerial agenda.

My current research interests include politicians' e-newsletters; responsiveness; political participation; public opinion; and how the political and public agenda is set. My publications include articles on doctoral training in political science; policy theory and process; and archival research. I have extensive teaching experience, including convening four different courses.

My research skills include computational text analysis (*Quanteda* and LDA topic-models); quantitative methods (OLS, logistic and multinomial regressions; survey design/implementation/analysis); and qualitative methods (FOI, archival research, elite interviews).

ACADEMIC POSITIONS & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer (Level B): Australian Catholic University – continuing	2025 - current
Lecturer (Level B): ANU – Fixed Term Research & Teaching Contract	2024-25
Associate Lecturer (Level A3): ANU - Fixed Term Teaching Contract	2023
Sessional Academic (Level A1): ANU – Casual marking and tutoring.	2022-23

EDUCATION

Australian National University

2021 – 2024 – PhD (Political Science)

Title: “*The opinion-agenda linkage - How letters from the public to the Prime Minister impact the policy agenda*”

Directors' PhD Scholarship for the Study of Australian Politics

Supervisors: Prof. I McAllister (ANU); Prof. K Benoit (Singapore Management Uni); Dr M Taflaga (ANU)

2004 – BA/LLB (1st class honours)

National Undergraduate Scholarship

Holding Redlich Prize for Property Law

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 9) **Casey, D.** (2025) Responsiveness to the public opinion expressed in letters to political leaders: insights from Australia. *Government and Opposition* (accepted, forthcoming)
- 8) **Casey, D.** (2025) *CanberraInbox*: Political Communication, the Personal Vote and Representation Styles—Studying Legislators' e-Newsletters in Australia. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.
- 7) **Casey, D.** (2024). Analysing policy success and failure in Australia: Pink bats and set-top boxes. *Australian Journal of Public Administration*.

- 6) **Casey, D.**, & Black, J. (2024). Selective rememberings?: Access to 'private' documents at the national archives of Australia. *Humanities Research*, 20(1), 89-103.
- 5) **Casey, D.** (2024). Punctuated equilibrium and the dynamics of political participation: the case of letter writing. *Policy Studies*, 45(1), 1-20.
- 4) **Casey, D.** (2024). ChatGPT in public policy teaching and assessment: An examination of opportunities and challenges. *Australian Journal of Public Administration*.
- 3) **Casey, D.**, Rutledge-Prior, S., Young, L., Malloy, J., & Berdahl, L. (2023). Hard Work and You Can't Get It: An International Comparative Analysis of Gender, Career Aspirations, and Preparedness Among Politics and International Relations PhD Students. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 56(3), 402-410.
- 2) **Casey, D.**, & Rutledge-Prior, S. (2023). Bridging the expectation gap: a survey of Australian PhD candidates and supervisors in politics and international relations. *Australian Journal of Political Science*, 58(4), 494-512.
- 1) Rutledge-Prior, S., & **Casey, D.** (2023). "An Isolating Experience Aggravated by COVID": Exploring Disconnections Between Political Science PhD Candidates and Supervisors. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 56(3), 357-364.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

School of Politics and International Relations (ANU) – Internal research grant (\$3000) to support the development of *CanberraInbox*.

Australian Studies Institute – Adhoc grant (\$4000) to support the development of *CanberraInbox*

World Association of Public Opinion Research - Naomi Turner Prize for best paper written and presented by a student at their annual conference for *Democratic Responsiveness to Different Forms of Public Opinion* (2023)

Australian Political Studies Association – Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize for *Democratic Responsiveness to Different Forms of Public Opinion* (2023)

American Political Science Association - Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award (2022)

American Political Science Association - Presidential and Executive Politics Section Travel Grant (2022)

3 Minute Thesis 2022:

ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences – *Runner Up* and *People's Choice Winner*
ANU – *Finalist*

NON-ACADEMIC WORK

I have 15 years work experience in the Australian Public Service (APS), reaching the level of Executive Level 2, as well as experience working for a backbench member of Parliament. Throughout these jobs, I managed teams of up to 8 people, requiring highly developed communication, interpersonal and teamwork skills. I have worked at the interface of policy and politics, working with ministerial offices, writing ministerial briefings and Cabinet documents. I have also worked extensively with stakeholder groups (including universities and researchers) to improve policy development and implementation.