

# MATTHEW CARSON

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## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Los Angeles** June 2024

Bachelor of Arts

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

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

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**1<sup>st</sup> 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

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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

**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** 4/2020  
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

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“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

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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)
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***, BIBT <sub>E</sub> X*

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

## EMPLOYMENT

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**UNITE HERE Local 11** 4/2022–6/2022  
*Election Canvasser* Los Angeles, CA

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

**UA Local 342** 8/2007–1/2017  
*Journeyman Plumber* Concord, CA

- Plumbing system fabrication and installation.

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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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

Carson, *vita*

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Michael Tsiang (statistics)

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