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Education

University of California San Diego

PhD Political Science
San Diego, CA

2020-

University of California San Diego

M.A. Political Science
San Diego, CA

July 2022

University of Warwick

M.Sc. Statistics with Distinction
Coventry, UK

September 2020

Reed College

B.A. Mathematics and Political Science (Interdisciplinary)
Portland, OR

January 2018

National Technical University of Athens

B.Eng. Electrical and Computer Engineering
Athens, GR

Transferred June 2016

Focus

Democratic Backsliding • Fiscal Federalism • Sub-national Government •
European Politics • Promissory Democracy • Ranked Choice Voting

Published Research

Voter Information and RCV, an experimental approach to examining how information seeking behaviour changes when voters are faced with ranked-choice voting, rather than traditional single-preference. (*Election Law Journal*, Vol. 22, No. 4, 2023)

Ongoing Research

Fiscal Recentralization as an Aspiring Autocrat Strategy Dissertation research about how aspiring autocrats in Central and Eastern Europe use fiscal recentralization as part of their executive aggrandizement strategy. Investigation on the goals, methods, and outcomes of fiscal recentralization on sub-national funding allocation and the ability of local opposition to successfully contest national power through effective public goods provision. (*dissertation work at UC San Diego*)

Globalization and Political Ambiguity, use of party manifesto text data to test whether political parties rely on strategic ambiguity during election campaigns to evade sanctioning by voters in future elections. (*with Christina J. Schneider and Robert Thompson*)

Project on Climate Change in Europe and Political Party Support, early stage research that uses novel climate disaster data to explore how increasing rates of catastrophic events related to climate change may affect party preference. (*with Lisa Dellmuth, Evelina Jonsson, and Christina J. Schneider*)

Effects of Employee Hardship Funds on Worker Politics, a project that uses precise survey targeting methodology to explore the impacts of Employee Hardship

Teaching	Grader Introduction to Business Law • Analyzing Elections: Political Economy • The VRA 50 Years Later • Economic Theories and Political Behavior • Politics of Multiculturalism • Design and Effects of Electoral Systems
	Teaching Assistant/Section Leader UCSD Political Science Senior Honors Seminar • Introduction to Comparative Politics • Introduction to American Politics
	Non-academic Speech and Debate teacher at the Hellenic-American Educational Foundation (2014-2021), multiple students reaching national finals.
Professional Memberships	American Political Science Association • European Political Science Association • Greek Political Science Association • Royal Statistical Society
Other Skills	<u>Languages:</u> Greek (Native), English (Fluent), French (Working Knowledge), Spanish (Working Knowledge). <u>Software:</u> LaTeX, R, Python, STATA, SQL, C++, Git.