

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 140+ 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 (Political Science)

Discovery Researcher

Oct 2025 - Present

Write memos on the literature around longitudinal data, social theory, and immigration

Analyze multicollinearity between variables from two longitudinal cohort studies of health and income

Review and apply categorical longitudinal modeling techniques in R

Project: Latino Immigrant Geographic Dispersal in Longitudinal Perspective

Supervisor: Steven Herrera Tenorio (Sociology/Demography)

Research Fellow

Oct 2022 - Jul 2025

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: Populism and Perceptions of Performance

Supervisor: Ritika Goel, PhD Candidate (Political Science/IIS)

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 (Political Science/URAP)

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

Instructors: Elizabeth Kovats, Tina Piracci

ENGIN 270B (R&D Technology Management & Ethics)

Fall 2023

Instructor: Bulent Erbilgin

ENGIN 270D (Entrepreneurship)

Spring 2023

Instructor: Ronald Star

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Streetsblog

Editorial Intern

May 2025 - Present

Write 12+ shortform articles focused on urban advocacy to reduce car dependency
Cultivate experts and stakeholders as sources to add original perspectives to coverage
Develop/screen pitches, attend press events, and collaborate with outlet editorial team

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

Berkeley Political Review (Berkeley, CA)

Staff Writer

Sep 2022 - Present

Draft and revise 8 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 Civic Engagement

Democratic Governance Policy Fellow

Jan 2025 - 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 contact information, social media profiles, and websites

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Politics/Policy: California Finance/Policy, Campaign Strategy, Congress, Contemporary Political Economy, Democracy, Immigration Policy (*graduate*), Jurisprudence, Policy Analysis, Policy Communications (*graduate*), Politics of Policy, Public Administration, Race/Class/Gender, Racism & U.S. Law, Wealth & Poverty

Urban Studies: American Landscapes, Cities & Citizens (*graduate*), Decay & Ruin, New Media Cities (*graduate*), Rhetorical Places, Tech & City, Urban Community, Urban Design

Methods: Computing Data, Data Journalism, Economics for Policy, Empirical Analysis, Quantitative Social Methods, Political Behavior Experiments, 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

- [Advocates Push for Safety in Next Surface Transportation Reauthorization](#)
Streetsblog; December 2, 2025
- [St. Louis Competition Gets College Students Onboard Transit](#)
Streetsblog; November 13, 2025

- [The Geopolitical Strategies Behind the U.S. Visa Waiver Program](#)
Berkeley Political Review; November 5, 2025
- [This Bill Would Help America Build More Housing Near Transit](#)
Streetsblog; October 27, 2025
- [Ending the Roadless Rule is Bad News for Public Lands](#)
Streetsblog; October 14, 2025
- [Judicial Volatility on Section 2 Endangers Minority Representation](#)
Berkeley Political Review; September 26, 2025
- [Revitalizing Cities With Small-Scale Manufacturing](#)
Streetsblog; September 26, 2025
- [We Can't Have Justice For All Without Public Transit For All](#)
Streetsblog; August 7, 2025
- [Shifting Gears to Urban Bike Delivery](#)
Streetsblog; July 30, 2025
- [Greg LeMond: From Bike Commuter to Cycling Legend](#)
Streetsblog; July 23, 2025
- [Can the D.C. Region Substitute Rail With Buses?](#)
Streetsblog; July 18, 2025
- [Form-Based Codes Mean More Sustainable Cities](#)
Streetsblog; July 8, 2025
- [The Sanctuary City Debate: The Federal-Local Divide Over Immigration Enforcement](#)
Alliance for Civic Engagement; June 30, 2025
- [Washington State Is About To Have the First Pro-‘Woonerf’ Law in America](#)
Streetsblog; June 30, 2025
- [Off Campus: Students Are Boosting Public Transit as Key to Affordability](#)
Streetsblog; June 12, 2025
- [A Post-Mortem of the Youth Vote in 2024](#)
Berkeley Political Review; May 1, 2025
- [Overcoming Public Transit's Fiscal Cliff](#)
Berkeley Political Review; March 22, 2025
- [Splitting the \(Electoral\) Vote](#)
Berkeley Political Review; October 24, 2024
- [Playing Politics in America's Pacific Territories](#)
Berkeley Political Review; December 14, 2023
- [Blue Generation: Gen Z and the Democratic Party](#)
Berkeley Political Review; March 7, 2023
- [On Ranked-Choice Voting](#)
Berkeley Political Review; November 5, 2022

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

Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Long Beach, CA)	2026
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Seattle, WA)	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

Center for Race and Gender Research Grant	2025
UC Berkeley Discovery Hub Research Scholarship	2025 - 2026

UC Berkeley Student Opportunity Fund Grant	2025
Charles H. Percy Undergraduate Grant for Public Affairs Research	2024
Fiat Lux Fellowship	2024 - 2025
UC Berkeley Student Opportunity Fund Grant	2024
Institute of International Studies Undergraduate Fellowship	2022 - 2024

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

Fiat Lux Scholars Association, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity

SKILLS

Computing: ArcGIS Online, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, R/R Studio, Ragic, Stata, Wordpress

Languages: English, Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)

Professional: Adobe Illustrator, AP Stylebook, Canva, Datawrapper, LexisNexis, NGP VAN

REFERENCES

Available upon request.