

# Maya A. Dalton

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<b>PRINCIPAL INTERESTS</b>	Electoral violence, rebel groups & violent political organizations, gender politics, network analysis, and political methodology	
<b>SKILLS</b>	<b>Technical:</b> R programming language (proficient), L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X(proficient), Python (proficient) <b>Languages:</b> English (native), Spanish (basic)	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>Pennsylvania State University</b> Ph.D. in Political Science and Social Data Analytics <i>Major Field: Comparative Politics</i>	Expected 2026
	<b>Pennsylvania State University</b> M.A. in Political Science <i>Major Field: Comparative Politics</i> <i>Minor Field: Political Methodology</i>	May 2024
	<b>Wake Forest University</b> B.A. in Politics and International Affairs <i>Minors: Statistics and Communication</i>	May 2022
<b>GRANTS &amp; FELLOWSHIPS</b>	<b>National Science Foundation</b> <i>Graduate Research Fellow - \$37,000 annual stipend and tuition waiver</i>	2023-2026
	<b>Pennsylvania State University</b> <i>Graduate Research Award - \$4,569 summer stipend</i> <i>Graduate Assistantship - \$26,700 annual stipend and tuition waiver</i>	2023 2022-2023
	<b>Wake Forest University</b> <i>Undergraduate Research Center - \$4,000 summer stipend</i>	2021
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>PUBLICATIONS</b> <b>Book Chapters</b> 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. [ <a href="#">LINK</a> ].	
	<b>Reports</b>	

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 Cavero 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

<b>HONORS &amp; AWARDS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Jack D. and Martha H. Fleer Award</b>, Wake Forest University 2022           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded for meritorious performance in the political science major.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Dorothy Shaw Leadership Award</b>, Alpha Delta Pi 2021           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Chinundet-Crowe Scholarship</b>, Wake Forest University 2021           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded to an upper-class student who has demonstrated “leadership skills by extensive involvement in, and leadership of, student organizations recognized by Wake Forest.”</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>MEMBERSHIPS</b>	<p><b>Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS)</b>, Pennsylvania State University</p> <p><b>Graduate Alliance for Diversity and Inclusion (GADI)</b>, Pennsylvania State University</p> <p><b>American Political Science Association (APSA)</b></p> <p><b>Peace Science Society (PSSI)</b></p> <p><b>Pi Sigma Alpha</b>, Alumni - Zeta Nu</p> <p><b>Alpha Delta Pi Sorority (AΔΠ)</b>, Alumnae - Eta Upsilon</p>
<b>UNIVERSITY SERVICE</b>	<p><b>Pennsylvania State University</b></p> <p><i>Student Representative</i>, Graduate Studies Committee 2025-2026</p> <p><i>President</i>, Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS) 2024-2025</p> <p><i>Vice President</i>, Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS) 2023-2024</p> <p><b>Wake Forest University</b></p> <p><i>Vice President of Member Development</i>, Alpha Delta Pi - Eta Upsilon 2021-2022</p> <p><i>President's Aide</i>, Office of the President 2021-2022</p> <p><i>Student Advisor</i>, Office of Academic Advising 2020-2022</p>
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICE</b>	<p><b>Discussant:</b> <i>American Political Science Association (APSA)</i></p> <p><b>Reviewer:</b> <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, <i>Politics and Gender</i>, <i>PS: Political Science &amp; Politics</i></p>
<b>REFERENCES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr. James Piazza</b> 410 SWLAB, University Park, PA 16802 <a href="mailto:jap45@psu.edu">jap45@psu.edu</a></li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Bruce Desmarais</b> 419 SWLAB, University Park, PA 16802 <a href="mailto:bdesmarais@psu.edu">bdesmarais@psu.edu</a></li> </ol>