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Education

Texas A&M University August 2021 -

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Anticipated Dissertation Defense Date: **Spring 2026**

Committee: William Clark (chair), Quan Li, Scott Cook, Thomas Flaherty, and Raymond Robertson

University of South Carolina December 2020

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Economics

Publications

Book Chapters

Dunaway, Johanna and Nicholas 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.

Working Papers

Ray, Nicholas. 2025. "Explaining Compensation Failure: Trade, Partisan Collusion, and the Underprovision of Compensation."

Works in Progress

Ray, Nicholas. 2025. "Has There Been a Failure to Compensate the Losers From Free Trade?"

Ray, Nicholas and Erik Chi. 2025. "How Much Should We Trust Clustered Standard Errors?"

Grants and Awards

Heep Graduate Fellowship Award ($30,000) January 2025 - December 2025

Hagler Institute for Advanced Study at Texas A&M with Hagler Fellow Dr. Beth Simmons

Conference Presentations

MPSA 2025

Panel: "International Trade: Coalitions, Complexity, and Compensation."

Paper: "Explaining Compensation Failure: Trade, Partisan Collusion, and the Underprovision of Compensation."

APSA 2024

Panel: "Graduate Students in International Political Economy" (GSIPE) Pre-Conference Workshop

Paper: "Explaining Compensation Failure: Trade, Partisan Collusion, and the Underprovision of Compensation."

Teaching

Instructor of Record

Globalization and Democracy (POLS 328) Spring 2026

Teaching Assistant

Texas A&M University

Ordinary Least Squares (POLS 602)	Fall 2024, Fall 2023
Maximum Likelihood Estimation (POLS 603)	Spring 2024
Introduction to Research Methods (POLS 209)	Spring 2023
Introduction to Political Science (POLS 200)	Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

ICPSR (University of Michigan)

Methods and Models for Time Series Data Analysis	Summer 2024
Panel Data	Summer 2025