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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles   2020-Present
Ph.D., Political Science (expected completion June 2025)

M.A., Political Science (2022)

University of Otago / Te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo   2019-2020
M.A. with Distinction, Politics

Amherst College   2013-2017
B.A. with Distinction, Political Science and Music, *Summa Cum Laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*

Worester College, Oxford University   2016
Visiting Student in Politics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Election administration, electoral reform, local politics, New Zealand politics, criminal justice

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Ferrer, Joshua. 2022. "The Effects of Proportional Representation on Election Lawmaking: Evidence from New Zealand." *Representation*. DOI: 10.1080/00344893.2022.2032292

Ferrer, Joshua. 2021. "Re-evaluating Consensus in New Zealand Election Reform." *Political Science*. DOI: 10.1080/00323187.2020.1859337

WORKING PAPERS

How Partisan Is Local Election Administration? (with Igor Geyn and Daniel M. Thompson) *American Political Science Review*. (Revise and Resubmit).

Do Local Elections Improve Government Performance? Evidence from Election Administration

The Global Legislators Database: The Personal Backgrounds of National Legislators in the World's Democracies (with Nick Carnes, Miriam Golden, Esme Lillywhite, Noam Lupu, and Eugenia Nazrullaeva).

Electing America's Election Officials (with Igor Geyn).

Are Election Reforms Passed Democratically? Evidence from New Zealand.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Partisan or not? Local election officials don't tilt elections in favor of their party's candidates. *The Conversation*. 2022.

Did last year's Black Lives Matter protests push cities to defund police? Yes and no. (with Joyce Nguy). *Washington Post*. 2021.

Online Political Campaigning in New Zealand. *Transparency International New Zealand*. 2020.

Consensus-based NZ electoral reform is a lovely idea. And it's mostly a myth. *The Spinoff*. 2020.

2018 Primary Turnout and Reforms (with John Fortier, Michael Thorning, and Matthew Weil). *Bipartisan Policy Center*. 2018.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022

Election Sciences, Administration, and Reform Conference, 2022 and 2021

Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022

New Zealand Political Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2019

GRANTS AND REWARDS

Graduate Research Mentorship, University of California, Los Angeles, 2021-2022 ($20,000)

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, University of California, Los Angeles, 2021 ($6,000)

Alumni Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles, 2020-2021

Yaman Didem MA Thesis Prize for best thesis in Politics, University of Otago, 2020

Postgraduate Publishing Bursary, University of Otago, 2020

Fulbright Extension Award, University of Otago, 2020

New Zealand Politics Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize, New Zealand Political Studies Association, 2019

Fulbright Graduate Student Award to New Zealand, 2019

Densmore Berry Collins Prize in Political Science, Amherst College, 2018

TEACHING

UCLA, TA:

Political Parties and American Democracy, 2023

Intro to American Politics, 2022

Undergraduate Research Experience, 2022

University of Otago, Departmental Tutor:

Politics of the European Union, 2019 (undergraduate lecture).

Amherst College, TA:

Intro to Stats, Fall 2017 (undergraduate lecture).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer: *Representation*

SELECTED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Democracy Project, Bipartisan Policy Center.	2022-Present, 2018
Graduate Research Assistant, Professor Lynn Vavreck, UCLA.	2022-present
Graduate Research Assistant, Professor Miriam Golden, UCLA.	2020-2021
Legislative Team Chair, Miles Hall Foundation.	2021-present
Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellow, Professor Jonathan Obert, Amherst College.	2018
Domestic Policy Council Intern, The White House.	2015
Research Assistant, Professor Austin Sarat, Amherst College.	2014-2015

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Dan Thompson, Professor, UCLA. (`dthompson@polisci.ucla.edu`).

Kathleen Bawn, Professor, UCLA. (`kbawn@polisci.ucla.edu`).

Matt A. Barreto, Professor, UCLA. (`barretom@ucla.edu`).