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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Political Science	Expected June 2024
Los Medanos College Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts: Behavioral Science & Social Science, With Honors Associate of Arts in Sociology, With Honors	August 2022
Diablo Valley College Associate of Arts in Political Science for Transfer, With Honors	August 2022
United Association Local 342 JATC Certificate in Plumbing	July 2013

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Organized labor	The carceral state	Race/racism	Historical methods
Political economy	Police violence	Social class	Quantitative methods

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Highest Honors, UCLA Political Science Undergraduate Thesis Studied the relationship between economic inequality, race, and gentrification and police killings.	May 2024
1st Place, 2024 StatCrunch Student Contest Placed #1 in the StatCrunch statistics contest (\$1,000). Report: https://bit.ly/StatCrunchWinners	May 2024
Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP) Scholarship for senior thesis in sociology (\$6,000).	September 2023
Honors Scholar, Los Medanos College Received the college's highest distinction.	May 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Departmental Honors Program in Sociology "Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective"	Expected completion: June 2024
Departmental Honors Program in Political Science "The Policing of the 'Reserve Army': Economic Inequality and Police Killings"	March 2024
Research Assistant 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.	June 2023-September 2023
Undergraduate Research Experience, UCLA Political Science Assisted a graduate student with data collection for a political psychology experiment in the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics subdiscipline.	October-December 2022

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.” June 21, 2021
Labor Notes (with Keith Brower Brown, and Ella Teevan). <https://bit.ly/EnginesOut>.

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Political Science 170A: Studies in Statistical Analysis of Political Data

Sociology 111: Social Networks

English 221: Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking

Sociology 191H: Departmental Honors Seminar

Political Science 191H: Research Design Seminar for Honors Thesis

LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Spoken/Written Spanish (limited reading and speaking)

Programming R**, Python*, Stata*, L^AT_EX*

Version Control Git*

Citation Management Zotero***, BIB_TE_X*

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

EMPLOYMENT

UA Local 342 August 2007 - January 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