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EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Department of Political Science	2023 - Current
Visiting Scholar, Wilf Family Department of Politics, NYU	2025
MSc, Political Science and Political Economy, GPA: 3.7/4 London School of Economics, Department of Government	2020 - 2021
BA, Economics University of British Columbia (UBC), Department of Economics	2015 - 2019

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Abortion Restrictions and Electoral Turnout: The Effect of Dobbs v. Jackson on Women's Voting.

Summary: How do abortion right restrictions affect political participation? This study investigates whether and where women were galvanized to go out and vote as a result of the June 2022 US Supreme Court decision Dobbs v. Jackson, which removed federal protections around abortion.

Can Changes to the Labor Force Affect Gender Norms? Evidence from the Russo-Ukrainian War. (with Nikita Savin, UCLA)

Summary: Due to the Russo-Ukrainian war and military draft, women took on positions in male-dominated fields. Are these changes to the labor force enough to generate changes in views about women in male-dominated positions, especially with regard to promotions, labor market participation, and salary?

Partners in Politics: The Impact of Marriage on Women's Political Behavior (with Jack Kappelman, UCLA, and Chris Palmisano, UCLA)

Summary: Women in the United States exhibit higher levels of political participation than men. Yet, evidence from other contexts suggests that patriarchal family structures often lead women to align their political beliefs and behaviors with those of their partners. How does marriage shape the political behavior of women in the US?

Women Leaders and the Gender Pay Gap in Municipal Government. (with Julia Payson, UCLA)

Summary: Within California, most political offices (such as mayor or council member) are held by men. How does the election of women to city councils affect hiring practices and the gender pay gap in local government?

Green Gold and Gendered Political Corruption: The Effect of Agricultural Revenue Shocks on Bureaucratic Competence.

Summary: In Mexico, the profitability and revenue from the avocado crop increased dramatically in recent decades. How does this agricultural shock, both to production and revenue, impact the competence of bureaucrats, and are there gender differences in mayoral corruption?

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant Anderson School of Management, University of California, Los Angeles <i>Principal Investigator: Maggie Delmas</i>	2026 – Current
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Graduate Research Assistant Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles <i>Principal Investigators: Daniel Thompson, Julia Payson, Cesi Cruz</i>	2023 – 2025
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Policy and Research Associate Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2021 – 2023
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Research Assistant	2019 – 2020
Department of Economics, University of British Columbia	
<i>Principal Investigator: Thorsten Rogall</i>	
Research Intern	Summer 2020
Department of Economics, RWTH Aachen University	
Market Research Intern	Summer 2019
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	
Policy and Economics Intern	Summer 2018
Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State	

TEACHING

- Teaching Assistant, POL SCI 125A: Arms Control and International Security (Fall 2025), UCLA
- Teaching Assistant, POL SCI 140B: National Institutions (Fall 2024), UCLA

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Arzumanov, Maria. (2023). "Using simple reminders to reduce failures to appear in court." *Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)*. <https://www.povertyactionlab.org/policy-insight/using-simple-reminders-reduce-failures-appear-court>

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute of Humane Studies	2025
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA	2025
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA	2024
Special University of British Columbia Award, UBC	2018
Global International Award, UBC	Summer 2017
Global International Award, UBC	Fall 2017
Outstanding International Student Award, UBC	2015

CONFERENCES, INVITED TALKS, AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Midwest Political Science Association (April, 2025). "Right Restrictions and Electoral Turnout: The Effect of Dobbs v. Jackson on Women's Voting"
- NYU Department of Politics, American Politics Workshop (March, 2025). "Right Restrictions and Electoral Turnout: The Effect of Dobbs v. Jackson on Women's Voting"
- Toulouse Summer Institute in Quantitative Social Sciences (June 2024), Toulouse School of Economics. "Right Restrictions and Electoral Turnout: The Effect of Dobbs v. Jackson on Women's Voting"

SKILLS

Software: Proficient in STATA, R, L^AT_EX, ArcGIS, QGIS

Languages: Russian (native), English (native), Spanish (intermediate)