Samyu Comandur

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles　　　　　　　September 2021 - present
Ph.D. in Political Science
Specializing in Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Quantitative Methods

University of South Carolina　　　　　　　August 2017 - May 2021
B.S. in Computer Science; B.S. in Statistics
Honors: *summa cum laude*, Graduation from South Carolina Honors College

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship ($6000)　　　　June 2023 - September 2023
University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Division

Health Policy Research Scholars ($124,000)　　　　　September 2022
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Bloomberg School of Public Health

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship ($6000)　　　　June 2022 - September 2022
University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Division

President's Award　　　　　　　May 2021
University of South Carolina

Phi Beta Kappa Member　　　　　　　April 2020
Phi Beta Kappa

Stephen D. Durham Award for Statistics　　　　　　　April 2020
University of South Carolina Department of Statistics

Outstanding Senior in Computer Science　　　　　　　February 2020
University of South Carolina Department of Computer Science

BRAID Grace Hopper Celebration Participant　　　　September 2018, 2019
AnitaB.org and Harvey Mudd College

Magellan Grant ($7500)　　　　　　　August 2019
University of South Carolina Office of Undergraduate Research

Exploration Grant ($1500)　　　　　　　August 2019
South Carolina Honors College

Provost Scholar ($40,000)　　　　　　　August 2017
University of South Carolina

Carolina Scholar ($60,000)　　　　　　　August 2017
University of South Carolina

Palmetto Fellows Scholar ($29,200)　　　　　　　August 2017
South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Western Political Science Association May 2023 - present
Communications Associate; Research Associate

Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey March 2022 - present
Research Associate

Uneven Roads March 2022 - present
Research Associate

Women of Color Research Collaborative March 2022 - present
Research Associate

Whole Earth Book Catalog August 2018 - May 2021
Research Assistant

Wordification May 2019 - August 2020
Research Assistant

Language Conflict and Language Rights Encyclopedia October 2019 - December 2019
Research Assistant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles
Instructor
Mark Q. Sawyer Sawyer Summer Institute: Introduction to R Summer 2023
McNair Scholars Program: GRE Preparation Summer 2022

University of South Carolina
Teaching Assistant
CSCE 146: Algorithmic Design II Spring 2019
CSCE 145: Algorithmic Design I Fall 2018
CSCE 145: Algorithmic Design I Spring 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

US Vote Foundation April 2021 - September 2021
Legal Researcher, Software Developer, Survey Analyst

Meta May 2020 - August 2020
Data Science Intern June 2019 - August 2019

James Smith for Governor July 2018 - August 2018
Data Management Intern

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

Programming Languages Python, R, SAS, Bash, Java, C++
Database Management Systems MySQL, Presto, Neo4J, VAN Votebuilder

ACADEMIC SERVICE

HPRS Summer Institute Planning Committee	Member	2023 - present
UAW 2865-LA Organizing Committee	Department Steward	2022 - present
Mark Q. Sawyer Summer Institute	Graduate Mentor	2022
Euphrosynean Literary Society	President	2020
UofSC Women in Computing	President	2018 - 2020

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Palms Unhoused Mutual Aid	Distribution Volunteer	2023 - present
UCLA Kitchen Committee	Organizer	2022 - present
Critical Resistance	Prison Correspondence Volunteer	2021
Planned Parenthood	Clinic Escort	2021
Bernie 2020	Data Management Volunteer	2020
When We All Vote	Canvassing Volunteer	2019
James Smith for South Carolina	Canvassing Volunteer	2018
March for Our Lives, Columbia	Organizer	2018