MATTHEW CARSON

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: organized labor & social movements; urban sociology & policy; gentrifi-

cation; political economy; incarceration & police violence; race/racism,

nationalism & "groupism."

Methods: historical; comparative; quantitative; causal inference with observational

data; mixed methods.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

June 2024

BA, Sociology (departmental honors) & Political Science (highest departmental honors)

College honors
Summa cum laude

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

AA, Sociology, With Honors

AA, Liberal Arts: Behavioral Science & Social Science, With Honors

Honors Scholar

The college's highest distinction. www.losmedanos.edu/honors

Diablo Valley College

August 2022

AA, 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).

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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 the 'Published Works' section for the corresponding paper.)

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Matthew Carson. "Global Warming and the Takings Clause: Can Eminent Domain Be Used to Avert a Climate Crisis?" In: *ThinkYou?!* (Nov. 2023). URL: https://bit.ly/CarsonThinkYou.
- [2] Matt Carson, Keith Brower Brown, and Ella Teevan. "Engines Out and Pickets Up to Stop Health Plan Downgrade by Cummins". In: *Labor Notes* (June 2021). URL: 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*, LATEX*

Version Control Git*

Citation Management Zotero***, BIBT_EX*

EMPLOYMENT

UNITE HERE Local 11

4/2022 – 6/2022

Election Canvasser

Los Angeles, CA

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

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^{*}Working knowledge; **Intermediate; ***Intermediate-advanced.

8/2007-1/2017

UA Local 342

Journeyman Plumber

Concord, CA

 \cdot Plumbing system fabrication and installation.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Chris Tausanovitch (political science thesis advisor) Zsuzsa Berend (sociology thesis advisor) Adaner Usmani (sociology) Michelle Torres (political science) Michael Tsiang (statistics)

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