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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, representation, local politics, voter turnout, electoral reform

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Barreto, Matt, Claudia Alegre, Isaiah Bailey, Alexandria Davis, Joshua Ferrer, Joyce Nguy, Christopher Palmisano, and Crystal Robertson. Forthcoming. "Black Lives Matter and the Racialized Support for the January 6 Insurrection." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.*

Ferrer, Joshua, Igor Geyn, and Daniel M. Thompson. 2023. "How Partisan is Local Election Administration?" *American Political Science Review.* DOI: 10.1017/S0003055423000631

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

PUBLISHED BOOK CHAPTERS

"Electing America's Election Officials" (with Igor Geyn). Forthcoming in *The Frontline of Democracy: How Local Election Administrators Support, Staff, and Defend American Elections*, edited by Paul Gronke, David Kimball, Thessalia Merivaki, Mara Suttman-Lea, Christian Grose, and Bridgett King. 2025. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

WORKING PAPERS

To Elect or Appoint? Evidence from Local Election Administration (Under Review.)

- CUSP Working Paper Series in American Politics selection

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). (Under Review.)

Do Local Election Officials Represent Their Constituents?

The Old and New Racialization of Anti-Democratic Attitudes (with Christopher Palmisano).

Are Election Reforms Passed Democratically? Evidence from New Zealand.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

2022 Primary Turnout: Trends and Lessons for Boosting Participation (with Michael Thorning). *Bipartisan Policy Center.* 2023.

Partisan or Not? Local Election Officials Don't Tilt Eections 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, 2023 and 2022

Election Sciences, Administration, and Reform Conference, 2023, 2022, and 2021

Keeping the Republic Conference, Notre Dame, 2023

Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023 and 2022

SoCal Political Institutions and Political Economy Conference, UC Rvierside, 2023

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022

New Zealand Political Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2019

GRANTS AND REWARDS

Political Psychology Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles, 2023 ($2,000)

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 ($20,000)

Postgraduate Publishing Bursary, University of Otago, 2020 ($1,500)

Fulbright Extension Award, University of Otago, 2020 ($1,500)

Yaman Didem MA Thesis Prize for best thesis in Politics, 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:

Intro to American Politics, 2023 and 2022

Political Parties and American Democracy, 2023

Undergraduate Research Experience, 2022-present

University of Otago, Departmental Tutor:

Politics of the European Union, 2019.

Amherst College, TA:

Intro to Stats, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer: *Party Politics*, *Representation*

SELECTED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Resercher, Professor Daniel M. Thompson, UCLA.	2023
Consultant, Democracy Project, Bipartisan Policy Center.	2018, 2022-2023
Graduate Student Resercher, Professor Lynn Vavreck, UCLA.	2022-present
Graduate Student Resercher, 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`).

Rick Hasen, Professor, UCLA. (`hasen@law.ucla.edu`).