

Maya A. Dalton

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PRINCIPAL INTERESTS Electoral violence, rebel groups & violent political organizations, gender politics, network analysis, and political methodology

SKILLS
Technical: R programming language (proficient), L^AT_EX (proficient), Python (proficient)
Languages: English (native), Spanish (basic)

EDUCATION **Pennsylvania State University** Expected 2026
Ph.D. in Political Science and Social Data Analytics
Major Field: Comparative Politics

Pennsylvania State University May 2024
M.A. in Political Science
Major Field: Comparative Politics
Minor Field: Political Methodology

Wake Forest University May 2022
B.A. in Politics and International Affairs
Minors: Statistics and Communication

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS **National Science Foundation**
Graduate Research Fellow - \$37,000 annual stipend and tuition waiver 2023-2026

Pennsylvania State University
Graduate Research Award - \$4,569 summer stipend 2023
Graduate Assistantship - \$26,700 annual stipend and tuition waiver 2022-2023

Wake Forest University
Undergraduate Research Center - \$4,000 summer stipend 2021

SCHOLARSHIP **PUBLICATIONS**

Book Chapters

- Esarey, Justin, and Maya Dalton. 2024. "The Changing Relationship between Gender and Corruption." In *Handbook on Gender and Corruption in Democracies*, eds. Emily Bacchus Beaulieu and Tiffany D. Barnes. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. [\[LINK\]](#).

Reports

1. Dalton, Maya, and Ross Thomas. 2022. "Homeownership and the American Dream During COVID." *The Nation*. [[LINK](#)]

WORK IN PROGRESS

Articles Under Review

1. "Measuring Changes in Corruption Over Time", with Justin Esarey. (Revise and Resubmit at *Political Studies*). [[PDF](#)] [[REPLICATION FILE](#)]
2. "Representation Behind Closed Doors: The Effect of Electing Women Mayors on Domestic Violence", with Giancarlo Visconti. (Under review at *American Political Science Review*). [[PDF](#)] [[APPENDIX](#)]

Working Papers

1. "For Better or For Worse? Gender Quotas and Electoral Violence".

PROFESSIONAL NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

EXPERIENCE National Endowment for the Humanities

Pathways Intern - Office of Data and Evaluation May - December 2024

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Pennsylvania State University

Research Assistant - Dr. Daniel Tavana 2023

Research Assistant - Dr. Giancarlo Visconti 2023

Teaching Assistant - PLSC 3, Dr. Matt Golder 2022

Wake Forest University

Research Assistant - Dr. Justin Esarey 2021

Teaching Assistant - PLSC 280, Drs. Justin Esarey and Betina Wilkinson 2020-2022

University of Michigan - ICPSR Summer Program

Teaching Assistant - Dr. Robert Cooper 2023

CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIUMS

1. Peace Science Society (PSSI) 2024
2. American Political Science Association (APSA) 2023-2024
3. Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS XI) 2024
4. UNDOC Anti-Corruption Academic Symposium 2023
5. ICPSR Summer Program Blalock Lecture Series 2023
6. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2022

HONORS & AWARDS

1. **Jack D. and Martha H. Fleer Award**, Wake Forest University 2022
 - Awarded for meritorious performance in the political science major.
2. **Dorothy Shaw Leadership Award**, Alpha Delta Pi 2021

- The highest individual honor given to a collegiate member of Alpha Delta Pi with a cumulative 3.40 GPA, is active in the chapter, and active in service on campus.

3. **Chinuntdet-Crowe Scholarship**, Wake Forest University 2021

- Awarded to an upper-class student who has demonstrated “leadership skills by extensive involvement in, and leadership of, student organizations recognized by Wake Forest.”

MEMBERSHIPS **Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS)**,
 Pennsylvania State University
Graduate Alliance for Diversity and Inclusion (GADI),
 Pennsylvania State University
American Political Science Association (APSA)
Peace Science Society (PSSI)
Pi Sigma Alpha, Alumni - Zeta Nu
Alpha Delta Pi Sorority (AΔΠ), Alumnae - Eta Upsilon

UNIVERSITY SERVICE **Pennsylvania State University**
President, Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS) 2024-2025
Vice President, Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS) 2023-2024

Wake Forest University
Vice President of Member Development, Alpha Delta Pi - Eta Upsilon 2021-2022
President’s Aide, Office of the President 2021-2022
Student Advisor, Office of Academic Advising 2020-2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE **Discussant:** *American Political Science Association (APSA)*
Reviewer: *Comparative Political Studies*

REFERENCES

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3. **Dr. Bruce Desmarais**
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