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Research Interests

American Political Development • Native American Politics • Political Institutions •
Political Behavior • Historical Institutionalism • Mixed Methods Research

Education

Claremont Graduate University

Ph.D., Political Science (2023–Present)
Division of Politics & Economics (DPE)
Fields: American Politics; Comparative Politics

The George Washington University

M.A., Political Management
Thesis: The Tao of RFK: An Exploration into Generation X, Leadership, and the Robert
F. Kennedy Legacy
Advisor: Dennis W. Johnson

University of Southern California

B.A., Political Science
Minor: International Relations

Academic Appointments

Research Assistant

Division of Politics & Economics (DPE), Claremont Graduate University
2024–Present

Faculty Advisors:

Carlos Algara (2024–Present)
Melissa Rogers (2024–2025)
Jean Schroedel (2024–2025)

Research Projects:

Justice System Encounters and Native American Voting Behavior

Indian Boarding Schools for the Gain of White Settlers: A Case Study of Rapid City Indian School

Forecasting the 2026 Midterm Elections

The Scars of Defeat? Prior Electoral Losing Experience and Legislative Behavior in the U.S. Congress

Graduate Assistant

DPE, Claremont Graduate University

2025–Present

Coordinate DPE Tuesday Talks Research Seminar Series.

Teaching Assistant

PP 480: Nature of Inquiry: Quantitative Research Design in Social Science

DPE, Claremont Graduate University

Fall 2026

Publications

Articles

Schroedel, Jean Reith, Melissa Rogers, and Edward Headington. 2026. "*Indian Boarding Schools for the Gain of White Settlers: A Case Study of Rapid City Indian School.*" *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 49(2). DOI: 10.17953/A3.53960.

Algara, Carlos, Byengseon Bae, Edward Headington, H. Liu, B. Nigri, and Luis Gomez. 2025. "Presidential Approval, Party Brands, and Candidate Quality in U.S. National Elections." *Research & Politics* 12(4).

Algara, Carlos, Luis Gomez, Edward Headington, H. Liu, and B. Nigri. 2025. "Forecasting Partisan Collective Accountability during the 2024 U.S. Presidential and Congressional Elections." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 58(2): 211–218.

Manuscripts Under Review

Algara, Carlos, Isaac Hale, Byengseon Bae, and Edward Headington. "*Forecasting the 2026 Midterm Elections.*" Submitted to *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

Rogers, Melissa, Jean Schroedel, Joseph Dietrich, and Edward Headington. "*Justice System Encounters and Native American Voting Behavior.*" Submitted.

Current Research

California Missions: Institutions, Political Memory, and Place

Examines California's mission system as a case study in institutions, political memory, and Indigenous–state relations through archival research and field investigation.

Country Dancing in Southern California: The Origins of Modern Line Dancing

Examines the historical evolution of country dancing in Southern California from a culture centered on partner dancing to one in which line dancing became the dominant form. The project explores Southern California's role in the emergence and national diffusion of modern line dancing through archival research, oral histories, and institutional history.

The Scars of Defeat? Prior Electoral Losing Experience and Legislative Behavior in the U.S. Congress

Proposed study examining whether prior electoral defeat influences legislative behavior in Congress.

Honors & Awards

DPE Dean's Travel Award, Claremont Graduate University (2023–Present)

Student Senate Travel & Materials Award (TMA), Claremont Graduate University (2023–Present)

George S. Blair Memorial Award, Claremont Graduate University (2023–2024)

Selected Presentations

Headington, Edward, and Jean Schroedel. 2024. "*Justice System Encounters and Native American Voting Behavior*." Native Vote Forum, Four Directions, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Headington, Edward, and Melissa Rogers. 2024. "*Justice System Encounters and Native American Voting Behavior*." DPE Tuesday Talks Research Seminar, DPE, Claremont Graduate University.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, PP 480: *Nature of Inquiry: Quantitative Research Design in Social Science* (Fall 2026)

Building Leadership through an Interdisciplinary Apprenticeship of Students (BLAIS), Faculty–Student Teaching Tandem (2025, 2026)

Inclusive Excellence in College Teaching Certificate, Center for Academic and Faculty Excellence (CAFE), Claremont Graduate University

Professional Service

Graduate Assistant, DPE, Claremont Graduate University (2025–Present)
Coordinate the Tuesday Talks Research Seminar Series.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2023–Present
Western Political Science Association (WPSA), 2024–Present