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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. Under Review at *American Journal of Political Science*. “[Explaining Compensation Failure: Trade, Partisan Collusion, and the Underprovision of Compensation.](#)”

Works in Progress

Ray, Nicholas. 2025. “Quantifying Compensation Failure: Common Measures of Compensation vs the Estimated Losses from Trade.”

Grants and Awards

Heep Graduate Fellowship Award (\$30,000)

January 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

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