

## Kathryn Wainfan

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### Education

Ph.D., Political Science, UCLA, (in progress)

- Fields: Comparative Politics, Formal Theory and Quantitative Methods, British Politics
- Dissertation: *Decentralization as Party Electoral Strategy*  
Committee: Michael Thies (Chair), Kathleen Bawn, Christopher Tausanovitch, John Agnew

M.Sc., International Relations, London School of Economics, December 2011

- Dissertation: *Ignoring the People or Just Knowing Better? Reconciling Foreign Policy Analysis' Poliheuristic Theory with Britain's Participation in the 2003 Iraq War*

B.A., Political Science, University of Michigan, May 2010

- With Distinction and Highest Honors
- Honors Thesis: *Examining the Marginals: Electoral Security and Voting in the United Kingdom's House of Commons*

### Teaching

Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 50), Undergraduate UCLA

- Instructor, Summer 2015 and 2016
- Head Teaching Assistant for Prof. Michael Thies, Fall 2013 and 2015
- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Michael Thies, Fall 2012

Politics and Strategy (PS 30), Undergraduate UCLA

- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Kathleen Bawn, Winter 2013 and Spring 2016
- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Barry O'Neill, Winter 2016
- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Tyson Roberts, Spring 2014

Political Economy of Development (PS M167C/ IDS 100B), Undergraduate UCLA

- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Michael Ross, Spring 2013

Introduction to World Politics (PS 20), Undergraduate UCLA

- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Robert Trager, Winter 2012

## Other Work Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, Prof. Michael Ross, 2014

- Conducted research on global gasoline prices

Graduate Research Assistant, Prof. Michael Thies, 2012-2014

- Conducted research for on the veto and agenda altering powers of the Australian Senate
- Web scraping and coding of bill passage in the Australian Parliament

Reader, UCLA

- Comparative Constitutional Design (PS 166), Winter 2015
- Globalization: Markets (GS1), Summer 2014
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 50), Summer 2014

Intern for The Hon. Shona McIsaac, MP, UK House of Commons, Summer 2008

- Conducted research and wrote briefs on issues including healthcare, counterterrorism, and local concerns
- Drafted letters in response to constituent concerns and complaints

## Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016

PhD Workshop on Multilevel Governance, Decentralization, and Regionalism, VU Amsterdam, June 2016

Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Brussels, June 2016

Winter Meeting of Southern California Comparative Political Institutions, UC Merced, February 2016

Center for European and Russian Studies Panel Discussion *Independence and the Future of Europe: Catalonia and Scotland*, January 2016

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2013 and 2015

Annual COMPASS Meeting, UCLA, April 2014

Winter Meeting of Southern California Comparative Political Institutions, USC, March 2014

Winter Meeting of Southern California Comparative Political Institutions, UC Riverside, May 2013

## **Grants and Awards**

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, Summer 2015

- Three week program at the University of Michigan
- Covered airfare, room and board

Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA, 2014/2015

- Covered fees, tuition, and quarterly stipend, approx. \$37,000

Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, Center for European and Eurasian Studies, UCLA, Summer 2014

- Covered expenses for fieldwork in the United Kingdom, \$5,000

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA, Summer 2012 and 2013

- Summer stipend to conduct research under the mentorship of Prof. Michael Thies, \$6,000 per summer

Pauley Fellowship, UCLA, 2011/2012

- Covered fees, tuition, and quarterly stipend, approx. \$37,000

Grace Award for Best University of Michigan Thesis of 2009/2010

- Honors Thesis published in the Fall 2010 issue of the Michigan Journal of Political Science
- Award of \$500

## **University Services**

Senior Student Mentor, 2015/2016

UCLA Comparative Politics Association (COMPASS)

- Conference organization committee, 2012-2016
- Conference discussant and chair, 2013-2016
- Coordinator, 2012/2013