

# Zachary Esses Johnson

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## Research Interests

Political Economy, Taxation, Public Finance, Latent Measurement, Causal Inference

## Education

2023 – 2028	<b>Doctor of Philosophy, Government</b> , <i>University of Virginia</i>	Charlottesville, U.S.A.
2021 – 2023	<b>Master of Public Policy</b> , <i>University of Southern California</i>	Los Angeles, U.S.A.
2020 – 2021	<b>Master of Science, Behavioral Science</b> , <i>London School of Economics and Political Science</i>	London, U.K.
2014 – 2017	<b>Juris Doctor</b> , <i>University of British Columbia</i>	Vancouver, CAN
2011 – 2014	<b>Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, Political Studies</b> , <i>University of Manitoba</i>	Winnipeg, CAN

## Economic Policy Experience

2024 – Present	<b>Index Research Intern</b> , <i>The Miller Center</i>	Charlottesville, U.S.A.
2023	<b>State Taxation Intern</b> , <i>The Tax Foundation</i>	Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

## Tax Law Experience

2018 – 2020	<b>Associate Lawyer</b> , <i>Legacy Tax + Trust Lawyers</i>	Vancouver, CAN
2017 – 2018	<b>Articling Student</b> , <i>DLA Piper LLP</i>	Vancouver, CAN

## Research Experience

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

## Teaching Experience

2024 – Present	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , <i>University of Virginia</i> Class: Indian and Pakistani Politics (Undergraduate)	Charlottesville, U.S.A.
2023	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , <i>University of Southern California</i> Class: Public Financial Management and Budgeting (Graduate)	Los Angeles, U.S.A.
2021	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , <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

## Languages

English (Native), French (Basic), Turkish (Basic)

## Awards

2023 **Fully Funded Fellowship for Doctoral Studies**, *University of Virginia*  
For doctoral studies and research (2023-2028)

- 2023 **Bob Biller Award - Finalist**, *University of Southern California*  
For excellence in the Practicum
- 2021 **Sol Price School of Public Policy Scholarship**, *University of Southern California*  
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 Ogradnick Memorial Prize**, *University of Manitoba*  
For achieving the highest standing in "Great Political Thinkers" (\$500)

## Service

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