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EDUCATION

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

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

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

- **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

Berkeley Spouses, Partners and Parents Association, U.C. Berkeley 2023 –2024
Vice-Chair and Co-Founder

- Re-founded the association and co-authored the mission and vision of the newly formed group.
- Designed the events program for the 2023-2024 academic year and managed monthly newsletters.
- Grew membership to fifty members in year one.

University of Oxford, Department of History 2014 – 2015
Undergraduate Representative for History

- Advocated for undergraduate student interests to the Department for History, including addressing gender disparity in exam performances.
- Contributed to a new History curriculum including more non-British class options and more diversified methods of examination.

HONORS & AWARDS

Graduate Teaching Assistant Scholarship 2024 – 2025
 UT Dallas

Archer Center Scholarship 2025
 The University of Texas System

Dr. J. Michael Coleman & Dr. Edward J. Harpham Student Success Scholarship 2025
 University of Texas System

Scholar Status (Dean's List equivalent) 2014 - 2016
 St. Anne's College, University of Oxford

David Barnes Scholarship, 2013 - 2016
 Pate's Grammar School

SKILLS

Research and Data Analysis

- Causal research
- R, STATA
- Qualitative research
- Historical Research

Academic and Policy Writing

- White papers
- Policy memos and briefings
- Government reports
- Academic writing

Leadership and Teaching

- People management
- Event and conference organization
- Mentoring

Project management

- Grant writing
- Stakeholder engagement
- Fundraising
- Board management

International Policy

- International trade policy
- National and international agreements
- UK government & legislation

Policy Communication

- Oral briefings
- Presentations
- Canva