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Social Data Scientist, YPCCC

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Education

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut USA

Ph.D., Political Science, *August 2030 (expected)*

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri USA

B.A., Summa Cum Laude, Political Science (Comparative Politics & Political Methodology concentrations) and Environmental Analysis, *May 2024*

Professional Experience

Yale Program on Climate Change Communication

Experiments Social Data Scientist, *Fall 2024-present*

U.S Environmental Protection Agency

Student Intern, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, *Summer 2022*

Washington University Climate Change Program

Climate Associate, *Spring 2021-Spring 2023*

Academic Development

ETH Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland

Academic Guest, International Political Economy and Environmental Politics, *Summer 2026*

KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium

Student, Europe Inside Out, *Summer 2025*

Publications

Briggs, Lara and Zack Bowersox. 2024. "Justice Without Democracy? Understanding the Future of Energy Through the Inflation Reduction Act." *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy* 74: 23-43.
<https://journals.library.wustl.edu/lawpolicy/article/id/8922/>.

Current Research

Briggs, Lara. "Power to the People? Electricity Outages, Populism, and Electoral Backlash."

Scheuch, Eric. G., Matthew H. Goldberg, Laura Thomas-Walters, Lara Briggs, and Anthony Leiserowitz (under review). "Repeated messaging increases the durability of political persuasion, but only in the short term." Pre-print available at https://osf.io/preprints/osf/zd48k_v1.

Lee, Sanguk, Matthew H. Goldberg, Lara Briggs, Anthony Leiserowitz, and Huong Ha (under review). "From Silence to Whisper: Climate Change in U.S. News Media, 1984-2025." Pre-print available at <https://osf.io/tgxqe>.

Working Papers

Briggs, Lara. "Infrastructural Failure and Retrospective Voting in Portugal."
Briggs, Lara. "Voting Rules and International Cooperation: The Case of EU Energy Sanctions."

Briggs, Lara. "A Shock to the System: Renewable Energy Investment Following the Russian Invasion of Ukraine."

**Research
Presentations**

Briggs, Lara. (2026) *Power to the People? Electricity Outages, Populism, and Electoral Backlash*. PolMeth XLIII & Visions in Methodology Pre-Conference, East Lansing, MI.

Briggs, Lara. (2024) *A Shock to the System: Renewable Energy Investment Following the Russian Invasion of Ukraine*. Pi Sigma Alpha 2024 National Student Research Conference, Washington, DC.

Briggs, Lara. (2024) *A Shock to the System: Renewable Energy Investment Following the Russian Invasion of Ukraine*. Washington University Spring 2024 Undergraduate Research Symposium, St. Louis, MO.

Affiliations

Graduate Student Fellow, European Studies Council, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale
Study of Politics and Institutions with Remote Environmental Sensing (SPIRES) Lab, Yale School of the Environment

Service

Workshop Coordinator, Quantitative Research Methods Workshop, Yale ISPS, *Fall 2025-Spring 2026*

Department Representative, Graduate Student Assembly, *Fall 2025-Spring 2026*

**Honors &
Awards**

MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Grant, Yale University, *Spring 2026*

MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Yale University, *Spring 2026*

Todd Lewis Friedman Memorial Prize for Outstanding Work in Comparative or International Politics, Washington University in St. Louis, *2024*

Environmental Studies Award for Academic Achievement, Washington University in St. Louis, *2024*

Phi Beta Kappa, *2024*

Robert H. Salisbury Prize for Initiative, Leadership, and Service in Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, *2023*

Dean's List, Washington University in St. Louis, *Fall 2021, Spring 2023*

**Teaching
Experience**

Yale University

Teaching Fellow

Game Theory for Political Science, with Adam Meirowitz, *Fall 2026*

Washington University in St. Louis

Undergraduate Assistant in Instruction

Earth's Future: Causes and Consequences of Climate Change, with T.R. Kidder and Michael Wyssession, *Fall 2023*

Energy Governance in Israel and the Middle East, with Elai Rettig, *Spring 2022*

Introduction to Political Theory, with Clarissa Hayward, *Spring 2022*

**Research
Experience**

Washington University in St. Louis

Research Assistant for Carly Wayne, *Summer 2023*

Skills

Proficient in R, Microsoft Office, Canva, Descript

Familiar with ArcGIS, Wordpress, Logic Pro, Final Cut Pro