MATTHEW CARSON

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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"

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

Departmental Honors Program in Sociology   June 2024
"Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective"

Departmental Honors Program in Political Science   March 2024
"The Policing of the 'Reserve Army': Economic Inequality and Police Killings"

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   November 1, 2023
Avert a Climate Crisis?" *ThinkYou?!* https://bit.ly/CarsonThinkYou

"Engines Out and Pickets Up to Stop Health Plan Downgrade by Cummins."   June 21, 2021
Labor Notes (with Keith Brower Brown, and Ella Teevan). https://bit.ly/EnginesOut

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Statistics 20	Statistical Programming with R
Political Science 170A	Studies in Statistical Analysis of Political Data
Sociology 111	Social Networks (computational sociology)
English 221	Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking
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***, BIBTeX*

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

EMPLOYMENT

UNITE HERE Local 11   4/2022–6/2022
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

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