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Basic Info

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Education

In Progress — **Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science**
University of California, Riverside. Research interests in interest groups and lobbying, Congress, and representation.

2017 — **Master of Arts, Economics**
California State University, Long Beach. Specialized in international finance, economic development, and labor economics.

2015 — **Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration**
California State University, Fullerton. Major in Accounting; minor in Economics.

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

2017 — **Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship**
University of California, Riverside.

2017 — **College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Graduate in Economics**
California State University, Long Beach.

2017 — **1st Place, 29th Annual Student Research Competition - $100**
California State University, Long Beach.

2016 — **Graduate Research Fellowship - $9,000**
California State University, Long Beach. The Graduate Research Fellowship is awarded by CSULB faculty to students who show potential for success in scholarly and creative activity and an interest in advanced study. Graduate candidates must be nominated by a faculty member and there will only be one fellowship recipient per college.

2016 — **Simonson Economics Department Scholarship - $500**
California State University, Long Beach.

2015 — **Formuzis-Pickersgill-Hunt Student Paper Award - $500**
California State University, Fullerton. This scholarship was established by the Formuzis, Pickersgill & Hunt, Inc. Economic Consultants. Submitted papers, written per guidelines, will be judged by the Economics Department Student Affairs Committee for the undergraduate awards.

Research

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **meyer˙interest˙2019**.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

2020	**Debtors and Democracy: The Effect of Student Loans on Political Participation (with Alex Ross)** *Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.*
2020	**Disruption in State Legislatures: Term Limits and Representational Linkages** *Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.*
2017	**M.A. in Economics Math Review** *California State University, Long Beach.* I created, and hosted, the math review session for the incoming cohort of graduate students in economics at California State University, Long Beach. The PDF will be available soon!
2016	**Instrumental Variable Regression** PDF ⌕ *Statistics Workshop, University of California, Irvine.*
2016	**Intermediate Micro/Macroeconomics Math Review Session** *California State University, Long Beach.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant[*]

WINTER 2020	**Policy Evaluation** *University of California, Riverside.* This class focuses on statistical methods for policy evaluation, that is, the methods one can use to understand the impact of an intervention such as a policy or government program. This course introduces the potential outcomes framework for causal inference and design based causal inference techniques including randomized control trials, regression discontinuity designs, difference-in-difference estimation, and instrumental variables regression.
FALL 2019	**Latin American Politics** *University of California, Riverside.* A comparative examination of central issues in and components of Latin American political life. Covers economic development, regimes and alliances, guerrilla wars, the armed forces, human rights, and democratic consolidation. Section 21: Median Rating: 6.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 5.46/7.00. Section 22: Median Rating: 6.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 6.18/7.00. Section 23: Median Rating: 7.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 6.13/7.00. (Mean Department Rating: 6.20, Mean Campus Rating: 6.22)
SPRING 2019	**U.S. – Latin American Relations** *University of California, Riverside.* Explores international relations between the United States and the nations of Latin America. Topics include democracy and empire, revolution and counter-insurgency, economic integration and trade, petroleum politics, drug trafficking, and migration flows. Section 21: Median Rating: 7.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 6.90/7.00. Section 22: Median Rating: 7.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 7.00/7.00. Section 23: Median Rating: 7.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 6.67/7.00. (Mean Department Rating: 6.83, Mean Campus Rating: 6.27)

[*]Scores calculated using the following item: *Overall, is an effective teacher.*

Winter 2019 | **American Politics**
University of California, Riverside. An introduction to the principles and practices of government. Focuses on the policy process and selected political issues in the United States.

Section 24: Median Rating: 7.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 6.75/7.00

Section 25: Median Rating: 7.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 6.80/7.00.

Section 26: Median Rating: 7.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 6.54/7.00.

(Mean Department Rating: 6.42, Mean Campus Rating: 6.21)

Fall 2018 | **American Politics**
University of California, Riverside. An introduction to the principles and practices of government. Focuses on the policy process and selected political issues in the United States.

Section 22: Median Rating: 7.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 6.78/7.00.

Section 25: Median Rating: 7.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 6.78/7.00.

Section 31: Median Rating: 6.00/7.00, Mean Rating: 5.80/7.00.

(Mean Department Rating: 6.48, Mean Campus Rating: 6.19)

Spring 2017 | **Forecasting Lab**
California State University, Long Beach. Principles and methods of forecasting. Evaluation of the reliability of existing forecasting techniques. Also covers use of the macroeconomic model as a basis for forecasting and the role of forecasts in the formulation of national economic policy.

Median Rating: 6.00/6.00, Mean Rating: 5.71/6.00

Spring 2017 | **Economic Statistics Lab**
California State University, Long Beach. Use of descriptive and inferential statistical concepts for the analysis of economic data. Topics include measures of central tendency and dispersion, probability theory, discrete and continuous probability distributions, hypothesis testing, regression and correlation analysis.

Median Rating: 6.00/6.00, Mean Rating: 5.66/6.00

Spring 2017 | **Intermediate Macroeconomics**
California State University, Long Beach. Determinants of levels of income, employment, and prices; of secular and cyclical changes in economic activity; and of the effects of public policies upon aggregative economic experience.

2016 | **Intermediate Microeconomics**
California State University, Long Beach. Analysis of economic concepts and their applications to business situations. Emphasis on supply and demand analysis, costs of production, variations of competition and monopoly, revenues, prices, profits and losses, and other aspects of the operations of the business enterprise.

Fall 2016 | **Introduction to Econometrics Lab**
California State University, Long Beach. Introduction to econometrics, with a focus on understanding and applying the classical linear regression model. Emphasis placed on applications of regression analysis.

Median Rating: 6.00/6.00, Mean Rating: 5.61/6.00

Fall 2016 | **Economic Statistics Lab**
California State University, Long Beach. Use of descriptive and inferential statistical concepts for the analysis of economic data. Topics include measures of central tendency and dispersion, probability theory, discrete and continuous probability distributions, hypothesis testing, regression and correlation analysis.

Median Rating: 6.00/6.00, Mean Rating: 5.34/6.00

Spring 2016 | **Economic Statistics Lab**
California State University, Long Beach. Use of descriptive and inferential statistical concepts for the analysis of economic data. Topics include measures of central tendency and dispersion, probability theory, discrete and continuous probability distributions, hypothesis testing, regression and correlation analysis.

Median Rating: 6.00/6.00, Mean Rating: 5.88/6.00

FALL 2015 | **Economic Statistics Lab**
California State University, Long Beach. Use of descriptive and inferential statistical concepts for the analysis of economic data. Topics include measures of central tendency and dispersion, probability theory, discrete and continuous probability distributions, hypothesis testing, regression and correlation analysis.

Median Rating: 6.00/6.00, Mean Rating: 5.89/6.00

2015 - 2017 | **Principles of Microeconomics**
California State University, Long Beach. Business organization, price theory, allocation of resources, distribution of income, public economy.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2020 | **Chancellor's Making Excellence Inclusive Graduate Division Diversity Certification Program**
University of California, Riverside. Graduate student participation in this Diversity Certificate Program will consider broad issues that affect higher and postsecondary education, as well as the depth of knowledge and experience gained across a variety of learning contexts. The various experiences, backgrounds, and attributes of learners have a significant impact on their engagement with learning, perceptions of campus climate, and their educational and social outcomes. Learner differences cross dimensions that are material, corporeal, and symbolic. Together, we will explore intersectional strategies for negotiating these differences in:

- the microdynamics of pedagogy and instruction
- the agendas and representation within curriculum
- the nuances of departmental politics
- the organizational structures of the educational institution and its relations with the communities it serves

2019-2020 | **University Teaching Certificate**
University of California, Riverside. The University of California, Riverside's Graduate Division created the University Teaching Certificate (UTC) Program as a two-quarter instructional training and certification program for graduate students. This highly competitive program is designed to assist graduate students interested in careers as university-level instructors to develop teaching and lecturing strategies, design a teaching philosophy, and become members of the professional teaching community. The goal of the UTC program is to equip graduate students with the necessary skills so that they can be regarded as both outstanding scholars and teachers in their continued work in academia.

2018 | **Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research**
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. The ICPSR Summer Program provides rigorous, hands-on training in statistical techniques, research methodologies, and data analysis. ICPSR Summer Program courses emphasize the integration of methodological strategies with the theoretical and practical concerns that arise in research on substantive issues. I completed the following courses:

- Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences I
- Multilevel Models I: Introduction and Application
- Mathematics for Social Scientists III

Please click here to view my certificate of completion and click here to view the grades I received.

2017 | **Macroeconomic Forecasting**
IMF Institute for Capacity Development. A 9-week course focused on developing forecasts and economic models for scenario analysis used in the design and implementation of macroeconomic policy. Certificate available here.

2015 | **Plotting in R**
American Statistical Association, Orange Country-Log Beach Chapter. A workshop focused on a data centric introduction to using R, in a reproducible way, incorporating lots of data graphics and exploratory data analysis.

Relevant Coursework

Politics	Comparative Political Economy, Political Economy of International Trade, Political Economy of International Finance, Political Economy of International Migration, American Bureaucratic Institutions, Representation, US Congress, Politics of Race Immigration and Ethnicity, Public Opinion and Mass Media, American Electoral Behavior, Comparative Political Behavior
Economics	Advanced Macroeconomics, Advanced Microeconomics, International Finance, Development Economics
Methods	Econometrics I, Econometrics II, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Qualitative Research Methods
Math	Calculus I, Calculus II, Calculus III, Linear Algebra

Software and Programming Knowledge

Languages	R, Stan, JAGS, BUGS, LaTeX, HTML
Programs	RStudio, STATA, EViews