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PRINCIPAL INTERESTS	Electoral violence, rebel groups & violent political organizations, gender politics, network analysis, and political methodology		
SKILLS	Technical: R programming language (proficient), L ^A T _E X(proficient), Python (proficient) Languages: English (native), Spanish (basic)		
EDUCATION	Pennsylvania State University	Expected 2026	
	Ph.D. in Political Science and Social Data Analytics <i>Major Field: Comparative Politics</i>		
	Pennsylvania State University	May 2024	
	M.A. in Political Science <i>Major Field: Comparative Politics</i> <i>Minor Field: Political Methodology</i>		
	Wake Forest University	May 2022	
	B.A. in Politics and International Affairs <i>Minors: Statistics and Communication</i>		
GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS	National Science Foundation		
	<i>Graduate Research Fellow - \$37,000 annual stipend and tuition waiver</i>	2023-2026	
	Pennsylvania State University		
	<i>Graduate Research Award - \$4,569 summer stipend</i>	2023	
	<i>Graduate Assistantship - \$26,700 annual stipend and tuition waiver</i>	2022-2023	
	Wake Forest University		
	<i>Undergraduate Research Center - \$4,000 summer stipend</i>	2021	
SCHOLARSHIP	PUBLICATIONS		
	Book Chapters		
	1. Esarey, Justin, and Maya Dalton. 2024. "The Changing Relationship between Gender and Corruption." In <i>Handbook on Gender and Corruption in Democracies</i> , eds. Emily Bacchus Beaulieu and Tiffany D. Barnes. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. [LINK].		
	Reports		

Last Updated: 8/15/2025

1. Dalton, Maya, and Ross Thomas. 2022. "Homeownership and the American Dream During COVID." *The Nation*. [[LINK](#)]

WORK IN PROGRESS

Articles Under Review

1. "Behind Closed Doors: Women Mayors and the Politics of Reporting Domestic Violence", with Giancarlo Visconti. (Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Politics*)[[PDF](#)] [[APPENDIX](#)]
2. "Measuring Changes in Corruption Over Time", with Justin Esarey. (Revise and Resubmit at *Political Studies*).[[PDF](#)] [[REPLICATION FILE](#)]

Working Papers

1. "For Better or For Worse? Gender Quotas and Electoral Violence".
2. "A Network Analysis of Perpetrators, Targets, and Clusters of Electoral Violence".
3. "Thinking About Conflict in Time Series", with Cecilia Caverio Sanchez.

PROFESSIONAL NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

EXPERIENCE United States Government

Graduate Intern - Analytical Methodologist May - August 2025

National Endowment for the Humanities

Pathways Intern - Office of Data and Evaluation May - December 2024

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Pennsylvania State University

Research Assistant - Dr. Daniel Tavana 2023

Research Assistant - Dr. Giancarlo Visconti 2023

Teaching Assistant - PLSC 3, Dr. Matt Golder 2022

Wake Forest University

Research Assistant - Dr. Justin Esarey 2021

Teaching Assistant - PLSC 280, Drs. Justin Esarey and Betina Wilkinson 2020-2022

University of Michigan - ICPSR Summer Program

Teaching Assistant - Dr. Robert Cooper 2023

CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIUMS

1. Peace Science Society International (PSSI) Rising Scholar Workshop 2025
2. Peace Science Society (PSSI) 2024-2025
3. American Political Science Association (APSA) 2023-2024
4. Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS XI) 2024
5. UNDOC Anti-Corruption Academic Symposium 2023
6. ICPSR Summer Program Blalock Lecture Series 2023
7. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2022

HONORS & AWARDS

1. **Jack D. and Martha H. Fleeer Award**, Wake Forest University 2022
 - Awarded for meritorious performance in the political science major.
2. **Dorothy Shaw Leadership Award**, Alpha Delta Pi 2021
 - The highest individual honor given to a collegiate member of Alpha Delta Pi with a cumulative 3.40 GPA, is active in the chapter, and active in service on campus.
3. **Chinuntdet-Crowe Scholarship**, Wake Forest University 2021
 - Awarded to an upper-class student who has demonstrated “leadership skills by extensive involvement in, and leadership of, student organizations recognized by Wake Forest.”

MEMBERSHIPS

Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS),
Pennsylvania State University
Graduate Alliance for Diversity and Inclusion (GADI),
Pennsylvania State University
American Political Science Association (APSA)
Peace Science Society (PSSI)
Pi Sigma Alpha, Alumni - Zeta Nu
Alpha Delta Pi Sorority (AΔΠ), Alumnae - Eta Upsilon

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Pennsylvania State University
Student Representative, Graduate Studies Committee 2025-2026
President, Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS) 2024-2025
Vice President, Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS) 2023-2024

Wake Forest University
Vice President of Member Development, Alpha Delta Pi - Eta Upsilon 2021-2022
President's Aide, Office of the President 2021-2022
Student Advisor, Office of Academic Advising 2020-2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Discussant: *American Political Science Association (APSA)*
Reviewer: *Comparative Political Studies, Politics and Gender, PS: Political Science & Politics*

REFERENCES

1. **Dr. James Piazza**
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