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EDUCATION

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science 2023 (expected)
Fields: Comparative Politics, American Politics, Political Methodology

Master of Arts in Political Science 2020
Thesis: "Measuring Political Polarization in Mass Publics: The Cluster-Polarization Coefficient"
Committee: Marc J. Hetherington (chair), Ted Enamorado, Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo

University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI
Bachelor of Arts with Honors in the Liberal Arts 2018
Majors: History, Political Science, and Economics
Honors Thesis: "Peasant Politics and Plurinationalism: Constructing the Zapatistas through Discourse Analysis"
Advisor: Erica S. Simmons

Additional Training

Duke University Durham, NC
Coursework in Political Science 2020
European Consortium for Political Research Segovia, Spain
Political Behavior in Latin America 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Hetherington, Marc J. and **Isaac D. Mehlhaff** "American attitudes toward covid-19 are divided by party. The pandemic itself might undo that." *The Washington Post* (August 18, 2020).

Mehlhaff, Isaac D. "Subverting Solidarity: The Role of American Organized Labor in Pursuing United States Foreign Policy Objectives in Chile, 1961-1973." *The Burkhardt Review* 1, no. 2 (2018): 24-40.

Mehlhaff, Isaac D. "The Short-Term Success of New Deal Work Relief Programs: An Evaluation of Private Sector Employment, 1929-1940." *Equilibrium: Journal of Economics* 8 (Spring 2018): 29-33.

UNDER REVIEW

Mehlhaff, Isaac D. "Measuring Polarization with Clustering Methods."

WORKING PAPERS

Hetherington, Marc J., Michael MacKuen, **Isaac D. Mehlhaff**, Timothy J. Ryan. "Political Judgment under Uncertainty: Dampening Heuristics and Biases."

Mehlhaff, Isaac D. "Mass Polarization and Democratic Decline: Evidence of a Negligible Relationship."

Mehlhaff, Isaac D. "Polarization in Comparative Perspective: Concept, Definition, and Measurement."

SOFTWARE

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

Measuring Political Polarization: The Cluster-Polarization Coefficient

- Annual Meeting 2021
Southern Political Science Association New Orleans, LA
- Annual Conference 2020
Society for Political Methodology Toronto, ON
- Standing Group on Latin American Politics 2019
European Consortium for Political Research Segovia, Spain

Peasant Politics and Plurinationalism: Constructing the Zapatistas through Discourse Analysis

- North Carolina Conference on Latin American Studies 2019
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC
- Undergraduate Symposium 2018
University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI
- Senior Honors Thesis Symposium 2018
University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI

Subverting Solidarity: The Role of American Organized Labor in Pursuing United States Foreign Policy Objectives in Chile, 1961-1973

- Student History Conference 2018
Ball State University Muncie, IN

The Short-Term Success of New Deal Work Relief Programs: An Evaluation of Private Sector Employment, 1929-1940

- Welton Honors Retreat 2016
University of Wisconsin-Madison Spring Green, WI

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Best Presentation, 2nd Place 2020
Uhlman Seminar, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- William Jennings Bryan Award for Best Thesis in Political Science 2018
Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Best Paper in Global History 2018
Student History Conference, Ball State University
- William F. Allen Research Award 2017
Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Phi Beta Kappa 2017
College of Letters and Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison

FUNDING

- Graduate Research Fellowship 2020 - 2023
National Science Foundation \$138,000
- Uhlman Endowment 2020

<i>Department of Political Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	\$500
Americas Graduate Fellowship	2018 - 2020
<i>Institute for the Study of the Americas, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	\$5,000
Travel Award	2019
<i>Standing Group on Latin American Politics, European Consortium for Political Research</i>	€150
Uhlman Fellowship	2019
<i>Department of Political Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	\$2,000
Harold G. Lundberg Fellowship	2018
<i>Chi Psi Educational Trust</i>	\$2,500
Lorraine A. and W. Dwight Stone Fellowship	2018
<i>Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	\$10,000
William K. Fitch Fellowship	2017
<i>Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	\$5,000
Lorraine A. and W. Dwight Stone Fellowship	2017
<i>Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	\$4,000
Barry Popkin Senior Honors Thesis Award	2017
<i>College of Letters and Science Honors Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	\$3,000
Stanoch Family Fellowship	2017
<i>Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	\$1,500
C. Ray Flynn Fellowship	2016
<i>Chi Psi Educational Trust</i>	\$5,000
Welton Honors Research Grant	2016
<i>College of Letters and Science Honors Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	\$2,500

SERVICE

Removing Inequities in Political Science Working Group	2020 - present
<i>Member</i>	
Graduate Stipends Committee	2020 - present
<i>Member</i>	
NSF GRFP Peer Review Workshop	2020
<i>Reviewer</i>	
UNC-Duke University Working Group on Latin American Politics	2019 - 2020
<i>Co-Convenor</i>	
ARCHIVE Undergraduate Journal of History	2017
<i>Editor</i>	

TEACHING

POLI 203: Race, Innocence, and the Decline of the Death Penalty

- Spring 2020 (Teaching Assistant)

POLI 100: American Democracy in Changing Times

- Fall 2019 (Teaching Assistant)

POLI 208: Political Parties and Elections

- Fall 2018 (Instructional Assistant)

SKILLS

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- Spanish (advanced proficient)
- Portuguese (novice)

TECHNICAL

- Qualtrics (expert)
- R (expert)
- L^AT_EX(advanced proficient)
- STATA (novice)