

Jonathan Colner

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Education

PhD Political Science

Expected 2024

University of California, Davis

- Dissertation: "Legislative Attention and Electoral Institutions in City Councils"
- Committee: Scott MacKenzie, Ryan Hübert, Christopher Hare

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

2017

University of Chicago

- Minor in Statistics
- Thesis: "Financial Disclosures by Politicians: How refusal to release tax returns impacts voters' trust in candidates"

Publications

Hübert, R., Rezaee, J.K. and Colner, J. 2022, Going into Government: How Hiring from Special Interests Reduces Their Influence. [American Journal of Political Science](#).

Under Review

Running Towards Rankings: Ranked Choice Voting's Impact on Candidate Entry and Descriptive Representation (*Invited to Revise and Resubmit at the American Journal of Political Science*)

Working Papers

Boudreau, Cheryl and Colner, Jonathan and MacKenzie, Scott A., Ranked Choice Voting and Political Expression: How Voting Aids Influence Informed and Uninformed Citizens' Decision-making

Ward Against Ward: Particularism in District-Based City Councils

Ideological Voting in New York City: Ranked Voting in a Two-Dimensional Space

Boudreau, Cheryl and Colner, Jonathan and MacKenzie, Scott A., Start Spreading the Views? An Experimental Study of the Effects of Endorsements in Local Elections Using RCV

Local Birds or a National Flock: Measuring Ideology at the Local Level Using Twitter

Policy Reports

Colner, Jonathan, The Short-Term Impact of Ranked-Choice Voting on Candidate Entry and Descriptive Representation (February, 2023). Available at [New America](#).

Colner, J. P., & D'Agostino, M. (2022). Lessons from Cities Considering Congestion Pricing. UC Office of the President: [University of California Institute of Transportation Studies](#).

Boudreau, Cheryl and Colner, Jonathan and MacKenzie, Scott A., Ranked-Choice Voting and Political Expression: How Voting Aids Narrow the Gap between Informed and Uninformed Citizens (December 2020). Available at [New America](#).

Awards and Grants

University of California, Davis Jackman Award (2023)	\$500
Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship (2022-2023)	\$50,000
New America Research Grant (2022)	\$7,000
University of California, Davis Summer Methods Grant (2022)	\$500
University of California, Davis Summer Methods Grant (2021)	\$500
Bret Hewitt Incoming Student Award (2019)	\$1,500
Dean's Distinguished Graduate Fellowship (DDGF) L & S Fellowship (2019-2021)	\$96,000

Conferences

Junior Americanists Workshop MPSA Pre-Conference (Invited)	2023
Annual Midwest Political Science Conference	2022, 2023
Annual Western Political Science Conference	2023
Annual Urban Affairs Association Conference	2023
Annual American Political Science Conference	2023

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

University of California, Davis

- Courses: Local Government and Politics, The Legislative Process, and International Migration

Professional Service

Graduate Association of Political Science Students Graduate Student Association Representative	2020 –2021
Graduate Association of Political Science Students Vice President	2021 –2022
Political Science Research Workshop, UC Davis Administrative Assistant	2021 – Present

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Professional Experience

Graduate Student Researcher

2020 –2021

UC Davis Policy Institute for Energy, Environment, and the Economy

I wrote policy papers on zero emission zones and congestion pricing focused on lessons from prior implementations and the potential for similar policies in the United States. I also supported the grant process for a Mobility as a Service study proposal, including organizing meetings with municipal transportation administrators across the country.

Research Associate

2017 –2019

Westat

I participated in survey design, implementation, analysis, and report writing for the Wounded Warriors Annual Internal Survey Report. In addition, I lead field research including guided and structured interviews with state and local administrators as well as with at-risk populations.

Additional Skills

Programming: R, Python, Stata, LaTeX, SQL, ArcGIS