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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Advisors: Dan Thompson, PhD, & Lynn Vavreck, PhD

2022–Present

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

The University of Alabama

Master of Public Administration

2022

The University of Alabama

B.A., Political Science, *summa cum laude*

2018–2022

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

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*. In Press.

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.

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

The *Heller* Effect: How Expanding the Second Amendment Increased Handgun Purchasing.

Public Elite Discourse in the Shadows of Mass Shootings (Joint with Haotian Chen, G. Agustin Markarian, and Amanda Mauri).

Short-term temperature and precipitation patterns associated with firearm discharge incidents in Detroit, MI, USA 2021–2025: a time-stratified case-crossover study (Joint with Peter Larson, Jason Goldstick, Sawyer Stibley, Jaemin Jeon, and Douglas Wiebe).

Are Politicians Responsive to Mass Shootings? Evidence from U.S. State Legislatures (joint with Haotian Chen).

Preemptive Politics: How Electoral Outcomes Shape Behavior (Job Market Paper)

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

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 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. Grant awarded by the UCLA Initiative to Study Hate. 2023

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (GSRM), UCLA Graduate Division 2023

TEACHING

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

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

Discussant: Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2025)

SELECTED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Summer Associate & Adjunct Researcher, RAND Corporation 2024–2025
Santa Monica, CA

Founder, One Mind at a Time Ethiopia 2016–Present
Founder of 501(c)3 Non-Profit that supports rural NW Ethiopian schools.

Volunteer, Western Snowy Plover Conservation Project <i>Santa Monica, CA</i>	2024–Present
Volunteer, Los Angeles Raptor Study <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>	2024–Present
State Policy Intern, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence <i>Washington, D.C.</i>	2021
Congressional Intern, U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett <i>Austin, TX & Washington, D.C. (Remote)</i>	2018 & 2020

LAST UPDATED: APRIL 13, 2026