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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 Ph.D. in Political Science and Social Data Analytics <i>Major Field: Comparative Politics</i>	Expected 2026
	Pennsylvania State University M.A. in Political Science <i>Major Field: Comparative Politics</i> <i>Minor Field: Political Methodology</i>	May 2024
	Wake Forest University B.A. in Politics and International Affairs <i>Minors: Statistics and Communication</i>	May 2022
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> <i>Graduate Assistantship - \$26,700 annual stipend and tuition waiver</i>	2023 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	

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

Forthcoming

1. "Measuring Changes in Corruption Over Time", with Justin Esarey. (Conditionally Accepted at *Political Studies*).[\[PDF\]](#) [\[REPLICATION FILE\]](#)

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*)[\[PDF\]](#) [\[APPENDIX\]](#)

Working Papers

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

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
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CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIA

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. Fleer 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. Chinundet-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	
	<i>Student Representative</i> , Graduate Studies Committee	2025-2026
	<i>President</i> , Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS)	2024-2025
	<i>Vice President</i> , Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS)	2023-2024
	Wake Forest University	
	<i>Vice President of Member Development</i> , Alpha Delta Pi - Eta Upsilon	2021-2022
	<i>President's Aide</i> , Office of the President	2021-2022
	<i>Student Advisor</i> , 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 410 SWLAB, University Park, PA 16802 jap45@psu.edu	
	2. Dr. Bruce Desmarais 419 SWLAB, University Park, PA 16802 bdesmarais@psu.edu	