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EDUCATION	Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI
	<i>Ph.D. in Public Policy and Political Science</i>	2025 - 2031 (<i>expected</i>)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subfields: comparative politics and public policy• Research: political economy, climate, development, methods	
	Department of Political Sceince, UCLA	Los Angeles, CA
	<i>B.A. in Political Science with Highest Honors</i>	2022 - 2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisor: Prof. Michael L. Ross	
PROJECTS	Measuring Local Welfare in the Philippines	
	<i>Pre-Analysis Plan</i>	2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I measure local welfare in the Philippines over time using contemporaneous household-level surveys and machine learning. The data is validated against official government estimates using exogenous shocks to welfare.	
	Polarized Climate Policy	
	<i>Working Paper</i>	2023 - Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate policy is a result of the distributive conflict between environmental interests and the incumbent fossil fuel industry. Consequently, conservative and private interest group opposition may be concentrated on the policies posing the greatest immediate threat to the fossil fuel industry, and weaker policies may be “hedged” or otherwise supported.	
EXPERIENCE	RA for Prof. Dan Posner UCLA	06/2023 - Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead research assistant on project “Measuring Intermarraige in Africa”• Extensive data cleaning and estimation on census, spatial, and survey data	
	RA for Prof. Cesi Cruz University of Michigan	01/2023 - Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ample processing and analysis of network, spatial, and experimental data• Lead research assistant on project “Handling Misinformation: Lessons from the Mexican and American Infospheres” using Otree to build a behavioral game	
AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highest Honors, UCLA Department of Political Science	2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Stuart C. Waugh and Scott L. Waugh Endowed Scholarship, UCLA College Honors	2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keck Research Fellowship, UCLA Undergraduate Research Center	2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosalind W. Alcott Scholarship, UCLA College Honors	2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Revealed, UCLA Undergraduate Research Center	2023
SKILLS	Languages: English, German (beginner)	
	Programming: R (advanced), Python (intermediate), GDScript (advanced), C++ (beginner)	