

GRAHAM STRAUS

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EDUCATION

University of California Los Angeles

2020 - Present

Ph.D., Political Science (M.A., 2023)

M.S., Statistics

Brown University

2015 - 2019

B.A., Mathematics & Political Science

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Straus, Graham. 2025. [The Economic Background of City Councilmembers](#). *Urban Affairs Review*, Forthcoming.

Straus, Graham. 2023. [Two-Party Competition in the United States: Reversed Growth Trends](#). *Party Politics*, 29(6), 1186-1193.

WORKING PAPERS

Endorsements vs. Information: Experimental Evidence of Backlash and Parallel Persuasion during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis.

Revise and Resubmit, *PNAS Nexus*, with Ryan Baxter-King, Alex Coppock, and Lynn Vavreck.

Increasing Arab Americans' Political Behavior in the Face of Different Sources of Hate.

With Sabrina Habchi.

Partisanship and Municipal Finance in Large and Small Cities.

With Adam Dynes and Grant Baldwin.

PROJECTS

UCLA Health and Politics Project Research Assistant. 2022 - present. Bridging medicine (Dr. Arash Naeim) and political science (Profs Lynn Vavreck & Dan Thompson).

Data Curator: [UCLA National L2 Voter File](#). 2022 - present. Clean, reshape, organize, and share raw data.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Institute for Humane Studies Dissertation Grant, 2024, \$2,000

UCLA Initiative to Study Hate, 2024, \$6,780.

Graduate Assistant to the Chancellor's Program in [Leadership, Innovation, Networking, and Knowledge](#), 2023, \$10,000.

UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, 2023, \$6,000.

Mercatus Center Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship, 2022, \$7,000.

UCLA Dean's Fellowship, 2020, \$2,500.

TEACHING

Primary Instructor, University of California, Los Angeles

Graduate Math Camp — Summer 2023, Summer 2024.

PS 40: Introduction to American Politics — Summer 2023.

Cluster 60CW: A History of Political Data Analytics From Simulmatics to GAI — Spring 2025

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles

PS 200A: Probability for Social Science (Graduate) — Fall 2023, Fall 2024.

PS 40: Introduction to American Politics — Fall 2021, Winter 2022.

PS 6: Introduction to Data Analysis — Spring 2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (2022, 2023)

Midwest Political Science Association (2022, 2023, 2024)

State Politics and Policy (2022)

PAST EMPLOYMENT

wikiHow.com, Data Analyst, 2019 - 2020.

Rhode Island Urban Debate League, Coach and Coordinator, 2017 - 2019.