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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> Ph.D., Political Science (expected completion June 2025) M.A., Political Science (2022)	2020-Present
<b>University of Otago / Te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo</b> M.A. with Distinction, Politics	2019-2020
<b>Amherst College</b> B.A. with Distinction, Political Science and Music, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	2013-2017
<b>Worester College, Oxford University</b> Visiting Student in Politics	2016

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Election administration, representation, local and state politics, voter turnout, electoral reform

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES

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- Ferrer, Joshua, Igor Geyn, and Daniel M. Thompson. 2024. "How Partisan is Local Election Administration?" *American Political Science Review*. DOI: 10.1017/S0003055423000631
- Barreto, Matt, Claudia Alegre, Isaiah Bailey, Alexandria Davis, Joshua Ferrer, Joyce Nguy, Christopher Palmisano, and Crystal Robertson. 2024. "Black Lives Matter and the Racialized Support for the January 6 Insurrection." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. DOI: 10.1177/00027162241228395
- 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

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- Ferrer, Joshua and Igor Geyn. 2024. "Electing America's Election Officials" 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. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

## WORKING PAPERS

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To Elect or Appoint? Evidence from Local Election Administration. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* (Revise and Resubmit).

- 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). *British Journal of Political Science* (Revise and Resubmit).

Do Local Election Officials Represent Their Constituents?

Are Election Reforms Passed Democratically? Evidence from New Zealand.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

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Election Official Turnover Rates from 2000-2024 (with Daniel M. Thompson and Rachel Orey). *Bipartisan Policy Center*. 2024.

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 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

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Primary Election Research Symposium, 2024

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023 and 2022

Election Sciences, Administration, and Reform Conference, 2024, 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, 2024, 2023

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024 and 2022

New Zealand Political Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2019

## GRANTS AND REWARDS

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Election Workforce Grant, Bipartisan Policy Center, 2024 (\$37,000)

Partisan Primaries Research Grant, Unite America, 2023-2024 (\$20,000)

Polmeth2024 Travel Award (\$1,000)

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)  
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

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UCLA, TA:

National Institutions: Congress, 2024  
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

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Reviewer: *Political Behavior, Party Politics, Representation*

## SELECTED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

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Consultant, Democracy Project, Bipartisan Policy Center.	2018, 2022-Present
Graduate Student Resercher, Professor Daniel M. Thompson, UCLA.	2023
Graduate Student Resercher, Professor Lynn Vavreck, UCLA.	2022-present
Graduate Student Resercher, Professor Miriam Golden, UCLA.	2020-2021
Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellow, Professor Jonathan Obert, Amherst College.	2018
Domestic Policy Council Intern, The White House.	2015

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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

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

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

**Rick Hasen**, Professor, UCLA. ([hasen@law.ucla.edu](mailto:hasen@law.ucla.edu)).