

Maya A. Dalton

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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^AT_EX(proficient), Python (proficient)
Languages: English (native), Spanish (basic)

EDUCATION **Pennsylvania State University** Expected 2026
Ph.D. in Political Science and Social Data Analytics
Major Field: Comparative Politics

Pennsylvania State University May 2024
M.A. in Political Science
Major Field: Comparative Politics
Minor Field: Political Methodology

Wake Forest University May 2022
B.A. in Politics and International Affairs
Minors: Statistics and Communication

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS **National Science Foundation**
Graduate Research Fellow - \$37,000 annual stipend and tuition waiver 2023-2026

Pennsylvania State University
Graduate Research Award - \$4,569 summer stipend 2023
Graduate Assistantship - \$26,700 annual stipend and tuition waiver 2022-2023

Wake Forest University
Undergraduate Research Center - \$4,000 summer stipend 2021

SCHOLARSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

1. Esarey, Justin, and Maya Dalton. 2024. "The Changing Relationship between Gender and Corruption." In *Handbook on Gender and Corruption in Democracies*, eds. Emily Bacchus Beaulieu and Tiffany D. Barnes. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. [\[LINK\]](#).

Reports

Last Updated: 10/16/2025

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 Caverio 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

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jack D. and Martha H. Fleer Award, Wake Forest University 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded for meritorious performance in the political science major. 2. Dorothy Shaw Leadership Award, Alpha Delta Pi 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <i>American Political Science Association (APSA)</i> Reviewer: <i>Comparative Political Studies, Politics and Gender, PS: Political Science & Politics</i>	
REFERENCES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	