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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Expected June 2024

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Political Science

Highest Departmental Honors in Political Science (Best Thesis Prize)

Departmental Honors in Sociology

College Honors

Summa cum laude (expected)

Los Medanos College

August 2022

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts: Behavioral Science & Social Science, With Honors

Associate of Arts in Sociology, With Honors

Diablo Valley College

August 2022

Associate of Arts in Political Science for Transfer, With Honors

United Association Local 342 JATC

July 2013

Certificate in Plumbing

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Department of Political Science Best Honors Thesis Prize

June 2024

Examined the relationship between economic inequality, race, and gentrification and police killings.

1st Place, 2024 StatCrunch Student Contest

May 2024

Placed #1 in the StatCrunch statistics contest (\$1,000).

Report: <https://bit.ly/StatCrunchWinners>

Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP)

September 2023

Scholarship for senior thesis in sociology (\$6,000).

Honors Scholar, Los Medanos College

May 2020

Received the college's highest distinction.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Departmental Honors Program in Sociology

Expected completion: June 2024

"Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective"

Departmental Honors Program in Political Science

March 2024

"The Policing of the 'Reserve Army': Economic Inequality and Police Killings"

Research Assistant

June 2023-September 2023

Worked with Professor Adaner Usmani (Harvard Sociology) on a project analyzing prison conditions and its relationship with the broader labor market and precariousness of work in the region.

Undergraduate Research Experience, UCLA Political Science

October-December 2022

Assisted a graduate student with data collection for a political psychology experiment in the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics subdiscipline.

Bay Honors Research Symposium

April 2020

Accepted to give a presentation about eminent domain and global warming; cancelled because of COVID-19. See ‘Published Works’ section for the corresponding paper.

PUBLISHED WORKS

“Global Warming and the Takings Clause: Can Eminent Domain Be Used to Avert a Climate Crisis?” *ThinkYou?! https://bit.ly/CarsonThinkYou* November 1, 2023

“Engines Out and Pickets Up to Stop Health Plan Downgrade by Cummins.” *Labor Notes* (with Keith Brower Brown, and Ella Teevan). <https://bit.ly/EnginesOut> June 21, 2021

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Statistics 20	Statistical Programming with R
Political Science 170A	Studies in Statistical Analysis of Political Data
Sociology 111	Social Networks (computational sociology)
English 221	Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking
Sociology 191H	Departmental Honors Seminar
Political Science 191H	Research Design Seminar for Honors Thesis

LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Spoken/Written	Spanish (limited reading and speaking)
Programming	R**, Python*, Stata*, L ^A T _E X*
Version Control	Git*
Citation Management	Zotero***, BIB _T E _X *

*Working knowledge; **Intermediate; ***Intermediate-advanced.

EMPLOYMENT

UNITE HERE Local 11 4/2022–6/2022
Canvasser Los Angeles, CA

- Canvassed door-to-door for the primary election.

UA Local 342 8/2007–1/2017
Journeyman Plumber Concord, CA

- Plumbing system fabrication and installation.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Adaner Usmani (sociology)	ausmani@fas.harvard.edu
Michelle Torres (political science)	smtorres@ucla.edu
Chris Tausanovitch (political science)	ctausanovitch@ucla.edu
Zsuzsa Berend (sociology)	berend@soc.ucla.edu
Michael Tsiang (statistics)	mike@stat.ucla.edu
Michael Lofchie (political science)	mlofchie@polisci.ucla.edu