

Daniel Bason

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) | Los Angeles, CA

Sep 2023 – Jun 2027

B.A. in Economics & Political Science

Relevant Coursework: Intro to Econometrics, Statistical Reasoning, Mathematical Economics, Microeconomic Theory, Financial & Managerial Accounting, Linear Algebra, Calculus

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UCLA — Natalie Bryce, PhD Candidate, Political Science | *Research Assistant* | Los Angeles, CA

Aug 2025 – Present

- Designed and maintained a structured coding rubric and guidebook to standardize categorization of 500+ UCDP conflict dataset entries on government–organization relationships, enforcing data quality across a multi-region, multi-actor dataset.
- Conducted primary-source intelligence gathering from UN reports, legislative documents, and open-web sources to research and verify specific armed groups and political actors across multiple international regions.
- Synthesized findings into structured briefings and policy briefs for conference publication, translating complex multi-source research into clear deliverables for senior faculty.

Bruin Finance Society (BFS) | *Research Intern* | Los Angeles, CA

Oct 2024 – Jun 2025

- Conducted DCF and comps-based equity valuations; authored investment research reports and pitches synthesizing complex quantitative and qualitative information into structured written deliverables for team decision-making.
- Monitored industry news and regulatory developments to inform timely research memos, developing competitive intelligence tracking habits under deadline.

UCLA Capital Assets Team | *Student Assistant* | Los Angeles, CA

Feb 2025 – Aug 2025

- Maintained and reconciled records for 250+ monthly capital assets (\$5M in scope), reducing error rate by 20% through systematic data validation and meticulous attention to detail.
- Reviewed 100+ purchase orders for GAAP compliance; implemented a digital asset tagging system that improved meta-data tracking and discoverability by 20%.

Bayper | *Communications & Operations Intern* | Los Angeles, CA

Mar 2024 – May 2024

- Designed audience-tailored communications assets that increased social media engagement by 22%, demonstrating ability to translate complex information into clear, targeted messaging.
- Automated internal data workflows and pipelines, boosting team responsiveness by 30% and reducing decision-making turnaround by 25%.

LEADERSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

UCLA Climbing Club | *Event Coordinator & Treasurer* | Los Angeles, CA

Jun 2024 – Present

- Managed \$15,000+ annual budget across 20+ events; negotiated contracts with UCLA Recreation and external vendors, demonstrating resource allocation and stakeholder communication skills applicable to client project support.
- Organized 4+ large-scale expeditions for 30+ participants; implemented a feedback analysis process that drove a 25% increase in participant accessibility and satisfaction.

Volunteer Income Tax Association (VITA) at UCLA | *IRS-Certified* | Los Angeles, CA

Oct 2024 – Jun 2025

- IRS-certified across multiple modules; prepared 100+ returns with zero error rate, translating complex federal tax guidance into clear, actionable information for underserved community members.

Excursion Club at UCLA | *Trip Lead* | Los Angeles, CA

Jan 2026 – Present

- Planned and led quarterly excursions for 30+ participants; secured USAC funding and coordinated all logistics, transportation, and communications end to end.

SKILLS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Research & Analysis: Secondary research and competitive intelligence, primary source analysis (UN reports, legislative documents), structured data coding and rubric design, policy synthesis, DCF and equity research, memo and report drafting.

Technical: Advanced Excel (reconciliation, data tracking), PowerPoint, Python (workflow automation), Power BI, Figma, Google Workspace, Grata.

Languages: English (Fluent), Spanish (Professional Working Proficiency), French (Basic Proficiency).

Interests: Behavioral economics, game theory, market analysis, public policy; rock climbing, backpacking.