

EDUCATION

	Department of Political Science, UC Riverside <i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i>	Riverside, CA
	• Advisors: Prof. Jennifer Merolla and Noel Pereyra-Johnston	2026 (expected)
	• Dissertation: “Home is where the...political attitudes are?”	
	Department of Political Science, University of Montana <i>M.A. in Political Science</i>	Missoula, MT
		2019
	Department of Political Science, Southern Oregon University <i>B.S. in Political Science</i>	Ashland, OR
		2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Topics:

- Political Behavior and Public Opinion
- Political Economy and Housing
- Identity Politics (Race, Ethnicity, and Gender)
- Contentious Politics (Protest and Social Movements)

PUBLICATIONS

1. Onursal, D., Hobbs, A., & Wells, C. (2024). **Violence, what is it good for? Waves of riotous-violent protest and democracy.** *Democratization*, 31(6), 1272–1296.
2. Onursal, D., & Hobbs, A. (2025). **The Dynamics of Protest Radicalization.** *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 1–20.

WORKS-IN- PROGRESS

1. **“Running the hedonic treadmill: Lateral insecurity and foreign real estate investment.”** *Working paper*.
2. **“The Unemployed and the restless: Protest and the macro-economy”** (with Deren Onursal). *Under Review*.
3. **“Home sweet home? Foreign property ownership and support for redistributive taxation”** (with Alexander Ross). *Working paper*.
4. **“Incumbent sex and economic voting: evidence of discrimination at the ballot box”** (with Ding Wang and Jennifer Merolla). *Working paper*.
5. **“Too damn high! Housing affordability and political protest”** (with Deren Onursal). *In preparation*.
6. **“Breaking the social contract: Experimental evidence on tax morale”** (with Deren Onursal and Shaun Bowler). *Working paper*.
7. **“Handcuffs and backlash: Arrest, radical protesters, and democracy”** (with Deren Onursal). *Under Review*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses as Instructor:

- American Politics
- Nation States and Capitalism
- Politics of Trade, Finance and Development
- Globalization and Underdevelopment

Courses as Teaching Assistant:

- Principles of Civic Engagement | *Honors Department*
- American Politics
- Political Economy of International Finance
- Globalization and Underdevelopment
- Politics of the Underdeveloped World
- International Relations
- Introduction to Comparative Politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Riverside County Registrar of Voters Riverside, CA <i>Survey Specialist</i>	Oct. 2024–August 2025
University of California, Riverside Riverside, CA <i>Research and Administrative Assistant</i>	July 2024–present
University of California, Riverside Riverside, CA <i>Research and Administrative Assistant</i>	Sept. 2022–Dec. 2022
Southern Oregon University Ashland, OR <i>Research and Administrative Assistant</i>	Sept. 2014–June 2015

GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

Humane Studies Fellowship Grant Institute for Humane Studies <i>Award amount: \$4,900</i>	2025
Dissertation Completion Fellowship Award University of California, Riverside <i>Award amount: \$23,000</i>	2025
Gabbert Research Award University of California, Riverside <i>Award amount: \$750</i>	2024
Gabbert Research Award University of California, Riverside <i>Award amount: \$1500</i>	2022
Graduate Research Mentorship Program University of California, Riverside <i>Award amount: \$9500</i>	2023
Partisan Animosity Survey Time Sharing Polarization Research Lab	2023
Methods Certificate University of California, Riverside	2023
Outstanding TA Award University of Montana	2018
Outstanding TA Award University of Montana	2017

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Identity and Politics Lab Lab Manager University of California, Riverside	2026–present
Graduate Students in IPE (GSIPE) Organizing Committee Independent Graduate-led Network	2025–present
Quantitative Methods Group Group Manager University of California, Riverside	2024–2025
Graduate Student Association Department President University of California, Riverside	2022–2023
Identity and Politics Lab Member University of California, Riverside	2022–present

CONFERENCE SERVICE AND PARTICIPATION

GSIPE Pre-Conference Workshop Presenter/Discussant American Political Science Association	2025
Panel: European Political Issues Discussant Western Political Science Association	2025
Lightning Talk: Protest Chair Midwestern Political Science Association	2025
Lightning Talk: Int'l Political Economy in Brief Chair Midwestern Political Science Association	2025

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	Poster Session: Soft Power in Int'l Diplomacy Discussant Midwestern Political Science Association	2025
	Panel: Candidate Quality & Campaign Effects Discussant Western Political Science Association	2024
	Panel: Political Economy Discussant Western Political Science Association	2024
	2025	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Running the Hedonic Treadmill: Lateral Insecurity and Foreign Real Estate Investment,” presented at the Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association • “To Ban or Not to Ban: Attitudes Toward Foreign Real Estate Investment,” presented at the Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association • “Home Sweet Home? Foreign Property Ownership and Support for Redistributive Taxation,” presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association • “To Ban or Not to Ban: Attitudes Toward Foreign Real Estate Investment,” presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association 	
	2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Dynamics of Protest Radicalization,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association • “Judicial Foreclosure: Welfare Attitudes, Delinquency, and the Great Recession,” presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association • “Economic Voting and Incumbent Success: Evidence of Discrimination at the Ballot Box,” presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association • “The Attrition of Moderates: An Empirical Analysis of Protester Radicalism,” presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association • “Judicial Foreclosure: Welfare Attitudes, Delinquency, and the Great Recession,” presented at the Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association 	
	2023	
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Judicial Foreclosure: Welfare Attitudes, Delinquency, and the Great Recession,” presented at the Regional Meeting of Political Institutions and Political Economy • “Violence, What Is It Good For? A Cross-National Study of Protestor Violence,” presented at the Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association • “Violence, What Is It Good For? A Cross-National Study of Protestor Violence,” presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwestern Political Science Association 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Political Science Association • Midwestern Political Science Association • American Political Science Association • International Political Science Association • International Society of Political Psychology • European Political Science Society 	
SKILLS	Programming and Data Analysis: R, Stata, Microsoft Excel Other Tools: LaTeX, Qualtrics	

REFERENCES

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