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Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science at Texas A&M University - College Station   2021-Present

- Major: Comparative Politics
- Minors: International Relations, Quantitative Methods
- Committee: William Clark (Chair), Quan Li, Scott Cook, and Raymond Robertson

Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Carolina - Columbia   2020

- Majors: Political Science, Economics

Publications

Book Chapters

Dunaway, Johanna and Nicholas N. Ray. 2023. "Communication Technology and Threats to Democracy: We Are (Also) the Problem." In *News Quality in the Digital Age*, edited by Regina Lawrence and Philip Napoli. New York: Routledge.

Fellowships

Hagler Institute for Advanced Study at Texas A&M, via the Heep Graduate Fellowship Award. I am working with Hagler Fellow Dr. Beth Simmons.   2025-Present

Working Papers

Ray, Nicholas N. 2024. "Explaining the Populist Backlash: Trade, Partisan Collusion, and the Underprovision of Compensation."

Ray, Nicholas N and Mthokozisi Ndhlovu. 2024. "Explaining the Borrowing Behavior of African Countries: China and Competition with the World Bank."

Ray, Nicholas N. 2024. "Observing Costly Signals."

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA). Panel: "Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Pre-Conference Workshop." Paper: "Explaining the Populist Backlash: Trade, Partisan Collusion, and the Underprovision of Compensation."   2024

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Panel: "International Trade: Coalitions, Complexity, and Compensation." Paper: "Explaining the Populist Backlash: Trade, Partisan Collusion, and the Underprovision of Compensation."   2025

Teaching

Texas A&M University

Ordinary Least Squares (POLS 602). Teaching Assistant.   Fall 2024

Maximum Likelihood Estimation (POLS 603). Teaching Assistant.   Spring 2024

Ordinary Least Squares (POLS 602). Teaching Assistant.   Fall 2023

Research Methods (POLS 209). Teaching Assistant.   Spring 2023

Introduction to Political Science (POLS 200). Teaching Assistant.   Fall 2021-Fall 2022

ICPSR (University of Michigan)

Methods and Models for Time Series Data Analysis. Teaching Assistant.   Summer 2024

Panel Data. Teaching Assistant.   Summer 2025