

# Joshua Ferrer

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> Ph.D., Political Science (expected completion June 2025)	2020-Present
<b>University of Otago / Te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo</b> M.A. with Distinction, Politics	2019-2020
<b>Amherst College</b> B.A. with Distinction, Political Science and Music, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	2013-2017
<b>Worcester College, Oxford University</b> Visiting Student in Politics	2016

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Election administration, electoral reform, local politics, New Zealand politics, criminal justice

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES

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- Ferrer, Joshua. 2022. "The Effects of Proportional Representation on Election Lawmaking: Evidence from New Zealand." *Representation*. DOI: 10.1080/00344893.2022.2032292
- Ferrer, Joshua. 2021. "Re-evaluating Consensus in New Zealand Election Reform." *Political Science*. DOI: 10.1080/00323187.2020.1859337

## WORKING PAPERS

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- How Partisan Is Local Election Administration? (with Igor Geyn and Daniel M. Thompson)
- Does Appointing Election Officials Improve Election Administration?
- Are Election Reforms Passed Democratically? Evidence from New Zealand

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

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- Did last year's Black Lives Matter protests push cities to defund police? Yes and no. (with Joyce Nguy). *Washington Post*. 2021.
- Online Political Campaigning in New Zealand. *Transparency International New Zealand*. 2020.
- Consensus-based NZ electoral reform is a lovely idea. And it's mostly a myth. *The Spinoff*. 2020.
- 2018 Primary Turnout and Reforms (with John Fortier, Michael Thorning, and Matthew Weil). *Bipartisan Policy Center*. 2018.

## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022  
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022  
New Zealand Political Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2019

## GRANTS AND REWARDS

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Graduate Research Mentorship, University of California, Los Angeles, 2021-Present (\$20,000)  
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, University of California, Los Angeles, 2021 (\$6,000)  
Alumni Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles, 2020-2021  
Yaman Didem MA Thesis Prize for best thesis in Politics, University of Otago, 2020  
Postgraduate Publishing Bursary, University of Otago, 2020  
Fulbright Extension Award, University of Otago, 2020  
New Zealand Politics Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize, New Zealand Political Studies Association, 2019  
Fulbright Graduate Student Award to New Zealand, 2019  
Densmore Berry Collins Prize in Political Science, Amherst College, 2018

## TEACHING

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University of Otago, Departmental Tutor:  
    Politics of the European Union, 2019 (undergraduate lecture).  
Amherst College, TA:  
    Intro to Stats, Fall 2017 (undergraduate lecture).

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Reviewer: *Representation*

## SELECTED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

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Graduate Research Assistant, Professor Miriam Golden, UCLA.	2020-2021
Consultant, Democracy Project, Bipartisan Policy Center.	2018
Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellow, Professor Jonathan Obert, Amherst College.	2018
Domestic Policy Council Intern, The White House.	2015
Research Assistant, Professor Austin Sarat, Amherst College.	2014-2015

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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**Dan Thompson**, Professor, UCLA. ([dthompson@polisci.ucla.edu](mailto:dthompson@polisci.ucla.edu)).  
**Kathleen Bawn**, Professor, UCLA. ([kbawn@polisci.ucla.edu](mailto:kbawn@polisci.ucla.edu)).  
**Janine Hayward**, Professor, University of Otago. ([janine.hayward@otago.ac.nz](mailto:janine.hayward@otago.ac.nz)).