

# MATTHEW CARSON

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Political Science	Expected June 2024
<b>Los Medanos College</b> Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts: Behavioral Science & Social Science, With Honors Associate of Arts in Sociology, With Honors	August 2022
<b>Diablo Valley College</b> Associate of Arts in Political Science for Transfer, With Honors	August 2022
<b>United Association Local 342 JATC</b> 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> Studied the relationship between economic inequality, race, and gentrification and police killings.	May 2024
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2024 StatCrunch Student Contest</b> Placed #1 in the StatCrunch statistics contest (\$1,000). Report: <a href="https://bit.ly/StatCrunchWinners">https://bit.ly/StatCrunchWinners</a>	May 2024
<b>Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP)</b> Scholarship for senior thesis in sociology (\$6,000).	September 2023
<b>Honors Scholar</b> , Los Medanos College Received the college's highest distinction.	May 2020

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Departmental Honors Program in Sociology</b> “Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective”	Expected completion: June 2024
<b>Departmental Honors Program in Political Science</b> “The Policing of the ‘Reserve Army’: Economic Inequality and Police Killings”	March 2024
<b>Research Assistant</b> 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> 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?” *Think You?!* <https://bit.ly/CarsonThinkYou> November 1, 2023

“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

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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)
<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.

## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>UA Local 342</b> <i>Journeyman Plumber</i>	August 2007 - January 2017 <i>Concord, CA</i>
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· 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
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