

# MATTHEW CARSON

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Organized labor  
Political economy

Incarceration  
Police violence

Race/racism  
Social class

Historical methods  
Quantitative methods

## EDUCATION

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**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

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**Highest Honors, UCLA Political Science Undergraduate Thesis**

May 2024

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

**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**

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

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“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

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

- 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
Michael Tsiang (statistics)	mike@stat.ucla.edu
Michael Lofchie (political science)	mlofchie@polisci.ucla.edu