

# MATTHEW CARSON

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>University of California, Los Angeles</b><br>Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Political Science  | Expected June 2024 |
| <b>Los Medanos College</b><br>Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts: Behavioral Science & Social Science, With Honors<br>Associate of Arts in Sociology, With Honors | August 2022        |
| <b>Diablo Valley College</b><br>Associate of Arts in Political Science for Transfer, With Honors   | August 2022        |
| <b>United Association Local 342 JATC</b><br>Certificate in Plumbing  | July 2013          |

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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| Organized labor   | The carceral state | Race/racism  | Historical methods   |
| Political economy | Police violence    | Social class | Quantitative methods |

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| <b>Highest Honors, UCLA Political Science Undergraduate Thesis</b><br>Studied the relationship between economic inequality, race, and gentrification and police killings | May 2024       |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place, StatCrunch Student Contest</b><br>Placed #1 in the 2024 StatCrunch statistics contest (\$1,000)   | May 2024       |
| <b>Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP)</b><br>Scholarship for senior thesis in sociology (\$6,000)  | September 2023 |
| <b>Honors Scholar, Los Medanos College</b><br>Received the college's highest distinction   | May 2020       |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Departmental Honors Program in Sociology</b><br>Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective   | Expected completion: June 2024 |
| <b>Research Assistant</b><br>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. | June 2023-September 2023       |
| <b>Undergraduate Research Experience, UCLA Political Science</b><br>Assisted a graduate student with data collection for a political psychology experiment in the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics subdiscipline.             | October-December 2022          |

## 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

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“Global Warming and the Takings Clause: Can Eminent Domain Be Used to Avert a Climate Crisis?” *ThinkYou?!* [https://bit.ly/carson\\_think\\_you](https://bit.ly/carson_think_you) 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/engines\\_out](https://bit.ly/engines_out). June 21, 2021

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

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Political Science 170A: Studies in Statistical Analysis of Political Data

Sociology 111: Social Networks

English 221: Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking

Sociology 191H: Departmental Honors Seminar

Political Science 191H: Research Design Seminar for Honors Thesis

## LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

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| <b>Spoken/Written</b> | Spanish (limited reading and speaking) |
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| <b>Programming</b> | R**, Python*, Stata*, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X* |
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| <b>Version Control</b> | Git* |
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| <b>Citation Management</b> | Zotero***, BiB <sub>T</sub> E <sub>X</sub> * |
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\*Working knowledge; \*\*Intermediate; \*\*\*Intermediate-advanced.

## EMPLOYMENT

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**UA Local 342**

*Journeyman Plumber*

August 2007 - January 2017

*Concord, CA*

- Plumbing system fabrication and installation

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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Adaner Usmani (sociology)

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Michelle Torres (political science)

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