# Jack Guan

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## EDUCATION

**University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)**
B.A. American Studies, Political Science — Expected 2026
Minors in Political Economy, Public Policy

**City College of San Francisco (San Francisco, CA)**
A.S. Social/Behavioral Sciences — 2020 - 2022
Certificate in Critical Middle East/SWANA Studies — (Dual Enrollment)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)**
*Research Assistant* — Oct 2022 - Present
Analyze historical and contemporary elections around the world
Evaluate 110+ elections on 58 metrics of democracy, freedom, and participation
Enter, clean, and synchronize data with Excel and Ragic software

Project: National Elections Across Democracy and Autocracy
Supervisor: Professor Susan Hyde; Oren Samet, PhD Candidate

*Research Fellow* — Oct 2022 - Present
Compile 480+ political communications (e.g. briefings, speeches) from Bush and Trump presidencies
Hand code 35 speeches (3,994 lines; 320,430 words) from the Trump 2020 campaign
Analyze rhetorical appeals based on status, the economy, anti-elitism, and cult of personality

Project: Populists: Performance and Perception
Supervisor: Ritika Goel, PhD Candidate

*Research Assistant* — Sep 2023 - Dec 2024
Analyzed legislative minutes of sampled U.S. municipalities for partisan influence
Reviewed local candidate statements for community connections and involvement
Submitted public records requests to county election officials in California

Project: Partisanship in Local Politics in the United States
Supervisor: Anna Weissman, PhD Candidate

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)**
*Course Coordinator*
ENGIN 270R (Product Management) — Spring 2025
Instructor: Janel Wellborn

ENGIN 270B (R&D Technology Management & Ethics) — Fall 2024
Instructor: Elizabeth Kovats

ENGIN 270B (R&D Technology Management & Ethics) — Fall 2024
Instructor: Tina Piracci

ENGIN 270B (R&D Technology Management & Ethics) — Fall 2023
Instructor: Bulent Erbilgin

ENGIN 270D (Entrepreneurship) — Spring 2023
Instructor: Ronald Star

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

**Democratic National Committee (Washington, DC)**
*Vetting & Compliance Intern* — Jun 2025 - Aug 2025
Screened 5,200 donors to ensure legal and party compliance, requesting more details as necessary
Created lists of business and tax record search engines by jurisdiction to streamline vetting
Utilized Department of Justice, LexisNexis, NGP VAN, U.S. Congress, and Votebuilder databases

**Streetsblog**

*Editorial Intern* May 2025 - Aug 2025

　　　Craft compelling shortform news pieces focused on urban advocacy to reduce car dependency
　　　Add expert perspectives through cultivating sources from network, organic contact, and press events
　　　Manage life cycle of a piece from assignment/pitch to drafting and revising to publication

**Berkeley Political Review (Berkeley, CA)**

*Staff Writer* Sep 2022 - Present

　　　Draft and revise 6 articles focused on timely topics in American politics
　　　Conduct research for articles using public data, prior news coverage, and original interviews
　　　Format articles in content management system to enhance readability on the frontend

**Alliance for Citizen Engagement**

*Democratic Governance Policy Fellow* Dec 2024 - Apr 2025

　　　Authored a nonpartisan, accessible research brief on sanctuary city policy
　　　Planned out brief research through outlines and annotated bibliographies
　　　Drafted, revised, and cycled the brief through the iterative editing process

**Ballotpedia**

*Research Fellow* Jan 2025 - Apr 2025

　　　Contributed to expanding objective electoral information available to voters
　　　Researched candidates in local elections across the United States
　　　Gathered critical data points including contacts, social media profiles, websites, etc

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

**Politics/Policy:** Campaign Strategy, Classical Political Economy, Congress, Contemporary Political Economy, Democracy, Immigration Policy (*graduate*), Jurisprudence, Policy Analysis, Policy Communications (*graduate*), Politics of Public Policy, Public Administration, Race/Class/Gender, Racism & U.S. Law, Wealth & Poverty
**Urban Studies:** American Landscapes, Cities & Their Citizens (*graduate*), New Media Cities (*graduate*), Rhetorical Places, Tech & City, Urban Community, Urban Design
**Methods:** Data Journalism, Economics for Public Policy, Empirical Analysis, Quantitative Sociological Methods, Public Opinion, Social Science Statistics

## THESIS

- [The Electoral Crisis of "West Coast Liberalism"](#)
  Advised by David Broockman, Terri Bimes
  Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley
  Highest Honors

## PAPERS

- [An Unlikely Coalition: Passing the Respect for Marriage Act](#)
  *Journal of Policy Analysis*; Volume 5; April 2025
- [Organizational Challenges of the U.S. Secret Service](#)
  *California Legal Studies Journal*; May 2023

## ARTICLES

- [We Can't Have Justice For All Without Public Transit For All](#)
  *Streetsblog*; August 7, 2025; News Article
- [Shifting Gears to Urban Bike Delivery](#)
  *Streetsblog*; July 30, 2025; News Article
- [Greg LeMond: From Bike Commuter to Cycling Legend](#)
  *Streetsblog*; July 23, 2025; News Article
- [Can the D.C. Region Substitute Rail With Buses?](#)
  *Streetsblog*; July 18, 2025; News Article
- [Form-Based Codes Mean More Sustainable Cities](#)
  *Streetsblog*; July 8, 2025; News Article

- [The Sanctuary City Debate: The Federal-Local Divide Over Immigration Enforcement](#)
  *Alliance for Citizen Engagement*; June 30, 2025; Policy Brief
- [Washington State Is About To Have the First Pro-'Woonerf' Law in America](#)
  *Streetsblog*; June 30, 2025; News Article
- [Off Campus: Students Are Boosting Public Transit as Key to Affordability](#)
  *Streetsblog*; June 12, 2025; News Article
- [A Post-Mortem of the Youth Vote in 2024](#)
  *Berkeley Political Review*; May 1, 2025; News Article
- [Overcoming Public Transit's Fiscal Cliff](#)
  *Berkeley Political Review*; March 22, 2025; News Article
- [Splitting the (Electoral) Vote](#)
  *Berkeley Political Review*; October 24, 2024; News Article
- [Playing Politics in America's Pacific Territories](#)
  *Berkeley Political Review*; December 14, 2023; News Article
- [Blue Generation: Gen Z and the Democratic Party](#)
  *Berkeley Political Review*; March 7, 2023; News Article
- [On Ranked-Choice Voting](#)
  *Berkeley Political Review*; November 5, 2022; News Article

## COMMENTARY

- [New Transit Pays Off](#)
  *San Francisco Chronicle*; November 7, 2022; Letter to the Editor
- [New Ethnic Studies Requirements Mean More Lessons on Race in Boston Classrooms](#)
  *Boston Globe*; February 17, 2022; Interview

## CONFERENCES

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| Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Seattle, CA) | 2025 |
| Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Las Vegas, NV) | 2025 |
| NSLI-Y Alumni Public Service and Leadership Workshop (Washington D.C.) | 2024 |
| Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference (Washington D.C.) | 2024 |

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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| UC Berkeley Student Opportunity Fund Grant | 2025 |
| Charles H. Percy Undergraduate Grant for Public Affairs Research | 2025 |
| UC Berkeley Fiat Lux Fellowship | 2025 |
| UC Berkeley Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program | 2024 |
| UC Berkeley Student Opportunity Fund Grant | 2024 |
| UC Berkeley Center on the Politics of Development Fellowship | 2023 - 2024 |
| UC Berkeley Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program | 2023 - 2024 |
| UC Berkeley Center on the Politics of Development Fellowship | 2022 - 2023 |

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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| TKE (Nu Chapter) Burt Thomas Scholarship | 2023, 2024 |
| 10,000 Degrees Scholarship | 2022 - 2026 |
| UC Berkeley Fiat Lux Scholarship | 2022 - 2026 |
| College Board AP Scholar with Honor | 2022 |
| U.S. State Department NSLI-Y Scholarship | 2020 |

## CERTIFICATIONS

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| CITI Program Conflicts of Interest | Dec 2024 |
| CITI Program Essentials of Human Subjects Research | Dec 2024 |
| CITI Program Group 2 Social and Behavioral Research Investigators | Dec 2024 |

## AFFILIATIONS

Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity

## SKILLS

**Computing:** Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, R/R Studio, Wordpress
**Languages:** English, Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
**Platforms:** Adobe Illustrator, ArcGIS Online, Canva, Datawrapper, LexisNexis, NGP VAN, Ragic, Votebuilder

## REFERENCES

Available upon request.