

MATTHEW CARSON

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles 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 <i>Summa cum laude</i> (expected)	Expected June 2024
Los Medanos College Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts: Behavioral Science & Social Science, With Honors Associate of Arts in Sociology, With Honors	August 2022
Diablo Valley College Associate of Arts in Political Science for Transfer, With Honors	August 2022
United Association Local 342 JATC Certificate in Plumbing	July 2013

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Political Science Best Honors Thesis Prize “The Policing of the ‘Reserve Army’: Economic Inequality and Police Killings”	June 2024
Sociology Best Honors Thesis: 2024 Lisa Mederos Memorial Prize “Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective”	June 2024
1st Place, 2024 StatCrunch Student Contest Placed #1 in the StatCrunch statistics contest (\$1,000). Report: https://bit.ly/StatCrunchWinners	May 2024
Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP) Scholarship for senior thesis in sociology (\$6,000).	September 2023
Honors Scholar , Los Medanos College Received the college’s highest distinction.	May 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Departmental Honors Program in Sociology “Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective”	June 2024
Departmental Honors Program in Political Science “The Policing of the ‘Reserve Army’: Economic Inequality and Police Killings”	March 2024
Research Assistant, Harvard University 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
Undergraduate Research Experience, UCLA Political Science 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

“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

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

LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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

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

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

UA Local 342	8/2007–1/2017
<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