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Education

University of Chicago

- Ph.D. Student in Political Science
Fields: American Politics, Quantitative Methods
- MA in Political Science 2026

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- B.A. Political Science, *highest honors* 2022
- B.S. Economics, *honors* 2022

Research

Publications

- Brave, Scott, **Lucas Cain**, Ross Cole, and Ezra Karger. "What's New in CARTS 2.1? Updates to Our Index Tracking National Retail Sales." *Chicago Fed Insights*, July 2024.
- Broady, Kristen, Anthony Barr, Darlene Booth-Bell, and Lucas Cain. "Racial Wealth Gains and Gaps: Nine Facts About the Disparities." *Chicago Fed Insights*, 2024.
- Cain, Lucas, Danae Hernandez-Cortes, Christopher Timmins, and Paige Weber. "Recent Findings and Methodologies in Economics Research in Environmental Justice." *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy* 18, no. 1 (2024): 116–42.
- Butcher, Kristin F., Lucas Cain, Camilo García-Jimeno, and Ryan Perry. "Immigration and the Labor Market in the Post-Pandemic Recovery." *Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*, October 9, 2023.

Works in Progress

- Cain, Lucas "By Loyalty and Leverage: Presidential Influence at the Federal Reserve"
- Cain, Lucas and Jon Rogowski "Civil Service Reform and the Organization of the Federal Government"
- Cain, Lucas and Andy Eggers "Misaligned Voting: Convex Hull Estimator"
- Cain, Lucas and Kevin Angell "Not by Popular Demand: Public Attitudes Towards Government Service Provision"

Teaching

University of Chicago

As Head Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Quantitative Social Science (Fall 2025)
Level: PhD
Instructor: Isaac Melhaff
- Math and Computation Bootcamp (Summer 2025, Summer 2026)
Level: PhD

As Teaching Assistant

- Intro to American Politics (Summer 2026)
Level: Undergraduate
Instructor: Ruth Bloch-Rubin
- The American Presidency (Spring 2026)
Level: Undergraduate
Instructor: Jon Rogowski

University of North Carolina

As Teaching Assistant

- Modern Political Thought (Summer 2020)
Level: Undergraduate
Instructor: Devin Christenson

Academic Employment

- 2024-Present: Replication Assistant, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, University of Chicago
 - Replicate code and results for all accepted articles to ensure accuracy of results and concordance with described procedures
- 2025: Research Assistant, Cathy Cohen
 - Literature review and advising on celebrity endorsement
- 2024-2025: Research Assistant, Jon Rogowski
 - Data collection and synthesis for early US federal employee records

Private Sector and Government Employment

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 2022-2024

- Research Assistant, FOMC Policy and Communications

BalBrenner Law, 2021-2022

- Research Assistant

Technical Skills

- R, STATA, Python, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX

Service

University of Chicago

- 2026-Present: Coordinator, American Politics Workshop
- 2026-Present: Area Chief Steward, Graduate Student Union
- 2024-2026: Steward, Graduate Student Union

References

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