Branden Bohrnsen

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Education

Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
Ph.D. in Public Policy and Political Science

Ann Arbor, MI
2025 - 2031 *(expected)*

- Subfields: comparative politics and public policy
- Research: political economy, political behavior
- Substantive: climate change, AI, development

Department of Political Science, UCLA
B.A. in Political Science with Highest Honors

Los Angeles, CA
2022 - 2024

- Advisor: Michael L. Ross

Projects

Measuring Local Welfare in the Philippines
Manuscript in progress

Polarized Climate Policy
Draft available on website

Experience

RA for Alex Gazmararian | University of Michigan — 07/2025 - Present

RA for Cesi Cruz | University of Michigan — 01/2024 - Present

RA for Dan Posner | UCLA — 06/2024 - 04/2025

- Built codebase for "Measuring Intermarriage in Africa" (forthcoming in PSRM)
- Led the implementation of the proposed method on census data

Awards

- **Highest Honors**, UCLA Department of Political Science — 2024
- **The Stuart C. Waugh and Scott L. Waugh Endowed Scholarship**, UCLA College Honors — 2024
- **Keck Research Fellowship**, UCLA Undergraduate Research Center — 2023
- **Rosalind W. Alcott Scholarship**, UCLA College Honors — 2023
- **Research Revealed**, UCLA Undergraduate Research Center — 2023

Skills

Languages: English, German (beginner)
Programming: R (advanced), Python (intermediate), GDScript (advanced), C++ (beginner)