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## Education

**Tulane University** — New Orleans, Louisiana
*Ph.D., Political Science* — *2026*

*Dissertation:* Domestic Determinants of Foreign Aid: Citizens, Institutions, and Aid Generosity
Committee: Thomas Oatley (chair), Patrick Egan, Christopher Fettweis

*M.A., Political Science* — *2022*

**New York University** — New York, New York
*M.A., Social and Cultural Analysis* — *2015*

**Tulane University** — New Orleans, Louisiana
*B.A., magna cum laude, Political Science and English* — *2013*

## Research Interests

Foreign aid; support for redistribution; values research; the welfare state; public opinion; domestic determinants of foreign policy

## Teaching Experience

**Texas State University** — San Marcos, Texas
*Lecturer* — *Fall 2026-*

- Functions of American Government (4 sections): Fall 2026

**Tulane University** — New Orleans, Louisiana
*Instructor of Record* — *Summer 2023*

- Political Economy and Public Policy (developed new course)

*Teaching Assistant* — *2021-2024*

- Scope and Methods of Political Science (Spring 2024)
- Race and Politics (Fall 2021)
- Public Policy (Spring 2021)

## Works in Progress and Conference Presentations

*"Investigating the Welfare State-Foreign Aid Connection: Solidarity, Economic Security, and Citizen Support"*
Presented at the Southern Political Science Association conference, New Orleans, January 2026

*"Cosmopolitanism and Foreign Aid"*
Manuscript under review. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, April 2024 and the Southern Political Science Association conference, New Orleans, January 2024

*"The Welfare State and Foreign Aid: Revisiting the Domestic-International Justice Link"*
Working paper

*"'Us' and 'Them' Thinking in Perceptions of International versus Domestic Terrorism"*
Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, April 2023

*"Development Aid as Migration Deterrent? Talk versus Funding in Denmark, France, and the United States"*
Presented at the Western Political Science Association conference, Portland, March 2022

## Other Conference Activity

*Panel: Public Opinion on International Relations*
Discussant, Southern Political Science Association conference, New Orleans, January 2026

## Awards and Fellowships

Graduate Student Summer Research and Write-up Fellowship, Tulane University (2025)
Visiting Scholar, École Normale Supérieure - PSL, Spring 2025
Tulane School of Liberal Arts Fellowship and Stipend (2023-2026) and Tuition Scholarship (2020-2025)
Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research Student Support Grant, Fall 2024
ICPSR Summer Funding, Tulane University, Summer 2022
Tulane GSSA Conference Travel Grant, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024

## Other Relevant Work Experience

**The Murphy Institute, Tulane University** New Orleans, Louisiana
*Assistant Director, Center for Public Policy Research* *September 2017-August 2023*

- **Communications and public engagement** Organized conferences and working groups on health policy, tax policy, and trade. Led Institute communications; wrote reports to stakeholders, including the boards of The Murphy Institute and Tulane. Managed Institute website.
- **Editing and project development** Edited and provided substantive feedback on draft book chapters and articles for faculty. Evaluated proposals for internal grants. Searched for external research funding opportunities and advised on grant applications.
- **Research** Analyzed legislation and conducted reviews of the literature to assist director in developing public policy initiatives. Conducted research assistance for articles on tax policy.

**Oxford University Press** New York, New York
*Assistant Editor, Politics and Law* *February 2015-April 2017*

- **Acquisitions Editorial** Acquired and edited academic and trade books in the social sciences.
- **International Partnerships and Project Management** Managed co-publishing relationship with C. Hurst & Co. Finalized co-publishing relationship with Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Managed production process for 120 books per year.

## Additional Training

**Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching, Tulane University**
*The Essentials of Learning and Teaching (2023) and Practical Course Design (2024)*
**ICPSR Summer Program**
*Item Response Theory: Methods for Scale Development and Analysis (2022)*
**Département d'Études Cognitives, École Normale Supérieure**
*Psychological Capacities (2025)*

## Skills

- **Languages:** English (fluent/native); French (proficient)
- **Programming languages:** R/RStudio (proficient); Stata (proficient); LaTeX (basic); HTML (basic)