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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Organized labor
Political economy

Incarceration
Police violence

Historical methods
Quantitative methods

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Expected June 2024

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Political Science

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

Highest Honors, UCLA Political Science Undergraduate Thesis

May 2024

Examined the relationship between economic inequality, race, and gentrification and police killings.

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

Expected completion: 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

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 Avert a Climate Crisis?” *ThinkYou?!* <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

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

Spoken/Written	Spanish (limited reading and speaking)
Programming	R**, Python*, Stata*, L ^A T _E X*
Version Control	Git*
Citation Management	Zotero***, BIB _T E _X *

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

EMPLOYMENT

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

- 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