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Education

- 2025-present* **Ph.D. Student, Political Science**
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2021-2025* **Bachelor of Science, Political Science (Honors)**
Schreyer Honors College, Pennsylvania State University (University Park, PA)
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Giancarlo Visconti, Dr. Lee Ann Banaszak
- 2021-2025* **Bachelor of Science, Economics**
Pennsylvania State University (University Park, PA)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- [1] N. Cárdenas-Miller, R. E. O'Donnell, J. Tam, and B. Wyble. Surprise! draw the scene: Visual recall reveals poor incidental working memory following visual search in natural scenes. *Memory & Cognition*, 2023.

Grants

- 2026* **Uhlman Summer Research Grant: \$2,000**
- 2025* **International Relations Research Fellowship Award: \$3,000**
- 2025* **REU Grant in Economics at Penn State: \$1,250**
- 2023* **NSF Partnerships for International Research and Education:**
≈ \$10,000 to lead experimental research at the Universidad de Granada, Spain
- 2023* **Schreyer Honors College Travel Grant: \$1,000**
- 2022* **Penn State NASA Space Consortium Grant: \$1,000**

Fellowships

- 2026-2027* **APSA Spring 2026-2027 Diversity Fellowship: \$2,000**
- 2025-present* **Graduate Student Fellowship**
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2021-2025* **Paterno Fellow**
Pennsylvania State University (University Park, PA)
Schreyer Honors College

Selected Awards & Distinctions

- 2024 **Penn State Student Leadership Scholarship: \$1,000**
- 2024 **Political Science Kim Anderson Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000**
- 2023 **Political Science Kim Anderson Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000**
- 2023 **College of the Liberal Arts Enrichment Award: \$4,000**
- 2022 **Best Poster, PSI CHI Conference, Penn State**

Work Experience

- 2025 **Economics Research Intern**
PSU Economics Department
Worked under guidance of Dr. Kala Krishna; supported Indian international trade analysis, literature review, and data/code workflows in R and STATA
- 2022-2024 **Linguistics Research Intern**
PSU Multi Grammar Lab
Worked under guidance of Dr. Matthew Carlson; developed stimuli in PRAAT/E-Prime and analyzed data in R (including principal component analysis)
- 2023 **Linguistics Research Intern**
Universidad de Granada, Spain
Worked under guidance of Dr. Teresa Bajo; recruited participants, completed Spanish-language IRB consenting, and conducted lab-based experiments
- 2022-2023 **Psychology Research Intern**
PSU Visual Memory & Attention Lab
Worked under guidance of Dr. Brad Wyble; supported experimental design in Python/Javascript/HTML and publication in *Memory & Cognition*

Teaching Experience

- 2026 **Grader, Latin American Politics**
Dr. Cecilia Martinez Gallardo, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2026 **Grader, The Politics of Mexico**
Dr. Cecilia Martinez Gallardo, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2025 **Grader, The Politics of International Law & Cooperation**
Dr. Tyler Pratt, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2025 **Grader, Economics - Strategy**
Dr. Baranov, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2024 **Grader, Intro to Econometrics**
Dr. Austin Boyle, The Pennsylvania State University

Conferences & Presentations

- 2025 **PSU Undergraduate Exhibition**
Relatively Economic: Protest Motivations in the 2019 Chilean Uprising, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2024 **PSUxLING Conference**
Are Vowels Social? Perceptual Illusions in L2 Speech Perception, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2024 **PSU CLS Conference**
Are Vowels Social? Perceptual Illusions in L2 Speech Perception, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2023 **CYMCIC Mind, Brain, and Behavior Research Center Conference**
Four research projects on bilingual language acquisition & processing, Universidad de Granada, Spain
- 2022 & 2023 **PSU PSI CHI Conference**
Memory & Attribute Amnesia, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2022 **OPAM 30**
The Natural Representation of Scene in Memory, and its Relation to Attribute Amnesia, Boston, MA

Skills, Languages & Memberships

- Software* R (advanced), L^AT_EX(advanced), STATA (intermediate), Python (intermediate), PRAAT (advanced), E-Prime (intermediate), Adobe Creative Suite (advanced)
- Languages* English (native), Spanish (native)
- Memberships* American Political Science Association; UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas; UNC Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Affiliated Graduate

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