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Education

Ph.D., Political Science

Expected May 2027

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Dissertation:

Bureaucratic Ideational Statecraft and Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies

Committee: Thomas Oatley (Chair), Mark Blyth, Andrew Leber, Eduardo Silva

M.A., Political Science

2023

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

MPhil, Politics, Philosophy & Economics (with Distinction)

2019

Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

B.A., Political Science and History (with First-Class Honors)

2016

University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

Semester Abroad

2014

Sciences Po (Paris Institute of Political Studies), Paris, France

Research Interests

Comparative Politics · Political Economy · Public Policy · Bureaucratic Politics · European Politics

Research

Manuscripts under Review

- “Binding by Ideas: Bureaucratic Statecraft and Germany’s Debt Brake.” Under review, *Politics & Society*.
- “Caught in Transition: Competing Exposures and Climate Policy Attitudes,” with Thomas Oatley. Presented at the Western Political Association Annual Meeting, 2025.

Working Papers

- “Expanding through ideas: Bureaucratic Statecraft and Ireland’s Social Partnership.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2025.

Works in Progress

- “Ideational Statecraft and Industrial Policy in the U.S. Green New Deal.”

Affiliations

Murphy Institute, New Orleans, LA Fall 2026 – Spring 2027
Dissertation Fellow, Center for Public Policy Research

Brown University, Providence, RI Fall 2025 – Spring 2026
Visiting Research Fellow, Rhodes Center for International Economics and Finance

German Economic Institute (IW), Cologne, Germany Fall 2024
Visiting Researcher, Host Director Dr. Michael Hüther

University College Dublin (UCD), Dublin, Ireland Fall 2024
Visiting Scholar, SPIRe Affiliates Scheme, Host Prof. Aidan Regan

Fellowships and Awards

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| ▪ Center for Public Policy Research, Murphy Institute 2026 | USD \$28,000 |
| ▪ APSA Spring Centennial Center Research Grant 2026 | USD \$1600 |
| ▪ Paul and Elizabeth Selley Dissertation Fellowship 2025 | USD \$25,000 |
| ▪ DAAD Short-Term Research Grant 2024, Germany | EUR €5000 |
| ▪ Graduate Student Summer Research Award 2024 | USD \$5000 |
| ▪ Fulbright New Zealand General Graduate Award 2020 | USD \$70,000 |
| ▪ Prince of Wales Cambridge International Scholarship 2019 | NZD \$20,000 |
| ▪ Prime Minister's Scholarship to Asia 2016 | NZD \$5000 |

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, *Scope and Methods of Political Science* (POLS2010) Fall 2022
For Professor Mirya Holman, Department of Political Science, Tulane University

Teaching Assistant, *Scope and Methods of Political Science* (POLS2010) Spring 2023
For Professor Virginia Oliveros, Department of Political Science, Tulane University

Teaching Assistant, *American Government* (POLS2100) Spring 2024
For Professor Celeste Lay, Department of Political Science, Tulane University

**Faculty Instructor, *Global Cultural Awareness* (INTU3010);
Cross-Cultural Engagement (INTU3020)** Fall 2023–Spring 2024
Center for Global Education, Newcomb-Tulane College

Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Political Ideas* (POLS112)
For Professor Xavier Marquez, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Spring 2018

Auxiliar de Conversación (Conversation/Teaching Assistant)
Mirador del Genil High School, Córdoba, Spain

Jan.-Jul. 2017

Relevant Work Experience

Policy Advisor, Labor Market Policy Branch

Sept. 2018–2020

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Wellington, New Zealand

- Provided advice on labor market policy issues, including serving as a policy lead on the *Equal Pay Amendment Bill*, which established a bargaining framework that delivered more than \$6 billion in pay equity settlements for workers in female-dominated occupations.
- Prepared policy briefs and Cabinet papers for elected officials; conducted cost–benefit analyses and legislative research to support recommendations and assess their fiscal impacts.

Data Analyst, Center for Global Education

Feb. 2022–Feb. 2023

Newcomb-Tulane College, New Orleans, LA

- Developed program metrics and evaluation surveys for Tulane study abroad programs and authored impact reports for university leaders to inform program improvements, with a focus on increasing participation in underrepresented regions.

Intern, Research and Marketing Team

Jan.– Mar. 2016

Greenpeace, Southeast Asia Headquarters, Bangkok, Thailand

- Conducted a PESTEL analysis to inform Greenpeace's fundraising and donor engagement strategy in Southeast Asia and presented findings to senior leadership.

Advanced Methods Training

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| ▪ Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University | June 2024 |
| ▪ Consortium on the American Political Economy (CAPE), UC Berkeley | May 2024 |
| ▪ ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan | June 2022 |

Methods and Skills

- Software: R, Stata, and Qualtrics.
- Primary Methods: Process tracing, survey research, generalized linear models, and computational text analysis.
- Languages: English (native), Serbo-Croatian (native), Spanish (B1), French (B1).

Service and Engagement

- Political Science Department Representative at Tulane Graduate Studies Student Association, 2022–23

- Volunteer at Hagar's House (housing and social services), New Orleans, 2023–25.
- Volunteer at Unity of Greater New Orleans (housing services), New Orleans, 2022.
- Tutor at Multicultural Learning and Support Services (for students of immigrant backgrounds), Wellington, 2020.