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**PRINCIPAL INTERESTS** Electoral violence, rebel groups & violent political organizations, gender politics, measurement, and political methodology

**SKILLS**  
**Technical:** R programming language (proficient),  $\text{\LaTeX}$ (proficient), Python (proficient)  
**Languages:** English (native), Spanish (basic)

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**  
**Pennsylvania State University** Expected 2027  
Ph.D. in Political Science and Social Data Analytics  
*First 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** *FORTHCOMING*  
1. Esarey, Justin and Maya Dalton. "The Changing Relationship between Gender and Corruption." To be included in *Gender and Corruption in Democracies: A Handbook*, eds. Emily Bacchus Beaulieu and Tiffany D. Barnes. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. [[PDF](#)][[Replication File](#)]

**WORKING PROJECTS**  
1. Dalton, Maya. 2024. "For Better or For Worse? Gender Quotas and Electoral Violence".

2. Dalton, Maya and Giancarlo Visconti. 2024. "Representation Behind Closed Doors: The Effect of Electing Women Mayors on Domestic Violence".
3. Dalton, Maya, and Justin Esarey. 2024. "Measuring Changes in Corruption Over Time". [[PDF](#)][[Replication File](#)]

*ADDITIONAL NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS*

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

**PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY**

**EXPERIENCE National Endowment for the Humanities**

- Pathways Intern - Office of Data and Evaluation 2023

*RESEARCH*

**Pennsylvania State University**

- Research Assistant - Dr. Daniel Tavana 2023
- Research Assistant - Dr. Giancarlo Visconti 2023

**Wake Forest University**

- Undergraduate Research Assistant - Dr. Justin Esarey 2021

*TEACHING*

**University of Michigan - ICPSR Summer Program**

"Data Visualization" with Dr. Robert Cooper 2023

**Pennsylvania State University**

"Comparing Politics Around the Globe" (PLSC 3) with Dr. Matt Golder 2022

- Guest Lecture: *Regime Type and Corruption*

**Wake Forest University**

"Research Methods for Political Science" (POL 280) 2020-2022

- with Drs. Justin Esarey, Andrew Proctor, Betina Wilkinson, and Sara Dahill-Brown

**CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIUMS**

1. Dalton, Maya. "For Better or For Worse? Gender Quotas and Electoral Violence." Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society in Ann Arbor, MI, November 2024.
2. Dalton, Maya. "For Better or For Worse? Gender Quotas and Electoral Violence." Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia, PA, September 2024.
3. Dalton, Maya, and Giancarlo Visconti. "Representation Behind Closed Doors: The Effect of Electing Women Mayors on Domestic Violence." Presentation at the Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS XI) in State College, PA, March 2024.

4. Dalton, Maya, Justin Esarey. "Measuring Changes in Corruption Over Time." Presentation at the 4th Annual UNDOC Anti-Corruption Academic Symposium in Atlanta, GA, December 2023.
5. Dalton, Maya, and Giancarlo Visconti. "Representation Behind Closed Doors: The Effect of Electing Women Mayors on Domestic Violence." Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Los Angeles, CA, September 2023.
6. Dalton, Maya, Justin Esarey. "Measuring Changes in Corruption Over Time." Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 2022.

**HONORS &  
AWARDS**

1. **Jack D. and Martha H. Fleeer 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)**  
**Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)**  
**Pi Sigma Alpha**, Alumni - Zeta Nu  
**Alpha Delta Pi Sorority (ΑΔΠ)**, Alumnae - Eta Upsilon

**SERVICE**

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

**Reviewer**  
*Comparative Political Studies* 2022

**Discussant**  
*American Political Science Association (APSA)* 2024

**Wake Forest University**  
*Vice President of Member Development*, Alpha Delta Pi - Eta Upsilon 2021-2022

<i>President's Aide</i> , Office of the President	2021-2022
<i>Student Advisor</i> , Office of Academic Advising	2020-2022
<i>Recruitment Analyst</i> , Alpha Delta Pi - Eta Upsilon	2020-2021

**Community**

<i>Volunteer</i> , Ronald McDonald House Charities	2019-2022
<i>Seminar Facilitator</i> , Hugh O' Brian Youth Leadership Organization	2017-2022

**REFERENCES**

1. **Dr. James Piazza**  
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2. **Dr. Daniel Tavana**  
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