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Ph.D. Candidate

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science

2022 – 2027

University of California, Davis

Davis, CA

- Exam fields: American Politics, Methodology (high pass)
- Dissertation committee: Christopher Hare, Bianca Vicuña, & Amber Boydston

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods

2023, 2025, 2026

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor, MI

B.A. Political Science

2017 – 2021

University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

Green Bay, WI

- *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)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Substantive: American political behavior, gender politics, race & ethnic politics, political communication

Methodological: quantitative methods, machine learning, natural language processing, text as data

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

*Note: * indicates having taught discussion section(s) or lab*

Teaching Assistant, Graduate Courses

2025 - 2026

Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis

- Quantitative Analysis in Political Science II
- Quantitative Analysis in Political Science I*

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

- Regression Analysis
- Introduction to the R Statistical Learning Environment
- Statistics and Data Analysis I*

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Courses

2019 – 2025

Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis

- The Scientific Study of Politics*
- Quantitative Analysis of Political Data
- The Rules of the Electoral Game in American Politics
- California State Government and Politics
- Race & Politics
- US Foreign Policy
- Latinx Politics
- Local Government & Politics
- Judicial Politics

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

- Urban and Regional Planning*

Department of Public & Environmental Affairs, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

- Philanthropy: Civic Engagement Through Giving
- Introduction to American Government & Politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Group Politics Lab Member

2026

University of California, Davis

Graduate Student Researcher, CA Legislative Climate Adaptation Project

2023

University of California, Davis

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Political Science Department

2022 – 2027

University of California, Davis

- Speaker Series Graduate Student Coordinator, 2026 – 2027
- Graduate Association of Political Science Students
 - 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
- Graduate Methods Tutor, 2023

Graduate Student Advocate

2026

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

Reviewer

2025

American Journal of Political Science

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

Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis

- Walter J. Stone Graduate Summer Fellowship (\$6000) 2026
- Robert Jackman Award (\$500) 2026
- Charles Hardin Award (\$500) 2025
- Summer Methods Travel Support Program Award (\$2480) 2025
- Summer Methods Travel Support Program Award (\$2800) 2023

College of Letters and Science, University of California, Davis

- Dean's Graduate Student Summer Support Award (\$5005) 2025
- Graduate Studies Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (nominated) 2024

SKILLS

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