

## **Kathryn Wainfan, Ph.D.**

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### **Employment**

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| <b>University of California, Merced</b><br>Lecturer, Program in Political Science         | 2019-     |
| <b>University of California, Los Angeles</b><br>Lecturer, Department of Political Science | 2018-2019 |

### **Education**

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| <b>University of California, Los Angeles</b><br>Ph.D., Political Science<br>Dissertation: <i>The Party Politics of Political Decentralization</i><br>Committee: Michael Thies (Chair), Kathleen Bawn, Christopher Tausanovitch,<br>John Agnew (Geography), Georgia Kernell (Communications) | 2018 |
| <b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b><br>MSc, International Relations<br>Dissertation: <i>Ignoring the People or Just Knowing Better? Reconciling<br/>Foreign Policy Analysis' Poliheuristic Theory with Britain's Participation<br/>in the 2003 Iraq War</i>             | 2011 |
| <b>University of Michigan</b><br>B.A., Political Science with Distinction and Highest Honors<br>Honors Thesis: <i>Examining the Marginals: Electoral Security and Voting<br/>in the United Kingdom's House of Commons</i>   | 2010 |

### **Research Interests**

Comparative political institutions, federalism and devolution, political party organization, British and Western European politics

### **Working Papers**

- “The Party Politics of Political Decentralization: The British Labour Party and Scottish Devolution”
- “Principle or Pressure? Distinguishing Party Discipline and Party Cohesion in the United Kingdom”
- “Decentralization and Minority Government Support in Spain”
- “Coalition Partners and Policy Preferences: Party Type and Government Policies”

## **Conference Presentations and Invited Talks**

American Political Science Association: 2016 and 2019 (scheduled)  
Workshop on Theoretical and Methodological Innovations in Comparative Politics, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics: 2018  
European Political Science Association: 2016  
Workshop on Multilevel Governance, Decentralization, and Regionalism, VU Amsterdam: 2016  
Southern California Comparative Political Institutions: 2013, 2014, and 2016  
UCLA Center for European and Russian Studies: 2016  
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute: 2015  
Midwestern Political Science Association: 2013 and 2015  
UCLA Comparative Politics Association (COMPASS): 2014

## **Grants and Awards**

Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division: 2017/2018  
Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division: 2014/2015  
Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, UCLA Center for European and Eurasian Studies: 2014  
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division: 2012 and 2013  
Pauley Fellowship, UCLA: 2011/2012  
Grace Award for Best University of Michigan Undergraduate Thesis: 2010

## **Teaching**

### **As Lecturer (UC Merced, Undergraduate)**

Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLI 003)  
Comparative Political Behavior (POLI 135)  
Transitions to Democracy (POLI 140)  
Institutions of Democracy (POLI 130, Spring 2020)  
Comparative Political Parties (Spring 2020)  
British Politics (Spring 2020)

### **As Lecturer or Instructor (UCLA, Undergraduate)**

Politics and Strategy (Game Theory) (PS 20, online)  
Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 50)  
Comparative Constitutional Design (PS 166)  
Political Parties in Comparative Perspective (PS 169)  
Nationalism, Separatism, and Anti-Globalization (PS 169)

### **As Teaching Assistant (UCLA, Undergraduate)**

Politics and Strategy (Game Theory) (PS 20)  
Introduction to World Politics (PS 30)  
Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 50)  
Political Economy of Development (PS M167C/ IDS 100B)  
Governance and Conflict (GS 100A)

## Other Academic and Professional Employment

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| <b>Graduate Research Assistant</b><br>Prof. Georgia Kernell: 2016<br>Prof. Michael Ross: 2014<br>Prof. Michael Thies: 2012 - 2014                     | 2012 - 2016 |
| <b>Reader, UCLA</b><br>Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 50)<br>Globalization and Markets (GS 1)<br>Comparative Constitutional Design (PS 166) | 2014 – 2015 |
| <b>Intern, The Hon. Shona McIsaac, MP (UK)</b>  | 2008        |

## University Services

Senior Student Mentor, UCLA: 2015/2016  
UCLA Comparative Politics Association (COMPASS)  
Coordinator: 2012/2013  
Conference organization committee: 2012 – 2016  
Conference discussant or chair: 2012 – 2016, 2018-2019

## References

**Dr. Michael Thies (Dissertation Chair)**  
Chair, Global Studies and Interdepartmental Program  
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