Alyssa René Heinze

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EDUCATION	PhD Political Science, University of California, Berkeley - MA Political Science	2021 - 2023
	MSc Economics, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne - *Mention très bien*	2021
	BA Political Science, Dartmouth College - *Summa cum laude, Phi beta kappa*	2018

DISSERTATION PROJECT

The gender politics of water: The impact of state and community control of natural resources on patriarchal gender relations.

PUBLICATIONS

Heinze, Alyssa R., Brulé, Rachel and Simon Chauchard. 2025. "Who *Actually* Governs? Gender Inequality and Political Representation in Rural India." *The Journal of Politics* 87(2).

WORKING PAPERS

"Democratic deepening or elite persistence? How local elites adapt to electoral reform in rural India" Formerly titled "Empowering the local executive: When electoral reform disrupts elite coalitions."
Conditionally accepted, American Political Science Review.
– *Winner of the 2024 Paula D. McClain Award for the MPSA Best Paper.*
– *Winner of the 2024 MPSA Evan Ringquist Field Award for best paper on the topic of political institutions.*
– *Winner of the Philo Sherman Bennett Prize in Political Science*
– *Center for the Study of Law and Society Paper Prize, Honorable mention*

"Inclusive reforms as levers for social exclusion: The paradoxical consequences of quotas for women in rural India." (with Rachel Brulé and Simon Chauchard).
Conditionally accepted, World Development.

"Why discussion rules matter for representation: Experimental evidence from rural India." (with Rachel Brulé and Simon Chauchard).

"Gender, education, and the black box of descriptive representation in rural India" (with Shirin Abrishami Kashani and Soledad Artiz Prillaman).

IN PROGRESS

"Women leaders and the environment in the world's largest democracy." (with Priyadarshi Amar and Nilesh Shinde).

"Gendered victimhood: Framing Global South vulnerability in climate policy discourse." (with Leonardo Arriola and Allison Grossman).

"Proxy politics: Representation and political inequality in rural India" (book manuscript with Rachel Brulé and Simon Chauchard).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, PRIZES	The Empirical Study of Gender Research Prize EGEN, ($3,000)	2025
	2024 Paula D. McClain Award for the MPSA Best Paper MPSA	2025
	2024 Evan Ringquist Field Award for best paper on the topic of political institutions. MPSA	2025
	CEGA Development Economics Challenge Grant Center for Effective Global Action, UC Berkeley, ($20,000)	2024
	APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant American Political Science Association, ($14,368)	2024

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship	2024
U.S. Department of Education, ($36,444)	
Travel Grant	2024
Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics, ($4698)	
Pilot Research Project Grant	2024
Global Democracy Commons, UC Berkeley, ($2000)	
CEGA Development Economics Challenge Grant	2024
Center for Effective Global Action, UC Berkeley, ($20,000)	
Bhattacharya Graduate Fellowship	2024
The Institute for South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley, ($1000)	
ABD Fellowship in International Studies	2024
Berkeley Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley, ($15,000)	
Odegard Award for the third-year doctoral student with exceptional performance	2024
Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley, ($3000)	
Philo Sherman Bennett Prize in Political Science	2024
Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley, ($1500)	
CEGA Development Economics Challenge Grant	2023
Center for Effective Global Action, UC Berkeley, ($5000)	
Pre-Dissertation Grant in International Studies	2023
Berkeley Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley, ($5000)	
Bhattacharya Graduate Fellowship	2022
The Institute for South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley, ($1000)	
CEGA Development Economics Challenge Grant	2022
Center for Effective Global Action, UC Berkeley, ($4,965)	
BU Global Programs & BU Foundation-India seed funding	2021
(with Paro Sen, Simon Chauchard, Bhumi Purohit & Rachel Brulé), ($30,000)	
James B. Reynolds Scholarship for Masters Study	2020
Dartmouth College, ($25,000)	
Richard D. Lombard Public Service Fellowship	2020
The Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, ($20,000)	
Fulbright-Nehru Research Fellowship	2018-2020
The Fulbright Association, ($20,000)	
Critical Language Enhancement Award	2018-2020
The Fulbright Association, ($6,600)	
Neil T. McGorrian Fellowship	2018
Dartmouth College, ($5,500)	
Special Thesis Grant from the Office of President Hanlon	2018
Dartmouth College, ($1,000)	
Nelson A. Rockefeller Center Honors Thesis Grant	2018
The Rockefeller Center for Public Policy, Dartmouth College, ($1,000)	
Undergraduate Advising and Research Honors Thesis Grant	2018
Dartmouth College, ($1,000)	

– MPSA Spring 2025. Chicago, IL.
– APSA Fall 2024. Philadelphia, PA.
– International Electoral Affairs Symposium July 2024. Keynote speaker. Jodhpur, India.
– ECPG Summer 2024. Ghent, Belgium.
– MPSA Spring 2024. Chicago, IL.
– ASA Fall 2023. San Francisco, CA.
– APSA Fall 2023. Los Angeles, CA.
– MPSA Spring 2022. Chicago, IL.
– Pune Science on Tap Speaker Series, Mumbai, Volume 2. Mumbai, India.
– South and Central Asia Fulbright Conference. Kochi, India.
– Pune Science on Tap Speaker Series, Volume 11. Pune, India.
– Maharashtra State Election Commission. Mumbai, India.

TEACHING

Graduate student instructor, UC Berkeley:
– Spring 2024: *PS236B (PhD level), Quantitative Methodology in the Social Sciences Seminar: From Samples to Populations* for Erin Hartman
– Fall 2023: *PS231C (PhD level), Quantitative Analysis in Political Research: Model-based Inference and Machine Learning* for Kirk Bansak
– Spring 2023: *PS231B (PhD level), Quantitative Analysis in Political Research: Design and Causal Inference* for Thad Dunning
– Fall 2022: *PS3 (Undergraduate), Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods* for Jason Wittenberg

Co-instructor, EGAP:
– Summer 2024: Session on estimation in R. Remote.
– Summer 2024: Learning Days. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
– Summer 2024: Training of the Trainers for Learning Days. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
– Summer 2023: Learning Days. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
– Spring 2023: Training of the Trainers for Learning Days. Atlanta, Georgia.
– Fall 2022: Refresher on statistical power. Remote.
– Summer 2022: Learning Days. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The World Bank, Remote.   October 2023 –
Impact Data and Evidence Aggregation Library project alongside the Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) and Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)

IDinsight, Rabat, Morocco.   May – August 2023
Research, Evaluation, and Data (RED) team.

U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.   August 2020 – June 2021
Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (Women's Economic Empowerment Unit)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

– *EGAP Learning Days*, co-coordinator of participant selection.   Spring 2024
– *Gender and Political Participation (GPP) Working Group*, co-coordinator.   Spring/summer 2024
– *Berkeley Methods Workshop*, student co-coordinator.   2023-24
– *Center for the Politics of Development Working Group*, student co-coordinator.   2022–23
– *EGAP Priority Theme Grant Editing Support*   Spring 2022
– *Graduate Mentor for EGAP Global Fellowship*   Spring 2022

OTHER WRITING

Hypothesis testing   2024
EGAP Methods Guide.

Heterogeneous treatment effects   2023
EGAP Methods Guide.

How to analyze experimental data   2023
EGAP Methods Guide.

The Theory and Practice of Field Experiments: An Introduction from the EGAP   2022
Learning Days. Translated from English to French.

She Rules! The Political Representation of Women in India.   2021
Co-editor of Seminar Issue 752 with Simon Chauchard, Mekhala Krishnamurthy and Rachel Brulé.

Are husbands the problem? On the issue of sarpanch pati. 2021
Seminar Issue 752 with Simon Chauchard and Rachel Brulé.

"Sarpanch pati : Bharatiya raajkaaranaat mahilaancha sthaan nakki kaay?" *Maharashtra Times*,
April 2019. (in Marathi)

SKILLS

– Language: English, French; Marathi (advanced); Hindi (beginner)
– Statistical programming: R, Stata
– Statistical knowledge: Design-based causal inference, model-based inference, machine learning,
Bayesian inference
– Surveys: Qualtrics, SurveyCTO
– Version control: Git
– Field research experience: India, Morocco, Côte d'Ivoire, Nepal