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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

*Committee:* Daniel Thompson (co-chair), Lynn Vavreck (co-chair),  
Jeffrey Lewis, Chad Hazlett, and James Macinko 2022–Present

*Affiliations:* California Center for Population Research,  
Practical Causal Inference Lab, PHACT Lab

### The University of Alabama

Master of Public Administration 2022

*Honors:* 308 Grace Street Scholar

### The University of Alabama

B.A., Political Science, *summa cum laude* 2018–2022

*Honors:* Dr. Robert E. Witt University Fellows Program

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Political behavior, gun violence & firearm policy, causal inference, spatial methods, institutions

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES

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Kappelman, Jack, Diana Silver, Jin Yung Bae, Kevin Butler, Tanvi Shinkre, Falco J. Bargagli-Stoffi, and James Macinko. 2026. “Sensitive Places, Persistent Violence: Effectiveness of ‘Bar Ban’ Laws in Reducing Gun Violence Near Alcohol Vendors.” *Social Science & Medicine*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2026.119304>.

Larson, Peter, Jason Goldstick, Jack Kappelman, Sawyer Stibley, Jaemin Jeon, and Douglas Wiebe. 2026. “Short-term temperature and precipitation patterns associated with firearm discharge incidents in Detroit, MI, USA 2021–2025: a time-stratified case-crossover study.” *Environmental Research*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envres.2026.124479>.

Kappelman, Jack, Diana Silver, and James Macinko. 2026. “The Contribution of Alcohol to Violent Deaths in the United States, 2015–2022.” *Injury Epidemiology*. In Press.

Warren, Drake, Rebecca Tisherman, Alvin Moon, Biayna Darabidian, Jack Kappelman, John Marder, Ellen Pint and Nicolas Robles. 2025. “Comparing Training Ammunition Options for Firing Ranges: Life-Cycle Costs, Market Trends, and Purchasing Strategies.” *RAND Corporation*.

Kappelman, Jack and Richard Fording. 2021. “The Effect of State Gun Laws on Youth Suicide by Firearm: 1981–2017.” *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, 51, 368–377.

Kappelman, Jack. 2021. “Just a Minor Infringement: How Florida’s Extreme Risk Protection Order Applies to At-Risk Youth and Other Household Members.” *Law and Psychology Review*, 45th Edition.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- The *Heller* Effect: How Expanding the Second Amendment Increased Handgun Purchasing.
- Between a Rock and a Polarized Place: How Lawmakers Absorb Pressure Without Taking Positions. (with Haotian Chen, G. Agustin Markarian, and Amanda Mauri)
- Are Politicians Responsive to Mass Shootings? Evidence from U.S. State Legislatures. (with Haotian Chen)
- Action in the Interim: How Voters Anticipate Policy Changes After Elections. (Job Market Paper)

## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024, 2025
- National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, 2024, 2025
- Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2025
- Southern Political Science Association Conference, 2022

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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- Dissertation Year Award**, UCLA Graduate Division: Fully-funded fellowship granted to doctoral candidates advanced to candidacy within one year of dissertation completion. 2026-2027
- Translational Science Award**. Awarded by the National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms for work bridging empirical research and actionable policy approaches on firearm violence prevention. 2025
- Graduate Research Mentorship (GRM)**, UCLA Graduate Division: Two-time recipient of of fully-funded fellowship supporting doctoral research skill development under faculty mentorship prior to advancing to candidacy. 2023-2025
- Graduate Student Researcher (GSR)**, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health: Research assistant with Dr. James Macinko for CDC funded research on firearm mortality 2024–2025
- ISH Research Innovation Fund Recipient**. \$15,000 grant awarded by the UCLA Initiative to Study Hate. 2023
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (GSRM)**, UCLA Graduate Division. 2023
- Best Paper Award – UA Department of Political Science**. Award from the faculty of the UA Dept. of Political Science to the graduate or undergraduate student with the best individual research paper. 2022

## TEACHING

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- University of California, Los Angeles, TA:
- National Institutions: Congress, Spring 2026 (undergrad lecture);
  - Using Quantitative Methods to Understand Social Problems and their Potential Solutions, Winter 2026 (undergrad lecture)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Reviewer: *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; Preventive Medicine*

Discussant: Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2025)

## SELECTED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

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<b>Summer Associate &amp; Adjunct Researcher, RAND Corporation</b> <i>Santa Monica, CA</i>	2024–2025
<b>Founder, One Mind at a Time</b> <i>Ethiopia</i> <i>Founder of 501(c)3 Non-Profit that supports rural NW Ethiopian schools.</i>	2016–Present
<b>Volunteer, Western Snowy Plover Conservation Project</b> <i>Santa Monica, CA</i>	2024–Present
<b>Volunteer, Los Angeles Raptor Study</b> <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>	2024–Present
<b>State Policy Intern, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence</b> <i>Washington, D.C.</i>	2021
<b>Congressional Intern, U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett</b> <i>Austin, TX &amp; Washington, D.C. (Remote)</i>	2018 & 2020

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