Aidan Connaughton

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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science

2022-Current

- Committee: Daniel Carpenter, Taeku Lee, Justin de Benedictis-Kessner, and Stephanie Ternullo
- A.M. in Political Science

2024

- Subfields: American Politics, Quantitative Methods, Local Politics
- B.A. in Government and Linguistics

2019

- Magna Cum Laude with Highest Honors, Phi Beta Kappa
- Thesis: "Language Ideologies and Linguistic Relativism in Catalonia and Valencia"

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Pathways of Local Opinion Formation: The Case of Housing Policy" (with Stephanie Ternullo and Antonio Camara). Under Review

Works in Progress

- Volunteer Bureaucrats, Public Meetings, and the Value of Public Comment
- Policy Cycles: Problem Visibility and Collective Forgetting in Policy Feedback (with Uma Ilavarasan and Julius Wilson

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

 Derek Bok Center Teaching Certificate 	2025
– James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration	2024Current
- CAPS Fellow	2022Current
- CAPS Seed Grant	2024
 Joint Center for Housing Studies SRSP Grant 	2023
- Philo Sherman Bennett Prize	2019

TEACHING

Harvard College, Department of Government

Cambridge, MA

- Gov 30, American Government: A New Perspective (Teaching Fellow)	Fall 2024
- Gov 62, Research Practice in Qualitative Methods (Teaching Fellow)	Spring 2025
- Gov 99, Senior Thesis Tutorial	2024 – 2025

* Senior Thesis Advisor: Cameron Snowden

EXPERIENCE

Harvard Digital Lab for the Social Sciences (DLABSS) Senior Lab Manager	Cambridge, MA 2024–Current
Pew Research Center Research Analyst, Global Attitudes Project	Washington, DC 2020–2022
Pew Research Center Intern, Religious Restrictions Project	Washington, DC 2019
HKS Taubman Center for Civic Engagement Research Assistant	Cambridge, MA 2019
Service	
- Co-President, Government Student Association	2024-2025
- Treasurer, Government Student Association	2023-2024
- CAPS Graduate Assistant	2022-2024
Presentations	
- APSA	2025
- Tufts University	2025
- MPSA	2024
Skills	

- Technical: R, \LaTeX , SPSS
- Languages: English (Native), Spanish (Working Proficiency)