

# MATTHEW CARSON

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Substantive:** organized labor & social movements; urban sociology & policy; gentrification; political economy; incarceration & police violence; race/racism, nationalism & “groupism.”

**Methods:** historical; comparative; quantitative; causal inference with observational data; mixed methods.

## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Los Angeles** 6/2024

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>

Advisor: Chris Tausanovitch

**Sociology Best Honors Thesis: Lisa Mederos Memorial Prize**

*Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective.* <https://bit.ly/SocThesis>

Advisor: Zsuzsa Berend

**Los Medanos College** 8/2022

AA, Sociology, With Honors

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

Honors Scholar (the college’s highest distinction.)

[www.losmedanos.edu/honors](http://www.losmedanos.edu/honors)

**Diablo Valley College** 8/2022

AA, Political Science for Transfer, With Honors

**United Association Local 342** 7/2013

Certificate in Plumbing (5-year apprenticeship)

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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**1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2024 StatCrunch Student Contest** 5/2024

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

<https://bit.ly/StatCrunchWinners>

**Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP)** 9/2023–6/2024  
Scholarship for senior thesis in sociology (\$6,000).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**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

**UCLA Sociology Departmental Honors Program** 3/2023–6/2024  
Senior thesis

**UCLA Political Science Departmental Honors Program** 3/2023–6/2024  
Senior thesis

**Undergraduate Research Experience, UCLA Political Science** 8/2022–12/2022  
Assisted a graduate student with data collection for a political psychology experiment in the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics subdiscipline.

**Bay Honors Research Symposium** 4/2022  
Accepted to give a presentation about eminent domain and global warming; canceled because of COVID-19. (See ‘Publications’ for the corresponding paper.)

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [2] 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>.
- [1] 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

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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

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<b>Spoken/Written</b>	Spanish (limited reading and speaking)
<b>Programming</b>	R**, Python*, Stata*, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X*
<b>Version Control</b>	Git*
<b>Citation Management</b>	Zotero***, BIB <sub>T</sub> E <sub>X</sub> *

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

## EMPLOYMENT

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### UNITE HERE Local 11

*Election Canvasser*

4/2022–6/2022

*Los Angeles, CA*

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

### UA Local 342

*Journeyman Plumber*

8/2007–1/2017

*Concord, CA*

- Plumbing system fabrication and installation.

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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Chris Tausanovitch (political science thesis advisor)

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Zsuzsa Berend (sociology thesis advisor)

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Adaner Usmani (sociology)

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