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Education

Ph.D. Political Science , Washington University in St. Louis	expected 2027
M.A. Political Science , Washington University in St. Louis <i>en passant</i>	2026
B.A. Political Science , Arkansas Tech University <i>summa cum laude</i>	2021
B.A. International Studies—Cultural Affairs , Arkansas Tech University <i>summa cum laude</i>	2021

Dissertation

"The Politics of Family Formation: Women's Fertility Preferences during Ethnic Conflict"

Committee: Diana Z. O'Brien (co-chair), David Carter (co-chair),
Carly Wayne, Ophelia Vedder, Jakana Thomas

Publications

"Enheduanna." *Daily Life of Women: An Encyclopedia from Ancient Times to the Present*, vol. 1, Greenwood, 2020, p. 30.

Working Papers

"Reproducing Identity: Ethnic Conflict and Fertility Preferences"
R&R at American Political Science Review

"The War of the Triple Alliance and the Gendered Reshaping of Paraguayan Society" with Alma Velazquez
R&R at Conflict Management and Peace Science

"The Long-term Effects of Habsburg Borders on Gender Attitudes" with David Carter
Under Review

"Controlling Bodies and Controlling Land: Sexual Violence in Civil War"
Under Review

"Does Ethnic Threat Shape Fertility Preferences? Experimental Evidence from Israel"

"Interpersonal Pathways to Radicalization and Deradicalization: A Study of White Nationalism" with
Carly Wayne, Rachel Goodman, Taylor Carlson, and Erin Rossiter

"The Body in the Algorithm: Sexual Domination in the Age of AI"

Grants

American Political Science Association (APSA) Spring Centennial Grant 2025 (\$2,000)

Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy Research Grant 2025 (\$5,000)

APSA Women, Gender, and Politics Research Section Travel Grant 2025 (\$500)

APSA LGBT Status Committee Travel Grant 2025 (\$500)

Arkansas Department of Higher Education Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2020 (\$2,750)

Fellowships & Awards

American Association of University Women American Doctoral Fellow 2026

Washington University in St. Louis Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence 2026

Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy Graduate Fellow 2025

Cambridge Elements in Gender & Politics Fellow 2025 (*under Diana O'Brien*)

Research Experience

Research Assistant for Clarissa Hayward

Washington University in St. Louis, May 2025-Current

Research Assistant for Carly Wayne and Taylor Carlson—Funded by the Weidenbaum Center at Washington University and the National Science Foundation

Washington University in St. Louis, May 2023-September 2024

Research Assistant for Will Nomikos

Washington University in St. Louis, March-April 2022

National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates on Peace Studies and Conflict Management

University of North Texas, 2019

Presentations

Weidenbaum Center Interdisciplinary Workshop Series 2026 (Paper)

Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society (WPES) 2026 (Paper)

Southwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2026 (Paper), 2025 (Paper)

Midwest Political Science Association 2026 (Paper), 2024 (Paper), 2021 (Paper)

Comparative Politics Annual Conference 2026 (Poster), 2025 (Poster), 2024 (Poster)

American Political Science Association Annual Conference 2025 (Paper)

Mid-American Conference for Race, Gender, Immigration and Ethnicity Politics (MARGIE) 2025 (Poster)

Gender and Political Participation (GPP) Working Group 2025 (Paper)

Empirical Gender Network (EGEN) 2024 (Paper)

International Studies Association 2023 (Paper)

Arkansas Political Science Annual Conference 2020 (Paper), 2019 (Paper)

Conferences & Workshops

Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC), Organizer 2026, Discussant 2025 & 2024
Washington University in St. Louis

New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap, By Invitation 2025
University of Denver

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Discussant, 2025

Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society (WPES), Organizer 2022-2026, Discussant 2025 & 2023
Washington University in St. Louis

Empirical Gender Network (EGEN) Conference, Organizer 2024
Washington University in St. Louis

Gender and Political Participation (GPP) Working Group, Discussant 2025

Behavioral Approaches to Political Violence, Discussant 2024
Washington University in St. Louis

Teaching

Global Gender Issues, Adjunct Professor, Missouri Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center 2026

Introduction to Political Theory, Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Course 2025

Introduction to International Politics, Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Course 2024

Global Justice, Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Course 2023

Political Violence, Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Course 2022

Service Roles

Discipline Service

Reviewer for *Cambridge Elements*

Academic Service

Graduate Cohort Representative, Washington University in St. Louis, 2024-2025

Women in Political Science (WIPS), Organizer, Washington University in St. Louis, 2024

Graduate Student Senate, Representative, Washington University in St. Louis, 2023-2024

Community Service

Missouri Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center, Tutor, 2025-Present

St. Louis Women's Safe House, Volunteer, 2025-Present

Technical & Language Skills

Technical: R, Python, Stata, ArcGIS, LaTeX

Languages: English (native), German (basic proficiency)

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