

# MATTHEW CARSON

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## EDUCATION

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### 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

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### 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”

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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### 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.

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**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

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**RELEVANT COURSEWORK**

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

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**LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL STRENGTHS**

<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.

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**EMPLOYMENT**

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

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

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

- Plumbing system fabrication and installation.

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**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

Adaner Usmani (sociology)	ausmani@fas.harvard.edu
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Chris Tausanovitch (political science)	ctausanovitch@ucla.edu
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