

Samyu Comandur

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles Ph.D. in Political Science M.A. in Political Science Majors: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Quantitative Methods Minors: American Politics; Political Theory	September 2021 - June 2026 June 2024
University of South Carolina B.S. in Computer Science; B.S. in Statistics Honors: <i>summa cum laude</i> , Graduation from South Carolina Honors College	August 2017 - May 2021

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Summer Mentored Research Fellowship (\$6,000) <i>University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Division</i>	June 2024 - September 2024
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (\$6,000) <i>University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Division</i>	June 2023 - September 2023
Health Policy Research Scholars (\$124,000) <i>Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Bloomberg School of Public Health</i>	August 2022 - July 2026
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (\$6,000) <i>University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Division</i>	June 2022 - September 2022
President's Award <i>University of South Carolina</i>	May 2021
Phi Beta Kappa Member <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	April 2020
Stephen D. Durham Award for Statistics <i>University of South Carolina Department of Statistics</i>	April 2020
Outstanding Senior in Computer Science <i>University of South Carolina Department of Computer Science</i>	February 2020
BRAID Grace Hopper Celebration Participant <i>AnitaB.org and Harvey Mudd College</i>	September 2019
Magellan Grant (\$7,500) <i>University of South Carolina Office of Undergraduate Research</i>	August 2019 - May 2020
Exploration Grant (\$1,500) <i>South Carolina Honors College</i>	August 2019 - May 2020
Provost Scholar (\$40,000) <i>University of South Carolina</i>	August 2017 - May 2021
Carolina Scholar (\$60,000) <i>University of South Carolina</i>	August 2017 - May 2021

Palmetto Fellows Scholar (\$29,200)
South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

August 2017 - May 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey March 2022 - present
Graduate Student Researcher

Uneven Roads: An Introduction to U.S. Racial and Ethnic Politics March 2022 - present
Graduate Student Researcher

Women of Color Research Collaborative March 2022 - present
Graduate Student Researcher

Whole Earth Book Catalog August 2018 - May 2021
Research Assistant

Wordification May 2019 - August 2020
Research Assistant

Language Conflict and Language Rights Encyclopedia October 2019 - December 2019
Research Assistant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles
Instructor

UCLA Bunche Center: Introduction to Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Summer 2024
Mark Q. Sawyer Summer Institute: Introduction to R Summer 2023
McNair Scholars Program: GRE Preparation Summer 2022

University of South Carolina
Teaching Assistant

CSCE 146: Algorithmic Design II Spring 2019
CSCE 145: Algorithmic Design I Fall 2018
CSCE 145: Algorithmic Design I Spring 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

US Vote Foundation April 2021 - September 2021
Legal Researcher, Software Developer, Survey Analyst

Meta May 2020 - August 2020
Data Science Intern June 2019 - August 2019

James Smith for Governor July 2018 - August 2018
Data Management Intern

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

Programming Languages	Python, R, SAS, Bash, Java, C++
Database Management Systems	MySQL, Presto, Neo4J, VAN Votebuilder

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Western Political Science Association	Conference Organizing Associate	2023 - present
HPRS Summer Institute Committee	Member	2023 - present
UAW 2865-LA Organizing Committee	Department Steward	2022 - present
Mark Q. Sawyer Summer Institute	Graduate Mentor	2022 - present
Euphrosynean Literary Society	President	2020
UofSC Women in Computing	President	2018 - 2020

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Palms Unhoused Mutual Aid	Distribution Volunteer	2023 - present
UCLA Kitchen Committee	Organizer	2022 - present
Critical Resistance	Prison Correspondence Volunteer	2021
Planned Parenthood	Clinic Escort	2021
When We All Vote	Canvassing Volunteer	2019
James Smith for South Carolina	Canvassing Volunteer	2018
March for Our Lives, Columbia	Organizer	2018