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Dept. of Political Science, UCLA — 11282 Portola Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science 2023 - Current

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Department of Political Science

Committee: Dan Thompson (co-chair), Lynn Vavreck (co-chair)

Julia Payson, Cesi Cruz, Paola Giuliano

Affiliations: California Center for Population Research, Center for Impact

Visiting Scholar, Wilf Family Department of Politics, NYU 2025

MSc, Political Science and Political Economy, GPA: 3.7/4 2020 - 2021

London School of Economics, Department of Government

BA, Economics 2015 - 2019

University of British Columbia (UBC), Department of Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics, Political economy, Gender, Quantitative methods, Abortion, Political Behavior

RESEARCH AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Abortion Restrictions and Electoral Turnout: The Effect of Dobbs v. Jackson on Women's Voting. [*Under Review*]

Women Leaders and the Gender Pay Gap in Municipal Government. (*with Julia Payson, UCLA*) [*Under Review*]

Getting Hitched: The Impact of Marriage on Political Behavior (*with Jack Kappelman, UCLA, and Chris Palmisano, UCLA*)

Ideological Interest Groups and Competitive Elections: Evidence from Abortion Politics.

TEACHING

- Teaching Assistant, POL SCI 125A: Arms Control and International Security (Fall 2025), UCLA
- Teaching Assistant, POL SCI 140B: National Institutions (Fall 2024), UCLA

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Delmas, Magali A., **Maria Arzumanov**, Jiaxin Li, and Tyson Timmer. (2026). "The State of Corporate Sustainability Disclosure 2026." *UCLA Anderson Center for Impact and UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, Open for Good Initiative*. <https://www.anderson.ucla.edu/sites/default/files/document/2026-05/State-of-Corporate-Sust-Disclosure-2026.pdf>

Arzumanov, Maria. (2023). "Using simple reminders to reduce failures to appear in court." *Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)*. <https://www.povertyactionlab.org/policy-insight/using-simple-reminders-reduce-failures-appear-court>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant 2026 – Current

Anderson School of Management, University of California, Los Angeles

Principal Investigator: Maggie Delmas

Graduate Research Assistant 2023 – 2025

Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles

Principal Investigators: Daniel Thompson, Julia Payson, Cesi Cruz

Policy and Research Associate Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2021 – 2023
Research Assistant Department of Economics, University of British Columbia <i>Principal Investigator: Thorsten Rogall</i>	2019 – 2020
Research Intern Department of Economics, RWTH Aachen University	Summer 2020
Market Research Intern Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	Summer 2019
Policy and Economics Intern Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State	Summer 2018

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA (\$30,000)	2026 - 2027
American Political Science Association Travel Grant (\$200)	2026
Advanced Research Opportunities Program Fellowship, RWTH University (€4,600)	Summer 2026
Empirical Gender Network (EGEN) Conference Travel Grant, Stanford University (\$500)	2026
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute of Humane Studies (\$2,500)	2025
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA (\$6,000)	2025
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA (\$6,000)	2024
Marvin Hoffenberg Fund, UCLA (\$6,000)	2023
Global International Award, UBC (\$1,000)	Summer 2017
Global International Award, UBC (\$1,000)	Fall 2017
Outstanding International Student Award, UBC (\$6,000)	2015

CONFERENCES, INVITED TALKS, AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- RWTH Aachen University, Econometrics and Economics Seminar (2026)
- European Conference on Politics and Gender (2026)
- Midwest Political Science Association (2025, 2026)
- Empirical Gender Network Conference (2026)
- Western Political Science Association (2026)
- Toulouse School of Economics, Summer Institute in Quantitative Social Sciences, (2024)

SKILLS

Software: Proficient in STATA, R, L^AT_EX, ArcGIS, QGIS

Languages: Russian (native), English (native), Spanish (intermediate)