JACQUELINE COLAO

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. in Political Science (expected May 2026)
Fields: American Politics, Political Behavior, Political Methodology
Committee: Gabriel Lenz (*chair*), David Broockman, Eric Schickler
M.A in Political Science, 2020

Bowdoin College
A.B. *magna cum laude (with high honors),* Government & Legal Studies, Philosophy

DISSERTATION

Voter Knowledge and Voting Behavior in U.S. House Primaries

PUBLICATIONS

Issues, Endorsements, and Vote Choice: A Panel Study of Congressional Primary and General Elections
American Journal of Political Science, forthcoming (first author)
with David E. Broockman, Gregory A. Huber, and Joshua L. Kalla

WORKING PAPERS

Ideological Voting in U.S. House Primary Elections

Strategic Discrimination Against Women in U.S. House Primaries
Manuscript under review
with Sara Jozer and Anna Mikkelborg

WORKING PROJECTS

How Candidate Information Shapes Vote Choice in Primary Elections: Experimental Evidence from U.S. Congressional Races

Gender, Partisanship, and Electability: The Polarizing and Paradoxical Consequences of Perceived Sexism
with Sara Jozer and Anna Mikkelborg

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024
Stanford-Berkeley Graduate Student Conference, 2024

INVITED TALKS

Citrin Center Fall 2025 Research Symposium
Research Workshop in American Politics, UC Berkeley, 2023, 2024, 2025
Primary Night Watch Party Guest Speaker, Institute for Governmental Studies, 2024
Methods Workshop, UC Berkeley, 2024
Panel on the 2024 Primary Elections, Citrin Center for Public Opinion Research, 2024
Survey Research Methods Emerging Scholar Talk, UMass Amherst, 2024

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

David M. Howard Memorial Prize in American Politics, Institute for Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley, 2025
Research Grant, UC Berkeley Citrin Center for Public Opinion Research, $5,000, 2024
Research Grant, UC Berkeley Center for the Study of American Democracy, $25,000, 2023
Graduate Research Award, UC Berkeley Citrin Center for Public Opinion Research, $1,000, 2022
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley, 2022
The Nelson W. Polsby Memorial Graduate Student Fund Fellowship, AY 2022-2023
Richard E. Morgan Prize for Excellence in the Study of the Constitution, Bowdoin College, 2017
Philip W. Cummings Philosophy Prize, Bowdoin College, 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Liberal Democracy, Identity, and Nation in the United States, Graduate Student Instructor (GSI), Fall 2025, Spring 2025
Experiential Learning: Context, Self-Reflection and Professional Development, GSI, Summer 2025
Public Opinion, Voting, and Participation, GSI, Fall 2024, Fall 2023
Congress, GSI, Spring 2024, Spring 2021
Political Psychology, GSI, Summer 2023, Summer 2022, Summer 2021, Fall 2020
Graduate Methods Tutor, Summer 2023
Parties and Polarization, GSI, Spring 2020
Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods, GSI, Summer 2020
Introduction to American Politics, GSI, Fall 2019

SERVICE

Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program mentor, Fall 2019
Women in Political Science co-chair, UC Berkeley, AY 2020-2021

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Survey Programmer and Data Analyst, Berkeley/IGS Poll, September 2019 - June 2022

REFERENCES

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