

MATTHEW A. CARSON

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA
Bachelor of Arts, *With College Honors* 6/2024
Sociology, *With Departmental Honors*
Political Science, *With Departmental Highest Honors*
Summa cum laude

Political Science Best Honors Thesis Prize

The Policing of the 'Reserve Army': Economic Inequality and Police Killings. <https://bit.ly/PolSciThesis>
Advisor: Chris Tausanovitch

Sociology Best Honors Thesis: Lisa Mederos Memorial Prize

Construction Union Agreements: Union Organizing in Historical-Comparative Perspective. <https://bit.ly/SocThesis>
Advisor: Zsuzsa Berend

Los Medanos College Pittsburg, CA
Associate in Arts for Transfer 8/2022
Sociology, *With Honors*
Liberal Arts: Behavioral Science & Social Science, *With Honors*
Honors Scholar (the college's highest distinction)

Diablo Valley College Pleasant Hill, CA
Associate in Arts for Transfer 8/2022
Political Science, *With Honors*
Certificate in Plumbing (5-year apprenticeship) 7/2013
Offered in collaboration with United Association Local 342

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: organized labor & social movements; urban sociology & policy; gentrification; political economy; neoliberalization; incarceration & police violence; race/racism, nationalism & "groupism."

Methods: historical; comparative; quantitative; causal inference with observational data; mixed methods.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1st Place, 2024 StatCrunch Student Contest** 5/2024
 Placed #1 in the StatCrunch statistics contest (\$1,000).
<https://bit.ly/StatCrunchWinners>
- Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP)** 9/2023–6/2024
 Scholarship for senior thesis in sociology (\$6,000).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Harvard Sociology: History of Crime and Punishment** 7/2024–Present
 Research Assistant for Professor Adaner Usmani
- The Center for Working Class Politics** 7/2024–Present
 Research Assistant
- UCLA Sociology Departmental Honors Program** 3/2023–6/2024
 Senior thesis
- UCLA Political Science Departmental Honors Program** 3/2023–6/2024
 Senior thesis
- Undergraduate Research Experience, UCLA Political Science** 8/2022–12/2022
 Assisted a graduate student with data collection for a political psychology experiment in the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics subdiscipline.
- Bay Honors Research Symposium** 4/2022
 Accepted to give a presentation about eminent domain and global warming; canceled because of COVID-19. (See ‘Publications’ for the corresponding paper.)

PUBLICATIONS

- [2] Matthew Carson. “Global Warming and the Takings Clause: Can Eminent Domain Be Used to Avert a Climate Crisis?” In: *ThinkYou?!* (Nov. 2023). URL: <https://bit.ly/CarsonThinkYou>.
- [1] Matt Carson, Keith Brower Brown, and Ella Teevan. “Engines Out and Pickets Up to Stop Health Plan Downgrade by Cummins”. In: *Labor Notes* (June 2021). URL: <https://bit.ly/EnginesOut>.

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Political Science 170A	Studies in Statistical Analysis of Political Data
Sociology 111	Social Networks (computational sociology)
Sociology 191H	Departmental Honors Seminar
Political Science 191H	Research Design Seminar for Honors Thesis

LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Spoken/Written Spanish (limited reading and speaking)
Programming R**, Python*, Stata*, L^AT_EX*
Version Control Git*
Citation Management Zotero***, BIBT_EX*

*Working knowledge; **Intermediate; ***Intermediate-advanced.

EMPLOYMENT

UNITE HERE Local 11 Election Canvasser	4/2022–6/2022 <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
UA Local 342 Journeyman Plumber	8/2007–1/2017 <i>Concord, CA</i>

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Available upon request.