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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 and state politics, voter turnout, primary elections

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- Nicholas Carnes, Joshua Ferrer, Miriam Golden, Esme Lillywhite, Noam Lupu, and Eugenia Nazrulleaeva. 2024. "The Global Legislators Database: The Personal Backgrounds of National Legislators in the World's Democracies" *British Journal of Political Science*. Forthcoming: Conditionally Accepted
- 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

- 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

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

Beyond the Trump Presidency: The Racial Underpinnings of White Americans' Anti-Democratic Beliefs (with Christopher Palmisano). (Under Review.)

Do Local Election Officials Represent Their Constituents?

Are Election Reforms Passed Democratically? Evidence from New Zealand.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

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.

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, 2024 (organized panel), 2023 and 2022

SoCal Political Institutions and Political Economy Conference, 2024 (Caltech), 2024 (CGU), 2023

Primary Election Research Symposium, 2024

Election Sciences, Administration, and Reform Conference, 2024, 2023, 2022, and 2021

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024 and 2022

UCLA January 6 CMPS Conference, 2024

Keeping the Republic Conference, Notre Dame, 2023

Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023 and 2022

New Zealand Political Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2019

GRANTS AND REWARDS

Dissertation Year Fellowship Award, University of California, Los Angeles, 2024-2025 (\$20,000)

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

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

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

TEACHING

UCLA, Instructor of Record:

Intro to American Politics (Summer Institute), 2024

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.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer: *Political Behavior, Party Politics, Representation*

SELECTED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

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.	2022-2023
Graduate Student Resercher, Professor Miriam Golden, UCLA.	2020-2021
Domestic Policy Council Intern, The White House.	2015

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

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

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