

# Kayleigh S. Tompkins

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## EDUCATION

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The University of Texas at Dallas	2024 - 2029
MPP & PhD Public Policy and Political Economy	
 The University of Texas	Summer 2025
Graduate Archer Fellow	
 The University of Oxford, St Anne's College	2013 – 2016
BA History	
 The University of Oxford, Department for Continuing Education	2024
Public Policy Economics Certificate	

## PUBLICATIONS AND PROJECTS

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### Academic publications:

Peinhardt, C. & **Tompkins, K.** (Under Review). Review of Exit from International Organizations, Costly Negotiation for Institutional Change. *Perspectives on Politics*.

### Policy publications:

**Tompkins, K.**, Lentini, F., & Adam, E. (2025, August). *The US-UK Economic Prosperity Deal: An Analysis from BritishAmerican Business*. <https://www.babinc.org/wp-content/uploads/The-US-UK-Economic-Prosperity-Deal-An-Analysis-from-BAB.pdf>. BritishAmerican Business.

### Current projects:

Hello, Goodbye, Pay Later: Why States Withhold Funds from International Organizations, Evidence from UN Peacekeeping Arrears.

Searching for Democracy: Understanding Citizen Perceptions of Democratic Backsliding with Samiul Haque.

Storming the Polls: The Impact of Hurricane Helene on Voter Turnout in North Carolina with Mamie Cincotta.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> <i>Assistant Director, Strategic Initiatives</i>	<b>Berkeley, CA</b>	Jan 2023 – June 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Strategic planning for the Chancellor's international visits. <b>Advised the Chancellor</b> on individual stakeholder visits and led the production of briefings, strengthening Berkeley's global connections.</li><li>Received UC Berkeley performance award for <b>managing stakeholder engagement</b>, including an innovative \$70M program to advance pioneering genomic research led by Nobel Laureate Jennifer Doudna.</li></ul>		
<b>UK Government, Dept. Business and Trade</b> <i>Senior Policy Advisor</i>	<b>London, UK</b>	June 2020 – May 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Developed novel international trade policies</b>, including the UK government's approach to trade disputes and tariff negotiations. This included high-profile UK/US issues such as the Airbus/Boeing dispute.</li><li><b>Created legislation</b> that eliminated \$64m tariffs on US imports and successfully managed it through Parliament.</li><li>Secured \$2m operating costs, 26 jobs and access to \$6.3m for legal costs through a <b>successful financial proposal</b>.</li></ul>		
<b>UK Government, Fast Stream Scheme</b> <i>Graduate Policy Advisor</i>	<b>London, UK</b>	Sept 2017 – May 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Researched and <b>developed a new policy process</b> for joining World Trade Organization (WTO) disputes as a third party. The UK has now joined 15 disputes using this process.</li></ul>		

- **Delivered an academic conference** with leading trade experts, diplomats and government advisors to progress understanding of a major international policy issue (WTO governance).
- **Managed stakeholder engagement** including events with industry lobbyists and companies from a range of sectors.
- Developed **strategic policy leadership** skills in four government departments and policy areas (immigration, national security, trade, and criminal justice).

## **VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Berkeley Spouses, Partners and Parents Association, U.C. Berkeley</b> <i>Vice-Chair and Co-Founder</i>	2023 –2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-founded the association and co-authored the mission and vision of the newly formed group.</li> <li>• Designed the events program for the 2023-2024 academic year and managed monthly newsletters.</li> <li>• Grew membership to fifty members in year one.</li> </ul>	
<b>University of Oxford, Department of History</b> <i>Undergraduate Representative for History</i>	2014 – 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocated for undergraduate student interests to the Department for History, including addressing gender disparity in exam performances.</li> <li>• Contributed to a new History curriculum including more non-British class options and more diversified methods of examination.</li> </ul>	

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant Scholarship</b> UT Dallas	2024 – 2025
<b>Archer Center Scholarship</b> The University of Texas System	2025
<b>Dr J. Michael Coleman &amp; Dr. Edward J. Harpham Student Success Scholarship</b> University of Texas System	2025
<b>Scholar Status (Dean's List equivalent)</b> St. Anne's College, University of Oxford	2014 - 2016
<b>David Barnes Scholarship,</b> Pate's Grammar School	2013 - 2016

## **SKILLS**

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<b>Research and Data Analysis</b>	<b>Academic and Policy Writing</b>	<b>Leadership and Teaching</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causal research</li> <li>• R, STATA</li> <li>• Qualitative research</li> <li>• Historical Research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White papers</li> <li>• Policy memos and briefings</li> <li>• Government reports</li> <li>• Academic writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People management</li> <li>• Event and conference organization</li> <li>• Mentoring</li> </ul>
<b>Project management</b>	<b>International Policy</b>	<b>Policy Communication</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant writing</li> <li>• Stakeholder engagement</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> <li>• Board management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International trade policy</li> <li>• National and international agreements</li> <li>• UK government &amp; legislation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral briefings</li> <li>• Presentations</li> <li>• Canva</li> </ul>