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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science

University of California, Davis

- Exam fields: American Politics, Methodology (high pass)

2022 – 2027

Davis, CA

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2023, 2025, 2026

Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Arts

University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

- Summa Cum Laude, with distinction in the major
- Majors: Political Science, Democracy & Justice Studies (emphases: Legal Studies, U.S. & the World), and Public Administration (emphasis: Public & Nonprofit Management)

2017 – 2021

Green Bay, WI

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Substantive: American political behavior; gender, race and ethnic politics; identity and representation; media and political communication

Methodological: Computational social science; machine learning; natural language processing; text analysis & classification; causal inference

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Jones, Bradford, Amanda Loehrke, & Bianca Vicuña. 2026 (forthcoming). “Latino Immigrant Endorsement of the Criminality Narrative of Detention and Deportation.” *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

Weinschenk, Aaron C., Amanda Baker, Zoe Betancourt, Vanessa Depies, Nathan Erck, Quinne Herolt, Amanda Loehrke, Cameron Makurat, Hannah Malmberg, Clarice Martell, Jared Novitzke, Bradley Riddle, Tara Sellen, Leah Tauferner, & Emily Zilliox. 2020. “Have State Supreme Court Elections Nationalized?” *Justice System Journal*, 41(4): 313-322.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Graduate Courses

Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis

Note: * taught discussion section(s)

- Quantitative Analysis in Political Science II with Dr. Juan Tellez
- Quantitative Analysis in Political Science I* with Dr. Chris Hare

2026

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Courses

2019 – 2025

Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2023 – 2025

- * The Scientific Study of Politics with Dr. Brad Jones
- The Rules of the Electoral Game in American Politics with Dr. Ben Highton
- Quantitative Analysis of Political Data with Dr. Brad Jones
- * The Scientific Study of Politics with Dr. Chris Hare
- * The Scientific Study of Politics with Dr. Juan Tellez
- California State Government and Politics with Dr. Scott MacKenzie
- Race & Politics with Dr. Brad Jones
- US Foreign Policy with Dr. McCage Griffiths
- Latinx Politics with Dr. Brad Jones
- Local Government & Politics with Dr. Scott MacKenzie
- Judicial Politics with Dr. Mark Verbitsky

Department of Environmental Science & Policy, University of California, Davis, 2024

- * Urban and Regional Planning with Instructor Alexandra Shea

Department of Public Administration, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, 2021

- Philanthropy: Civic Engagement Through Giving with Dr. Lora Warner

Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, 2019

- Introduction to American Government & Politics with Dr. Aaron Weinschenk

Teaching Assistant, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods

2025 – 2026

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

- Regression Analysis with Dr. Tim McDaniel
- Introduction to the R Statistical Learning Environment with Dr. Kerem Ozan Kalkan
- Statistics and Data Analysis I with Dr. Niccole Pamphilis

Teacher and Subject Tutor, Huntington Learning Center

2021 – 2022

Middleton, WI

- Tutor for 1st-12th grade Math, Science, Reading, English, Writing, and college-level History

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher

2023

University of California, Davis

- CA Legislative Climate Adaptation Project, supervised by Dr. Scott MacKenzie

Undergraduate Research

2018 – 2021

University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

- Honors in the Major Project, “Representing Women: An Exploration of Leadership and Elected Officials in Northeastern Wisconsin”, supervised by Dr. Lora Warner
- Political Science Research Lab, supervised by Dr. Aaron Weinschenk
- Independent Research Studies, supervised by Dr. Aaron Weinschenk

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Speaker Series Graduate Student Coordinator

2026-2027

Political Science Department, University of California, Davis

Graduate Student Advocate

2026

University of California Graduate and Professional Council, Washington D.C.

Graduate Association of Political Science Students	2022 – 2026
Political Science Department, University of California, Davis	
▪ Senior Advisor to the President, 2025-2026 ▪ President, 2024-2025 ▪ Vice President, 2023-2024 ▪ Graduate Student Association Representative, 2022-2023	
Graduate Student Peer Mentor	2023 – 2026
Political Science Department, University of California, Davis	
Reviewer	2025
American Journal of Political Science	
Graduate Methods Tutor	2023
Political Science Department, University of California, Davis	
Associate Dean Intern	2019 – 2020
College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay	

PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association	2024 – 2025
Chicago, IL	
▪ “Shifting Narratives: The Dobbs Ruling and Abortion Discourse in American Media” ▪ “Beyond the Ballot: Survey Design on Descriptive Representation in American Campaigns”	

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of California, Davis	
▪ Walter J. Stone Graduate Summer Fellowship ▪ Robert Jackman Award ▪ College of Letters and Science Dean’s Graduate Student Summer Support Award ▪ Charles Hardin Award ▪ Summer Methods Travel Support Program Award ▪ Graduate Studies Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Nominated ▪ Summer Methods Travel Support Program Award	2026 2026 2025 2025 2025 2024 2023
University of Wisconsin – Green Bay	
▪ Chancellor’s Leadership Medallion ▪ Academic Dean’s List ▪ University Leadership Award ▪ Center for Public Affairs Research Endowed Scholarship ▪ Denise Scheberle Scholarship for Political Science ▪ Martin Luther King, Jr. Social Justice Award	2021 2017 – 2021 2020 2020 2020 2018

SKILLS

R/R Studio | LaTeX | GitHub | Claude Code | Google Workspace | Microsoft Office | Slack | Zoom