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**EDUCATION****University of California, Berkeley:** PhD in Political Science *expected May 2028*

- **Major subfield:** American Politics
- **Minor subfields:** Quantitative Methods, Political Behavior
- **Designated Emphasis:** Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

**University of Chicago:** Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences *June 2022*

- Political Science concentration
- GPA: 3.74/4.00
- **MA Thesis:** “A risk venture? Investigating the “electability” challenge for women candidates in US elections”

**University of Massachusetts:** Graduate Certificate in Gender, Leadership, and Public Policy *May 2021*

- GPA: 4.00/4.00

**Northwestern University:** Bachelor of Science in Social Policy with Honors and cum laude *June 2019*

- Major in Social Policy, minor in Biological Anthropology, GPA: 3.83/4.00
- **Honors Thesis:** “The year of the (Democratic) woman?: partisan voter responses to female political candidates”

**PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS*****Peer-reviewed***

- Jozer, Sara E., & Mary C. McGrath. (2022). [“Candidate gender bias and the partisan gender-gap in office.” \*Political Behavior\*](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-022-09832-z). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-022-09832-z>.

***Public writing***

- Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Boston, [“Profiles in Leadership: Women of Color Elected to Office in Massachusetts”](#) (2021). *Publications from the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy*.
- McGrath, Mary C., and Sara E. Jozer (2019, November 24). [“Opinion: Are Americans ready for a woman president? Yes. In fact, they might prefer one.”](#) *Los Angeles Times*.

***Working papers***

- “Dual Campaigns? Theorizing Strategic Discrimination in Congressional Elections” coauthored with Jacqueline Colao and Anna Mikkelsen (manuscript available upon request)
  - Builds a theory of strategic discrimination against women candidates in elections besides the presidency, and tests the observable implications of the theory

***Works in progress***

- “Running Like a Girl: Gendered Harassment and Women’s Political Ambition”
  - Examines the impacts of psychological violence against women in politics on women’s political ambition in the United States
- “Vote By Male: The Impact of Vote-By-Mail on Political Influence Within Couples”

- Explores whether the lack of secrecy allowed by VBM makes space for greater political influence of husbands upon wives

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- Democracy Policy Lab, Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley (advisor: Dean David Wilson)
  - Graduate Student Researcher supporting launch of a new, three-wave public opinion study on the political psychology of American democracy, institutional trust, and political attitudes
  - Develop survey items, design questionnaires, lead data cleaning and analysis, and write up key findings for short-term issue briefs, digital, and print content, as well as contribute to longer term research reports and presentations
- “A risk venture? Investigating the “electability” problem for women candidates in US elections,” University of Chicago (advisor: Prof. Jon Rogowski)
  - Independently developed article-length MA thesis examining the electability penalty for women candidates in the 2020 Democratic presidential primary
- “The Massachusetts Representation Project: Diverse Leadership for a Diverse Commonwealth,” Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Boston (supervisor: Dr. Christa Kelleher)
  - Managed data for creation of interactive web portal for information on electoral leadership, such as trends in each municipality and region of the state, gaps in representation by community, and opportunities for inclusive and diverse leadership
- “The Year of the (Democratic) Woman?: Partisan Voter Responses to Female Political Candidates,” Northwestern University (advisor: Prof. Mary C. McGrath)
  - Independently completed article-length undergraduate honors thesis to explore why there are so many more Democratic women than Republican women in elected office

## **HONORS AND GRANTS**

- 2023 Cohort Fellow, Citrin Center for Public Opinion, UC Berkeley
- Maroon Scholar Research Award Scholarship, University of Chicago MA Program in the Social Sciences
- Northwestern Undergraduate Research Grant Recipient
- Northwestern University Fletcher Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research (finalist)

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**2025:** MPSA Annual Meeting

**2024:** MPSA Annual Meeting

**2022:** Chicago Area Behavior Workshop

**2019:** Northwestern Undergraduate Research Exposition (Best Speaker Award in Panel on Government)

## **SKILLS AND TRAINING**

Stata, R, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office, Google Suite, Airtable, Canva, conversational Spanish, EMILY’s List “Ignite Change” Campaign Training, EMILY’s List Campaign Finance Training, Becker Digital Organizing Bootcamp

## **TEACHING**

### **UC Berkeley, Travers Department of Political Science**

- The US Executive Branch and its Political Environment (2025) – Graduate Student Instructor

- The American Presidency (2024) – Graduate Student Instructor, guest lecturer on Women and the Presidency
- Causal Inference – tutored first-year students on second course in quantitative methods sequence
- Summer Math Camp (2024) – tutored incoming first-year students on probability theory and calculus

### **RELEVANT GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research, Graduate Student Instructor Training Seminar, Causal Inference, Quantitative Analysis in Social Research, Local Politics, Political Behavior, Politics of Gender, The Science of Campaigns and Elections, American Politics Field Seminar I and II, Political Sociology, Statistical Methods of Research, Public Opinion, Intermediate Regression and Data Science, Academic and Professional Writing, Women in American Politics, Contemporary Issues in American Public Policy, Intersectionality-Based Policy Analysis

### **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### ***Senior Associate, Research Solutions, Morning Consult***

*December 2022 – July 2023*

- Owned client projects and coordinate with internal teams to create clear and concise deliverables
- Communicated with clients and Morning Consult staff to explain projects, set expectations, and communicate results
- Managed several projects at once on tight deadlines
- Brainstormed and executed new survey and content projects

#### ***Fundraising Program Manager, Swing Left***

*June 2022 – December 2022*

- Oversee the administration of strategy and fundraising work for Blueprint, Swing Left's high-impact fundraising portfolio, to maintain a positive and effective donor experience
- Manage related cross-functional projects including establishing quarterly targets to maximize fundraising impact
- Collaborate with the Marketing team to develop Blueprint and product content such as website and email copy and quarterly impact reports
- Coordinate custom Blueprint and giving circles programs, facilitate planning and execution of Blueprint events, and represent Blueprint at virtual and in-person events

#### ***Federal Campaigns Associate, ActBlue***

*September 2020 – July 2021*

#### ***Federal Campaigns Assistant***

*July 2019 – August 2020*

- Used Airtable and Google Suite to track and organize team knowledge of federal campaigns and their digital needs
- Served as a primary point of contact for federal campaign staff and related users to ActBlue
- Advised federal campaigns on digital fundraising, coaching clients towards and better digital fundraising programs
- Worked to understand the technical needs of campaigns using ActBlue, using effective judgment to troubleshoot issues
- Monitored relevant news on political campaigns and policy issues related to the Midwest region

- Promoted for exceeding goals and taking on additional responsibilities to maximize team capacity

**SERVICE AND OTHER EXPERIENCE**

- Reviewer, *Political Behavior* (2024-present)
- Co-coordinator, UC Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics (2024-present)
- Union Steward (UAW 4811), UC Berkeley Political Science Department (2024-present)
- Founding Coordinator, Queer Political Scientists at UC Berkeley (2024-present)
- Crisis Counselor, Crisis Text Line (2023-2024)
- Alumni Interviewer, Northwestern University (2020-2022)
- Steering Committee Member, Young Friends of Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts (2020-2021)
- Founding member and executive committee member, ActBlue Employee Resource Group for Jewish Staff (2020-2021)
- Member, ActBlue Employee Resource Group for LGBTQIA+ Staff (2020-2021)
- Organizer, ActBlue Union (2020-2021)