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EDUCATION	Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan <i>Ph.D. in Public Policy and Political Science</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subfields: comparative politics and public policy• Research: political economy, climate, development, methods Department of Political Science, UCLA <i>B.A. in Political Science with Highest Honors</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisor: Prof. Michael L. Ross	Ann Arbor, MI 2025 - 2031 (<i>expected</i>) Los Angeles, CA 2022 - 2024
PROJECTS	Measuring Local Welfare in the Philippines <i>Pre-Analysis Plan</i> <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> <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.	2025 - Present 2023 - Present
EXPERIENCE	RA for Prof. Cesi Cruz University of Michigan <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 RA for Prof. Dan Posner UCLA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead research assistant on project “Measuring Inter marriage in Africa”• Extensive data cleaning and estimation on census, spatial, and survey data	01/2024 - Present 06/2024 - 04/2025
AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highest Honors, UCLA Department of Political Science• The Stuart C. Waugh and Scott L. Waugh Endowed Scholarship, UCLA College Honors• Keck Research Fellowship, UCLA Undergraduate Research Center• Rosalind W. Alcott Scholarship, UCLA College Honors• Research Revealed, UCLA Undergraduate Research Center	2024 2024 2023 2023 2023
SKILLS	Languages: English, German (beginner) Programming: R (advanced), Python (intermediate), GDScript (advanced), C++ (beginner)	