

# MATTHEW CARSON

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Los Angeles

Bachelor of Arts, *With College Honors*

6/2024

In Sociology, *With Departmental Honors*

In Political Science, *With Departmental Highest Honors*

*Summa cum laude*

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

### Political Science Best Honors Thesis Prize

*The Policing of the 'Reserve Army': Economic Inequality and Police Killings.* <https://bit.ly/PolSciThesis>

Advisor: Chris Tausanovitch

### Sociology Best Honors Thesis: Lisa Mederos Memorial Prize

*Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective.* <https://bit.ly/SocThesis>

Advisor: Zsuzsa Berend

### Los Medanos College

Associate in Arts for Transfer

8/2022

Sociology, *With Honors*

Liberal Arts: Behavioral Science & Social Science, *With Honors*

Honors Scholar (the college's highest distinction)

Cumulative GPA: 3.874 (*4.0 since returning to higher education in 2014*)

### Diablo Valley College

Associate in Arts for Transfer

8/2022

Political Science, *With Honors*

Certificate in Plumbing (5-year apprenticeship)

7/2013

Offered in collaboration with United Association Local 342

Cumulative GPA: 3.566 (*4.0 since returning to higher education in 2014*)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Substantive:** organized labor & social movements; urban sociology & policy; gentrification; political economy; neoliberalization; incarceration & police violence; race/racism, nationalism & "groupism."

**Methods:** historical; comparative; quantitative; causal inference with observational data; mixed methods.

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2024 StatCrunch Student Contest** 5/2024  
 Placed #1 in the StatCrunch statistics contest (\$1,000).  
<https://bit.ly/StatCrunchWinners>
- Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP)** 9/2023–6/2024  
 Scholarship for senior thesis in sociology (\$6,000).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Harvard Sociology: History of Crime and Punishment** 7/2024–Present  
 Research Assistant for Professor Adaner Usmani
- The Center for Working Class Politics** 7/2024–Present  
 Research Assistant
- UCLA Sociology Departmental Honors Program** 3/2023–6/2024  
 Senior thesis
- UCLA Political Science Departmental Honors Program** 3/2023–6/2024  
 Senior thesis
- Undergraduate Research Experience, UCLA Political Science** 8/2022–12/2022  
 Assisted a graduate student with data collection for a political psychology experiment in the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics subdiscipline.
- Bay Honors Research Symposium** 4/2022  
 Accepted to give a presentation about eminent domain and global warming; canceled because of COVID-19. (See ‘Publications’ for the corresponding paper.)

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [2] Matthew Carson. “Global Warming and the Takings Clause: Can Eminent Domain Be Used to Avert a Climate Crisis?” In: *ThinkYou?!* (Nov. 2023). URL: <https://bit.ly/CarsonThinkYou>.
- [1] Matt Carson, Keith Brower Brown, and Ella Teevan. “Engines Out and Pickets Up to Stop Health Plan Downgrade by Cummins”. In: *Labor Notes* (June 2021). URL: <https://bit.ly/EnginesOut>.

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

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Political Science 170A	Studies in Statistical Analysis of Political Data
Sociology 111	Social Networks (computational sociology)
Sociology 191H	Departmental Honors Seminar
Political Science 191H	Research Design Seminar for Honors Thesis

## LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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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***, BIBT <sub>E</sub> X*

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

## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>UNITE HERE Local 11</b>	4/2022–6/2022
Election Canvasser	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<b>UA Local 342</b>	8/2007–1/2017
Journeyman Plumber	<i>Concord, CA</i>

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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Chris Tausanovitch (political science thesis advisor)	ctausanovitch@ucla.edu
Zsuzsa Berend (sociology thesis advisor)	berend@soc.ucla.edu
Adaner Usmani (sociology)	ausmani@fas.harvard.edu
Michelle Torres (political science)	smtorres@ucla.edu
Michael Tsiang (statistics)	mike@stat.ucla.edu