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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Expected December 2022

Harris School of Public Policy

Candidate, M.A. in Public Policy, Certificate in Research Methods

PhD coursework in econometrics and microeconomics

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

May 2021

B.A. International Relations (with honors)

B.S. Economics and Mathematics

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming languages and software:** R (advanced); Stata, Python, Git and Github (intermediate); Qualtrics, Mathematica, Stan (beginner)
- **Technical competencies:** Program evaluation, data visualization, Bayesian inference

EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Research Assistant for Professor Chris Blattman

March 2022 – present

- Performing data entry and data validation across three separate, cross-national, time-series datasets on democracy and autocracy

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Research Assistant, Transitional Justice and Democratic Stability Lab

August 2021 – March 2022

- Collected and coded qualitative historical data regarding human rights abuses by previously authoritarian regimes; collaborate with graduate and undergraduate students in the coding process
- Assisted in designing a quantitative study on reparations in the United States; retrieved and clean city-level demographic and economic data

Center for International Studies, University of Southern California

Research Assistant for Professor Jacques Hymans

June 2018 – May 2021

- Maintained, designed coding rules for, and coded an Excel database of the imagery on world banknotes; led and trained a team of three other undergraduates in the coding process
- Aggregated data from the World Values Survey and coded web scrapers (in Python) to assist Professor Hymans in quantitative analysis

Research Assistant for Professor Erin Baggott-Carter

May 2018 – May 2021

- Examined hundreds of Department of Justice public documents to code an Excel database tracking over 15,000 instances of Chinese lobbying activity from 2000 to 2018
- Assisted Professor Carter in drafting reports to the Federal Bureau of Intelligence and the National Security Council

LEADERSHIP & OTHER EXPERIENCE

- **Teaching:** TA for *Introduction to Linear Models* (Winter 2022, PhD and master's students)
- **Leadership:** UChicago Triathlon, Race Coordinator (May 2022 – present) USC Triathlon, Recruitment Chair (2018 – 2020); Fundraising & Alumni Relations Chair (2020 – 2021)
- **Field research experience:** Guatemala (public health, May-June 2019); Fassa Valley, Italy (endangered language documentation, June-July 2018)
- **Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (fluent), German and French (advanced), Spanish (intermediate)