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Education

University of California San Diego

2020-

PhD Political Science
San Diego, CA

University of Warwick

September 2020

M.Sc. Statistics
Coventry, UK

Reed College

January 2018

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

Focus

Voting and Elections • Voter Behaviour • Election Administration •
American Politics • Promissory Democracy

Ongoing 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.

Past Projects

Quantifying Gerrymandering with MCMC Methods, a summary and quick application of the most current methods used to quantify gerrymandering in US States, based on Markov Chain Monte Carlo simulation. M.Sc. dissertation project, available upon request.

Leadership Activities

Chief Adjudicator

2014-

Several Debating Tournaments

- Chief Adjudicator of several schools and universities tournaments in Greece.
- On the Chief Adjudicator's Panel for the World Schools Debating Championship in **2019** and **2021**.
- For the above, helped train, test, and allocate a judging pool of over 150 judges.

Co-coach

2016-2019

Greek National Schools Debate Team, Athens, GR

- Trained five-member national debating delegation to compete in the World Championship.
- Placed in top twenty teams for three years running.

Organizing Committee Member

2019

European Universities Debating Championship, Athens, GR

- Helped administrate a tournament with over five hundred participants from across Europe.

Teaching	Teaching Assistant , The VRA 50 Years Later • Introduction to Business Law • Politics of Multiculturalism.
	Non-academic , Speech and Debate teacher at the Hellenic-American Educational Foundation (2014-2021), multiple students reaching national finals.
Honors Awards	Outstanding Dissertation in Statistics (Postgraduate) Award, University of Warwick.
	Invited to deliver a TEDx Talk on debating in Greece, TEDx Patras 2016.
	World Debating Champion in the English as a Foreign Language category, WUDC Thessaloniki 2016.
	Academic Commendation from Reed College, all years.
	Phi Beta Kappa
Other Skills	<u>Languages:</u> English (Fluent), Greek (Native), French (Working Knowledge). <u>Software:</u> LaTeX, R, Python, STATA, SQL, C++, Github.