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Tax Lawyer & Ph.D. Government Student @ University of Virginia | Twitter: @intl_tax_policy

Research Interests

Comparative Political Economy, Taxation, Public Economics, Causal Inference

Education

2027	Doctor of Philosophy, Government , <i>University of Virginia</i>	Charlottesville, U.S.A.
2023	Master of Public Policy , <i>University of Southern California</i>	Los Angeles, U.S.A.
2021	Master of Science, Behavioral Science , <i>London School of Economics and Political Science</i>	London, U.K.
2017	Juris Doctor , <i>University of British Columbia</i>	Vancouver, CAN
2014	Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, Political Studies , <i>University of Manitoba</i>	Winnipeg, CAN

Tax Industry Experience

2023	Intern , <i>The Tax Foundation</i>	Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
2018 – 2020	Associate Lawyer , <i>Legacy Tax + Trust Lawyers</i>	Vancouver, CAN
2017 – 2018	Articling Student , <i>DLA Piper LLP</i>	Vancouver, CAN

Research Experience

2024	Research Assistant , <i>Department of Politics, University of Virginia</i> <i>Supervisor: Carol Mershon, Ph.D.</i>	Charlottesville, U.S.A.
2023	Research Assistant , <i>Department of Politics, University of Virginia</i> <i>Supervisor: Albert Rivero, J.D., Ph.D.</i>	Charlottesville, U.S.A.
2022 – 2023	Research Assistant , <i>Gould School of Law, University of Southern California</i> <i>Supervisors: Abby Wood, J.D., Ph.D. & Pamela McCann, Ph.D.</i>	Los Angeles, U.S.A.
2022 – 2023	Practicum Student , <i>California Common Cause/MALDEF</i>	Los Angeles, U.S.A.
2021	Research Student , <i>London School of Economics and Political Science</i> <i>Supervisor: Liam Delaney, Ph.D.</i> <i>Project: Behavioral Science & National Preparedness for Risks</i>	London, U.K.
2015	Research Assistant , <i>Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba</i> <i>Supervisor: Aimee Craft, J.D., L.L.M.</i>	Winnipeg, CAN

Teaching Experience

2023	Teaching Assistant , <i>University of Southern California</i> Class: Public Financial Management and Budgeting (Graduate)	Los Angeles, U.S.A.
2021	Teaching Assistant , <i>University of Southern California</i> Class: Contemporary International Politics (Undergraduate)	Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Bar Admissions

British Columbia, 2018

Programming & Software Skills

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Qualtrics	● ● ● ● ●	Python	● ● ● ● ●
LaTeX	● ● ● ● ●	Excel	● ● ● ● ●
Gorilla	● ● ● ● ●	Tableau	● ● ● ● ●
REDCap	● ● ● ● ●		

Presentations

Rajan Sonik, Mika Kadono, Johanna Garcia, **Zachary Johnson**, Tara Knight, Jason Doctor. (2022). "Food Insecurity and COVID-19 Antibody Status Among Medically-Underserved Latinx Communities in Southern California". [Podium]. Academyhealth Annual Research Meeting, June 4, 2022, Washington D.C.

Mika Kadono, Rajan Sonik, Johanna Garcia, **Zachary Johnson**, Tara Knight, Jason Doctor. (2022). "COVID-19 Vaccination Beliefs and Intentions Among Medically-Underserved Latinx Communities in Southern California: An Application of a Modified Theory of Planned Behavior". [Poster]. Academyhealth Annual Research Meeting, June 5, 2022, Washington D.C.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

Katherine Loughhead, Benjamin Jaros, **Zachary Johnson**. "State and Local Sales Tax Rates, Midyear 2023". The Tax Foundation.

Tobias Gump, **Zachary Johnson**. "Laws and Social Norms: Forces for Behaviour Change". Psychology LSE Blog. London School of Economics and Political Science, September 28, 2021.

Lauren Blake, **Zachary Johnson**. (2018). "Till Death Do Us Part – Hopefully: Planning in Uncertain Times". Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia. Estate Planning Update 2018, Paper 1.1

Working Papers

Zachary Johnson, "Opposition to High Taxes Under Autocratic Rule - The Role of Political Protest"

Awards

2023	Fully Funded Fellowship for Doctoral Studies , <i>University of Virginia</i> For doctoral studies and research (2023-2028)
2023	Bob Biller Award - Finalist , <i>University of Southern California</i> For excellence in the Practicum
2021	Sol Price School of Public Policy Scholarship , <i>University of Southern California</i> Entrance Scholarship to the Master of Public Policy Program (\$60,000)

- 2021 **Dissertation Awarded With Distinction, *London School of Economics and Political Science***
For excellence in drafting and defending a Master's dissertation
- 2015 **Undergraduate Research Award, *University of Manitoba***
Award to conduct research on Indigenous legal traditions with a chosen faculty member (\$5,000)
- 2014 **Margaret Ogrodnick Memorial Prize, *University of Manitoba***
For achieving the highest standing in "Great Political Thinkers" (\$500)

Service

2023 – Present	Student Editorial Assistant, <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	Charlottesville, U.S.A.
2020 – 2021	Graduate Class Representative, <i>London School of Economics and Political Science</i>	London, U.K.
2017 – 2020	Volunteer Lawyer, <i>Access Pro Bono</i>	Vancouver, CAN
2013 – 2014	President, <i>Undergraduate Political Studies Association, University of Manitoba</i>	Winnipeg, CAN