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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 (Lisa Mederos Memorial Prize for Best Honors Thesis)

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

Political Science Best Honors Thesis Prize

June 2024

“The Policing of the ‘Reserve Army’: Economic Inequality and Police Killings”

Sociology Best Honors Thesis: 2024 Lisa Mederos Memorial Prize

June 2024

“Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective”

<https://bit.ly/SocThesis>

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

Research Assistant, Harvard University

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

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| Statistics 20 | Statistical Programming with R |
| Political Science 170A | Studies in Statistical Analysis of Political Data |
| Sociology 111 | Social Networks (computational sociology) |

LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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| 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

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

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

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

- Plumbing system fabrication and installation.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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|--|---------------------------|
| 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 |