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## EDUCATION

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**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** Chapel Hill, NC  
*Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science*  
Fields: Comparative Politics, American Politics, Political Methodology  
  
*Master of Arts in Political Science* 2020  
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  
Advisor: Erica S. Simmons

## PUBLICATIONS

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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.

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Mehlhaff, Isaac D.** "Measuring Polarization with Clustering Methods." *Under Review*.

**Mehlhaff, Isaac D.**, Marc Hetherington, Michael MacKuen, and Timothy J. Ryan. "Fear, Partisanship, and Reactions to the COVID-19 Pandemic."

**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

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**Mehlhaff, Isaac D.** *CPC: Implementation of Cluster-Polarization Coefficient* (version 1.1.1). R. 2021.

## FUNDING

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

Uhlman Endowment 2020  
*Department of Political Science, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill* \$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

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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

## PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

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### 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

## SERVICE

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**Removing Inequities in Political Science Working Group** 2020 - present  
*Member*

**Graduate Stipends Committee** 2020 - present  
*Member*

**NSF GRFP Peer Review Workshop** 2020  
*Reviewer*

**UNC-Duke University Working Group on Latin American Politics** 2019 - 2020  
*Co-Convenor*

**ARCHIVE Undergraduate Journal of History** 2017  
*Editor*

## TEACHING

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### 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

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### LANGUAGES

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

### TECHNICAL

- R (expert)
- Qualtrics (advanced proficient)
- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (advanced proficient)
- Stan (proficient)
- STATA (novice)

