

## Do, Nhat-Dang - CV

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### Education & Training

University of California, San Diego:

Ph.D., Political Science, 2022  
M.A., Political Science, 2018  
B.A., Political Science – Public Policy & History of the Near East, 2015  
Magna Cum Laude, Departmental High/Highest Honors

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### Publications

Flatt, Henry, and Nhat-Dang Do. 2023. “Analytical Bureaucracy and Bill Passage: Evidence from California.” *The American Review of Public Administration*, 53(5-6), 243-257.

Gause, LaGina, Marisa Abrajano, Alison Boehmer, Nhat-Dang Do, Bianca Freeman, and Laura Uribe. 2024. “Using Civically Engaged Research to Understand the Strategic Dynamics of Social Media Outreach.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, November, 1–22.  
doi:10.1080/21565503.2024.2423072.

Reichert, Frank, Laurie L. Rice, and Nhat-Dang Do. 2025. “Methodological Pluralism in Civically Engaged Research.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, January, 1–22.  
doi:10.1080/21565503.2024.2444894.

Arsneault, Shelly, Nhat-Dang Do, Curtis Kline, Matilde Ceron, and Ashley Nickels. 2025. “What Do We Mean by ‘Community’? Defining Community for Civically Engaged Research.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, February, 1–20. doi: [10.1080/21565503.2025.2457994](https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2025.2457994)

### Works in Progress:

Do, Nhat-Dang. 2025. “From the Ballot and the Streets to Lobbies: Mapping Racial Minority Representation in Lobbying.” Under Review and Resubmit at *PS: Political Science*.

Abstract: Scholarship in Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (REP) has long focused on voting and protest, overlooking lobbying as a site of racial representation. This paper introduces a novel dataset of over 250,000 California bill analyses (1997–2018) to examine lobbying by racial minority interest groups (RMIGs). The data provides rare insight into when RMIGs are present in policymaking. Preliminary findings show that RMIGs are more influential when embedded in large, diverse coalitions. These results challenge the assumption that lobbying is reserved for elite actors and highlight coalition-based lobbying as a critical, underexamined mechanism of political incorporation for marginalized groups.

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Do, Nhat-Dang. 2024. "Reliable Representatives: Racial Minority Interest Group (RMIG) Lobbying"

Abstract: Previous research has shown that the work of advocacy organizations representing marginalized communities is biased in ways that fail to represent the interests of the disadvantaged. Rather than being equal representatives of their group, these internal biases lead to disproportionately higher levels of attention to the privileged members within their groups. Are organizations specifically and explicitly representing racial groups also subject to such biases? I conceptualize these groups as a separate category of advocacy organizations called racial minority interest groups (RMIGs), whose purpose is to lobby on behalf of racial minorities. RMIGs' behavior differs from traditional lobbying or advocacy organizations because race is at the center of group goals and shapes resources. Using part of an original dataset of over 250,000 legislative bill analyses over twenty years, I show that RMIGs have actively lobbied across a diverse range of issues and are generally reliable representatives of their racial groups. They represent the interests of marginalized people more than the interests of the elites within their groups. Using structural topic modeling, I also show the lobbying proclivities of Latinx, Black, and Asian RMIGs. These findings suggest a more nuanced and optimistic view of racial minority representations in lobbying than previously considered.

Do, Nhat-Dang. 2022. "Influence Through Diversity and Size: The Success of Racial Minority Interest Groups (RMIGs) Lobbying Coalitions." CUSP Working Paper No. 2022-3. London: University College London. (non-peer reviewed)

### **Presentations (selected)**

2025. Do, Nhat-Dang. "Because You Asked: Relational Organizing Through the Hartford Voter Captains Project." *Invited Talk*. The Oxford Consortium for Human Rights, Oxford University: Community Action Summit Conference.

2024 Do, Nhat-Dang. "A Civically-Engaged Study of Social Network Voter Mobilization Among Racial Minorities in Hartford, CT." *Invited Talk*. Brennan Center for Justice, NYU: The Racial Turnout Gap in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conference.

2024 Do, Nhat-Dang. "Racial Minority Interest Groups as Reliable Representatives: Evidence from Lobbying."

- WPSA Conference: Vancouver, Canada.
- NEPSA Conference: Newport, RI.

2023 Do, Nhat-Dang. "Reliable Representatives: Racial Minority Interest Group Lobbying." *Invited talk*. Yale University, SPIRE Conference: New Haven, CT.

2022 Do, Nhat-Dang. "Influence Through Diversity and Size: The Success of Racial Minority Interest Groups (RMIGs) Lobbying Coalitions." *Invited talk*. Arizona State University, Kopf Conference: Tempe, AZ.

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2022 Do, Nhat-Dang. “Analytical Bureaucracy and Bill Passage: Evidence from California.” Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium: Tempe, AZ: Virtual.

2021 Do, Nhat-Dang, Bailey, Zaire, Boehmer, Alison, De Roche, Gabe, Uribe, Laura. “The Effectiveness of Grassroots Organizing on Social Media.” WPSA Conference: Virtual.

2021 Do, Nhat-Dang. “Achieving Representation Through Racial Minority Interest Groups (RMIG) in the United States: Lobbying Activity in Legislative Politics.” Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium: Tempe, AZ; Virtual.

### **Grants, Fellowships, & Awards**

American Political Science Association Civic Engagement Section: Outstanding Civic Engagement Project Award	2025	National award that recognizes a project led by an individual or team of individuals that serves to enhance and cultivate enduring student commitment to democratic engagement.
The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving	2025	Competitive grant to support the Trinity College Voter Captains project to increase civic participation through the recruitment and training of resident civic leaders (\$22,000)
Trinity College Teaching Innovation Award	2024	Recognizes a recent example of curricular or pedagogical innovation enhancing student engagement and learning.
The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving: 2024 Civic Engagement and Get Out the Vote initiative	2024	Competitive grant for GOTV research related to “relational organizing” and mobilizing voters of color in the Hartford, CT area (\$20,000).
Center for Teaching and Learning Fellow	2023	Competitive training fellowship for faculty. The Center for Teaching and Learning equips faculty with skills for class development, including the testing of innovative teaching techniques.
Institute of Civically Engaged Research (ICER) Fellow, APSA	2023	Competitive training fellowship for faculty. ICER trains political scientists at all career stages in best practices for conducting academically rigorous, mutually beneficial scholarship in collaboration with communities, organizations, and agencies.
Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, Trinity Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies	2023	Competitive grant for junior faculty members to develop a supportive intellectual environment for collaboration (\$750).
Community Learning Faculty Fellow, Trinity College	2023	Awarded to faculty who successfully engage in community engagement pedagogy (\$2000).

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Changemaker Fellowship for Anti-Racist Pedagogy	2021	Awarded for training on anti-racist practices in teaching, and fund project on expanding syllabi content to include diverse voices for core classes.
UC President's Dissertation Fellowship (university-wide award)	2021	Awarded to promising students in the final stages of their doctoral work who demonstrate strong potential for university teaching and research (\$22,000/year).
Barbara and Paul Saltman Distinguished Teaching Award (university-wide award)	2021	Prestigious award to those who exhibit creativity, innovative teaching methods, the ability to motivate students to actively seek out knowledge, and an extraordinary level of teaching commitment.
Division of Social Sciences RFP on Advancing Racial Justice Grant	2020	Division grant to support work that advances racial justice. Awarded for project to support the mobilization work of BLM/racial justice organizations in San Diego with team of graduate and faculty researchers (\$50,000).
UC San Diego Center for American Politics Dissertation Grant	2020	Department grant to support data collection and cleaning work. Used to hire/train two undergraduate research assistants (\$6000).
Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society	2020	Awarded to preeminent scholars who exemplify academic and personal excellence, foster environments of support, and serve as examples of scholarship, leadership, character, service, and advocacy for students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the academy.
UCCS President's GOLD Fellowship	2020	Highly prestigious award to engage deeply with the policymaking community in Sacramento, the capital of the nation's largest state.
College Teaching Certification	2019	Awarded to graduate students who successfully completed rigorous course on teaching undergraduate students.
Teaching Excellence Award	2019	Department award for graduate students who demonstrate success in teaching.
The San Diego Fellowship	2018	Award to support graduate students that enhances the diversity of the university.
California State Senate Resolutions No. 136, No. 841	2016	Two state resolutions recognizing legislative work in service to the California State Senate.

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### Departmental Service & Discipline Service Jobs

Director, Trinity College Legislative Internship Program <i>Department of Political Science, Trinity College</i>	2022- present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead the award-winning legislative internship program which pairs students with Connecticut state legislators in the General Assembly</li> <li>• Teach seminar on policymaking and state politics in Connecticut</li> <li>• Maintain and manage program</li> </ul>
Western Political Science Association (WPSA) - Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession	2023- present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise WPSA leadership on issues of concern to AAPI members</li> <li>• Help select winner of best paper award in field of AAPI politics</li> </ul>
American Political Science Association (APSA) – Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession	2023- present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise APSA leadership on issues of concern to AAPI members</li> <li>• Help coordinate and plan events related to AAPI issues</li> </ul>
Founding Chapter Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society, Alpha Mu Tau Chapter	2022- 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founded brand new chapter for the department</li> <li>• Recruit members, manage the chapter with student officers, and offer guidance.</li> </ul>
Remote Teaching and Technology Advisor <i>Department of Political Science, UC San Diego</i>	2020- 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate workshops on remote teaching pedagogy for faculty and TAs</li> <li>• Provide expertise and guidance on the use of remote teaching tools and technology</li> </ul>
Senior Teaching Assistant for American Politics <i>Department of Political Science, UC San Diego</i>	2019- 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with Director of Undergraduate Studies and Commons in facilitating ~3 pedagogy workshops/quarter for graduate student TAs</li> <li>• Mentoring of subfield TAs</li> </ul>
Graduate Community Climate Interns <i>Graduate Division, UC San Diego</i>	2015- 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement inclusive and interdisciplinary programming for graduate students</li> </ul>
Graduate Advocate and Dept. Coordinator <i>Summer Training Academy for Research Success (STARS) Program</i>	2018- 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentored undergraduate researchers from Spelman &amp; Morehouse Colleges (HBCUs)</li> <li>• Taught introductory courses on statistical analyses and social science writing</li> </ul>
Editorial Assistant <i>Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics</i>	2017- 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains manuscript submissions and assigns editors</li> <li>• Perform technical checks and desk review of research manuscripts</li> </ul>
Senate Fellow, Office of Senator Marty Block	2015- 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist in the creation and passage of state laws</li> <li>• Perform legislative research</li> </ul>

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### **Teaching Experience**

#### Instructor of Record:

##### *Trinity College:*

- POLS 215: Interest Group Lobbying in American Politics (new course)
- POLS 243: Racial Politics: Research Methods (new course)
- POLS 309: Congress and Public Policy
- POLS 392: Legislative Internship Program Seminar (new course)

##### *University of California, San Diego:*

- POLI 100H: Race & Ethnicity in Politics
- POLI 103C: California Politics

##### *UC Center Sacramento Program:*

- Introduction to R Programming
- Introduction to Public Policy Writing
- Personal Statement Writing Workshop

#### Teaching Assistant:

##### *University of California, San Diego:*

- POLI 103A: California Politics
- POLI 11D: Intro to Comparative Politics
- POLI 10D: Intro to American Politics
- POLI 100A: The Presidency
- POLI 100B: The U.S. Congress
- POLI 100O: Perspectives on Race in American Politics