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EDUCATION	Rice University , Houston, TX Ph.D., Political Science, May 2027 (<i>Expected</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: <i>Identity and Anti-Democratic Behavior in Local Politics</i>• Committee: Melissa Marschall, Tanika Raychaudhuri, Erik Peterson, Anna Rhodes• Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies M.A., Political Science, May 2024 The University of Texas , Austin, TX Master of Public Affairs, Data Science and Policy Analysis, May 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Focus in Evaluation Methods, Texas Women in Public Finance Scholarship Recipient</i> Southwestern University , Georgetown, TX B.A., Economics and Business, May 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Economics Honors Student, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa</i>	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Political behavior, local politics, gender and politics, education policy, school choice, race and ethnicity, identity, public policy, youth and civic engagement	
UNDER REVIEW	Joyce, Maranda. “Homeschooling as Racial Retreat: The Impact of School District and Leadership Diversity.” Koch, Tabitha, Maranda Joyce , and Kishan Bhakta. “Unacceptable or Part of the Job? Measuring Public (In)Tolerance for Threats Against Women Politicians.” Erik Peterson, Tyler Simko, Maranda Joyce , Josh McCrain, and Rachel White. “The Personnel Costs of Nationalization: Culture War Conflicts Lead to School Superintendent Turnover.” Joyce, Conner, Maranda Joyce , and Agustin Prinetti. “Bystanders on Social Media: Audience Moderation and the Spread of Online Extremism.”	
WORKING PAPERS	Joyce, Maranda. “Examining Threats Against Women Politicians: Is the Public Less Tolerant of Threats Against White Women?” Bhakta, Kishan, Maranda Joyce , Tabitha Koch, and Jonathan Homola. “Politician Responses in the Aftermath of Violent Threats.” <i>Awarded the Marian Irish Award for Best Women & Politics Paper Presented at the 2024 SPSA Annual Meeting.</i>	
SELECTED PROFESSIONAL REPORTS	Eaton, David, Heath Prince, Maranda Joyce et al. 2021. “Testing Methods for Austin Workforce Program Evaluation.” <i>Awarded the James McGrew Research Award by the Central Texas Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.</i> Osborne, Cynthia, Maranda Joyce , and Jennifer Huffman. 2020. “Family Supports in a Pediatric Setting.” <i>Policy Recommendations for People’s Community Clinic.</i>	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	2026: SPSA 2025: SPSA, MPSA, APSA 2024: SPSA, APSA (<i>Presented by Coauthors</i>) 2023: APSA
GRANTS AND AWARDS	Rice Center for Women and Gender Studies Dissertation Fellowship (\$7,500) 2026 Rice CIISR Research and Data Grant (\$5,000) 2026 Rice Social Sciences Research Institute Dissertation Grant (\$5,000) 2026 Rice Social Sciences Research Institute Pre-Dissertation Grant (\$2,959) 2025 Rice CIISR Research and Data Computing Fellowship (\$1,500) 2025 MPSA Dianne Pinderhughes Diversity PhD Student Travel Scholarship (\$500) 2025 APSA Women, Gender & Politics Research Section (\$500) 2025 Marian Irish Award for Best Paper on Women & Politics presented at SPSA 2024 PS-GSA Poli Seeds Collaborative Research Fund Recipient (\$1,000) 2024 Polarization Research Lab Partisan Animosity Survey Time Sharing Grant 2023 Rice University Department of Political Science Graduate Fellowship 2022 - 2027
SKILLS	Programming: R, L ^A T _E X, Qualtrics, STATA, Python, SAS, Mathematica
WORK EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant Fall 2022 - Fall 2024 Melissa Marschall Department of Political Science, Rice University Graduate Student Policy Mentor Fall 2022 - Spring 2024 Houston Action Research Team Center for Civic Leadership, Rice University Refugee Services Community Engagement Specialist 2021 - 2022 The Alliance (Refugee Resettlement Agency) Houston, Texas Research Associate 2020 - 2021 E3 Alliance (Education Research Nonprofit) Austin, Texas Social Policy Research Assistant 2019 - 2020 Prenatal to Three Policy Impact Center (Early Ed Think Tank) LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin Legal Intern 2017 Grayson County District Attorney's Office Sherman, Texas
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Instructor Comparative Politics and Ethics Fall 2026 School of Economics, Politics, and Public Affairs, IE University Introduction to Political Science Summer 2026 School of Economics, Politics, and Public Affairs, IE University Quantitative Analysis for Political Science Fall 2025 Department of Political Science, Rice University Teaching Assistant Programming Support for Theses & Advanced Seminars Spring 2026 Department of Political Science, Rice University First Year Writing Intensive: Cowboys and Cornfields Fall 2025 Program in Writing and Communication, Rice University U.S. Elections 2024 Fall 2024 Department of Political Science, Rice University

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