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EDUCATION

University of California Los Angeles

2020 - Present

Ph.D., Political Science

M.S., Statistics (2023)

Brown University

2015 - 2019

B.A., Mathematics & Political Science

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

“[Endorsements vs. Information: Experimental Evidence of Backlash and Parallel Persuasion during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis.](#)” 2025. *PNAS Nexus*, 4(6). Joint with Ryan Baxter-King, Alexander Coppock, and Lynn Vavreck.

“[The Economic Background of City Councilmembers.](#)” 2025. *Urban Affairs Review*, 61(5), 1551-1568.

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

WORKING PAPERS

“The Effect of Income on Turnout: Evidence from Public Salary Records and Administrative Voting Data.”

“Diagnosing Democracy: How Health Shocks Close to Elections Suppress Eligible Votes.” Joint with Arash Naeim, Dan Thompson, and Lynn Vavreck.

“Increasing Arab Americans’ Political Behavior in the Face of Different Sources of Hate.” Joint with Sabrina Habchi.

“Partisanship and Municipal Finance in Small Cities and School Districts.” Joint with Grant Baldwin, Adam Dynes, and Michael Hartney.

PROJECTS

Graduate Student Researcher. UCLA Health and Politics Project. 2022 - present (Principal Investigators: Arash Naeim, Dan Thompson, and Lynn Vavreck).

Lead Data Curator: [UCLA National L2 Voter File](#). 2022 - present.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

“[Contested Killings Replication: A Comment on Morris and Schoub \(2023\).](#)” *Institute for Replication (I4R)*. 2024. Joint with Joshua Ferrer and Jacques Courbe.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

[Swarr Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper](#), “The Effect of Income on Turnout: Evidence from Public Salary Records and Administrative Voting Data,” 2025.

UCLA Dissertation Year Award, 2025 - 2026, \$30,000.

PolMeth Travel Grant, 2025, \$500.

APSA Section 8: Representation & Electoral Systems Grant, 2025, \$1,500.

APSA Section 45: Class & Inequality Grant, 2025, \$500.

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

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

Graduate Assistant to the UCLA 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

Instructor, University of California, Los Angeles

Graduate Math Camp — Summer 2023, Summer 2024.

Introduction to American Politics — Summer 2023, Summer 2025.

A History of Political Data Analytics From Simulmatics to AGI — Spring 2025

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles

Probability for Social Science (Graduate) — Fall 2023, Fall 2024.

Introduction to American Politics — Fall 2021, Winter 2022.

Introduction to Data Analysis — Spring 2022

CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Junior Americanist Workshop Series (2025)

University of Pennsylvania, Polarization and Partisanship Workshop (2025)

American Political Science Association (2023, 2025)

Midwest Political Science Association (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)

State Politics and Policy (2022)

PAST EMPLOYMENT

wikiHow.com, Data Analyst, 2019 - 2020.

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