

MATTHEW CARSON

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles	June 2024
Bachelor of Arts	
Sociology (departmental honors)	
Political Science (highest departmental honors)	
<i>College Honors</i>	
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	
Political Science Best Honors Thesis Prize	
“The Policing of the ‘Reserve Army’: Economic Inequality and Police Killings.”	
https://bit.ly/PolSciThesis	
Sociology Best Honors Thesis: Lisa Mederos Memorial Prize	
“Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective.” https://bit.ly/SocThesis	
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 (5-year apprenticeship)	

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1st Place, 2024 StatCrunch Student Contest	May 2024
Placed #1 in the StatCrunch statistics contest (\$1,000).	
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

Harvard Sociology: History of Crime and Punishment	7/2024–Present
Research Assistant for Professor Adaner Usmani	
The Center for Working Class Politics	7/2024–Present
Research Assistant	

Undergraduate Research Experience, UCLA Political Science Fall 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; canceled 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* 11/01/2023

“Engines Out and Pickets Up to Stop Health Plan Downgrade by Cummins.” 6/21/2021 *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 (computational sociology)
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***, BIBT _E X*

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

EMPLOYMENT

UNITE HERE Local 11	4/2022–6/2022
<i>Election Canvasser</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>

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

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

- Plumbing system fabrication and installation.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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