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## Education

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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

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### 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

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[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

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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

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**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

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### 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