

MATTHEW CARSON

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

6/2024

Bachelor of Arts, *With College Honors*

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

8/2022

Associate in Arts, Sociology for Transfer, *With Honors*

Associate in Arts, Liberal Arts: Behavioral Science & Social Science for Transfer, *With Honors*

Honors Scholar (the college’s highest distinction)

Cumulative GPA: 3.874 (4.0 since 2014)

Diablo Valley College

8/2022

Associate in Arts, Political Science for Transfer, *With Honors*

Cumulative GPA: 3.566 (4.0 since 2014)

United Association Local 342

7/2013

Certificate in Plumbing (5-year apprenticeship)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

- 1st 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

- 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

- [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

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

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

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

EMPLOYMENT

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

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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