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EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Department of Political Science	2023 - Current
Visiting Scholar, Wilf Family Department of Politics, NYU	2025
MSc, Political Science and Political Economy, GPA: 3.7/4 London School of Economics, Department of Government	2020 - 2021
BA, Economics University of British Columbia (UBC), Department of Economics	2015 - 2019

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Abortion Restrictions and Electoral Turnout: The Effect of Dobbs v. Jackson on Women's Voting.

Summary: How do abortion right restrictions affect political participation? This study investigates whether and where women were galvanized to go out and vote as a result of the June 2022 US Supreme Court decision Dobbs v. Jackson, which removed federal protections around abortion.

Partners in Politics: The Impact of Marriage on Women's Political Behavior *(with Jack Kappelman, UCLA, and Chris Palmisano, UCLA)*

Summary: Women in the United States exhibit higher levels of political participation than men. Yet, evidence from other contexts suggests that patriarchal family structures often lead women to align their political beliefs and behaviors with those of their partners. How does marriage shape the political behavior of women in the US?

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

Summary: Within California, most political offices (such as mayor or council member) are held by men. How does the election of women to city councils affect hiring practices and the gender pay gap in local government?

Ideological Interest Groups and Policy Potential: Evidence from Campaign Finance in Abortion Politics.

Summary: This project examines whether ideological interest groups allocate campaign contributions strategically or expressively. Using *Dobbs v. Jackson* as a shock to the policy relevance of elections, I test whether groups reallocate spending towards elections with greater influence over abortion policy.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant Anderson School of Management, University of California, Los Angeles <i>Principal Investigator: Maggie Delmas</i>	2026 – Current
Graduate Research Assistant Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles <i>Principal Investigators: Daniel Thompson, Julia Payson, Cesi Cruz</i>	2023 – 2025
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

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

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>

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Advanced Research Opportunities Program Fellowship, RWTH Aachen University	Summer 2026
Empirical Gender Network (EGEN) Conference Travel Grant, Stanford University	2026
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute of Humane Studies	2025
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA	2025
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA	2024
Special University of British Columbia Award, UBC	2018
Global International Award, UBC	Summer 2017
Global International Award, UBC	Fall 2017
Outstanding International Student Award, UBC	2015

CONFERENCES, INVITED TALKS, AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Midwest Political Science Association (April, 2026). "Women Leaders and the Gender Pay Gap in Municipal Government"
- Empirical Gender Network Conference (April, 2026). "Right Restrictions and Electoral Turnout: The Effect of Dobbs v. Jackson on Women's Voting"
- Western Political Science Association (April, 2026). "Right Restrictions and Electoral Turnout: The Effect of Dobbs v. Jackson on Women's Voting"
- Midwest Political Science Association (April, 2025). "Right Restrictions and Electoral Turnout: The Effect of Dobbs v. Jackson on Women's Voting"
- Toulouse Summer Institute in Quantitative Social Sciences (June 2024), Toulouse School of Economics. "Right Restrictions and Electoral Turnout: The Effect of Dobbs v. Jackson on Women's Voting"

SKILLS

Software: Proficient in STATA, R, $\text{\LaTeX}$, ArcGIS, QGIS

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