Nicholas Ottone

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Education

Yale University   *New Haven, CT*

PHD, POLITICAL SCIENCE   *2020 - 2026 (expected)*
- Fields: American Politics, Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics
- Dissertation: *The Policy Influence of Non-Profit Service Providers in Local Politics*
- Committee: Gregory Huber (chair), Joshua Kalla, Allison Harris
- Certificate of College Teaching Preparation

University of Notre Dame   *South Bend, IN*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED AND COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS   *2016 - 2020*
- Double Major: Political Science
- Senior Thesis Advisor: David Campbell

Publications

Ottone, Nicholas and Limor Peer. 2025. "Code Review, Reproducibility, and Improving the Scholarly Record". *Harvard Data Science Review* 7(3). DOI: https://doi.org/10.1162/99608f92.f9d748d4

Hernandez, Natalie, **Nicholas Ottone** and Joshua Kalla. 2025. "Targeted Abortion Frames Do Not Mobilize Political Action-Taking". *American Politics Research* 53(4), 353-368. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X251324137

Broockman, David, Joshua Kalla, **Nicholas Ottone**, Erik Santoro and Amanda Weiss. 2024. "Shared Demographic Characteristics Do Not Reliably Facilitate Persuasion in Interpersonal Conversations: Evidence from Eight Experiments". *British Journal of Political Science* 54(4): 1477–85. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123424000279

Working Papers

Harris, Allison, **Nicholas Ottone** and Hannah Walker. "Diversity among Courthouse Colleagues and Individual Decision Making." *Under Review*

Huber, Gregory, **Nicholas Ottone** and Erik Snowberg. "The Coherence of Citizen Preferences". *Under Review*

Ottone, Nicholas, "Do Americans Prefer Outsourcing Local Services to Non-Profits and Businesses? Evidence from Experimental Survey Data". *Under Review*

Ottone, Nicholas and Amanda Weiss. "The Electoral Effects of U.S. Prison Construction."

Ottone, Nicholas and Limor Peer. "Unintended Research Code Errors and Computational Reproducibility". *Working Paper*

Selected Work in Progress

The Policy Influence of Non-Profit Service Providers in Local Politics, book project

Bad Neighbors: The Politics of Prisons, book project (with Amanda Weiss)

"Outsourcing Immigration? Religious Social Welfare and Service Provision to Immigrants in the U.S" (with Ekin Dursun)

"The Electoral Effects of Prison Closures" (with Amanda Weiss)

"Public Broadcasting and Political Behavior" (with Amanda Weiss and Taran Samarth)

Professional Experience

2022-2024	**Editorial Assistant**, American Political Science Review
2021-2024	**Data Archive Research Assistant**, Yale University Institution for Social and Policy Studies
2021-2022	**Graduate Research Coordinator for Allison Harris**, Yale University
2020	**Graduate Research Assistant for Joshua Kalla**, Yale University
2017-2020	**Undergraduate Research Assistant**, University of Notre Dame Kellogg Institute of International Studies
2019-2020	**Data Analytics Intern**, Brookings Institution Communications
2019	**Data Science Intern, Machine Learning Specialist**, 84.51, Chicago

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2025	**Democratic Innovations Grant**, Institution of Social and Policy Studies, Yale University
2024	**Democratic Innovations Grant**, Institution of Social and Policy Studies, Yale University
2023	**Graduate Research Fellowship**, Center for the Study of American Politics, Yale University
2020	**John Roos Prize for Best Senior Thesis in American Politics**, University of Notre Dame
	Outstanding Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics Major Award, University of Notre Dame
2019	**Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Grant**, University of Notre Dame

Presentations

"The Electoral Effects of Prison Closures", Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2026, *accepted*

"The Political Effects of U.S. Prison Construction", Justice and Injustice Conference, 2025, *poster presentation*

"Group Diversity and Individual Decision-Making", Barney Ford Lab Annual Meeting / Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium, 2025

"American Prison Construction and Political Attitudes", American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025

"The Policy Influence of Non-Profit Service Providers in Local Politics", American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025

"The Policy Influence of Non-Profit Service Providers in Local Politics", Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance, 2025, *invited talk*

"Do Prisons Make Communities More Conservative? The Political Effects of American Prison Construction", Consortium on American Political Economy Junior Working Group, 2025

"The Policy Influence of Non-Profit Service Providers in Local Politics", Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025

"Do Prisons Make Communities More Conservative? The Political Effects of American Prison Construction", Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025

"The Policy Influence of Non-Profit Service Providers in Local Politics", Consortium on American Political Economy Junior Working Group, 2025

"Group Diversity and Individual Decision-Making", Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Social Science, 2025, *poster presentation*

"Nonprofit Service Providers as Interest Groups on the Inside", American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024

"Do Americans Prefer Outsourcing to Non-Profits and Businesses? Evidence from Experimental Survey Data", Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024

"Do Americans Prefer Outsourcing to Non-Profits and Businesses? Evidence from Experimental Survey Data", Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Social Science, 2024, *poster presentation*

"Diversity among Courthouse Colleagues and Individual Decision Making", Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023

"Targeted Abortion Frames Do Not Mobilize Political Action-Taking: Evidence from Survey and Field Experiments", Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023

"Do Targeted Abortion Frames Mobilize Action-Taking? Perhaps Not", Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Social Science, 2023, *poster presentation*

Teaching Experience

Spring 2026	**The Politics of HBO's "The Wire"**, Teaching Fellow	*Yale University*
Fall 2022, 2023, 2025	**Data Science for Political Campaigns**, Teaching Fellow	*Yale University*
Summer 2024	**The United State Congress**, Teaching Fellow	*Yale University*
Spring 2024	**Theory and Practice of Quantitative Methods**, Teaching Fellow	*Yale University*
Spring 2023	**Introduction to American Politics**, Teaching Fellow	*Yale University*

Service & Professional Associations

SERVICE

2024-2025	**Search Committee Member**, Statlab Job Search	*Yale University*
2022-2024	**Graduate Student Coordinator**, American Politics and Public Policy Workshop	*Yale University*
2021	**Graduate Student Coordinator**, American Politics Graduate Student Workshop	*Yale University*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (intermediate)
Programming/Coding: R, Python, Stata, SQL, BigQuery, web scraping

References

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Joshua Kalla, *Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University*

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Allison Harris, *Assistant Professor of Political Science, Yale University*

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