

# Zachary Houser

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Graduate Assistant, [Florida State University](#) 2018-present

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, [Florida State University](#) 2024  
- *Subfields*: International Relations & American Politics  
*Dissertation Title*: “Buying and Selling Foreign Aid: Donor Motivations and Public Perceptions of Foreign Aid”  
*Committee*: [Matthew Pietryka](#) (Co-Chair), [Sean Ehrlich](#) (Co-Chair), [Marina Duque](#) & [Dotan Haim](#)

M.S. Political Science, [Florida State University](#) 2020

B.A. Political Science, [North Carolina State University](#) 2018  
- *Summa Cum Laude*

## AWARDS

**Teacher of the Year** 2022  
*Florida State University, Department of Political Science*

**First Place Student Achievement Award** 2018  
*National Association for the Practice of Anthropology*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Foreign Aid, U.S. Foreign Policy, International Political Economy, Status, Network Analysis, Causal Inference, Survey Experiments, Research Methods, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

## REVISE & RESUBMIT

“[Making Agreements with Friends: Using an Analogy to Teach Informal Agreements and Bargaining in International Relations Courses](#)”  
At the *Journal of Political Science Education*

## UNDER REVIEW

“[Noblesse Oblige: Status Motivations and Public Support for Foreign Aid](#)” with Marina Duque

“[Buying Monetary Status: Chinese Foreign Aid and the Rise of the Renminbi](#)”

## WORKING PAPERS

“[A Network of Buyers: Foreign Aid and Vote Buying in the United Nations](#)”

“Selling Foreign Aid: A Conjoint Experiment on Public Support for Foreign Aid”

“Misconceptions and Public Support for Foreign Aid Provisions”

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

September, 2023. “[Noblesse Oblige: Status Motivations and Public Support for Foreign Aid](#)” with Marina Duque  
*American Political Science Association*

April, 2022. “[Noblesse Oblige: Status Motivations and Public Support for Foreign Aid](#)” with Marina Duque  
*International Studies Association*

April, 2021. “[Buying Monetary Status: Chinese Foreign Aid and the Rise of the Renminbi](#)”  
*International Studies Association*

RESEARCH ASSISTANT      For Marina Duque      2019–2022  
For for Inken von Borzyskowski      2018–2019

UNDERGRADUATE  
TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE  
(INSTRUCTOR OF  
RECORD)

**INR 3502: International Organizations**      Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023  
*Florida State University*

**POS 1041: American National Government**      Summer 2020, Summer 2023  
*Florida State University*

**INR 4102: American Foreign Policy**      Summer 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022  
*Florida State University*

GRADUATE  
TEACHING  
ASSISTANCE

**POS 5746: Political Science Data Analysis**      2023  
*Methods II: Florida State University*

UNDERGRADUATE  
TEACHING  
ASSISTANCE

**INR 3933: Nationalism and Conflict**      2019 - 2022  
*Florida State University*

**INR 3933: The State and the Modern International System**      2020  
*Florida State University*

**INR 2002: Introduction to International Relations**      2019-2020  
*Florida State University*

**INR 3502: International Organizations**      2019  
*Florida State University*

ADVISING

**Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program: Catarina Cereja**      2023-2024  
*Florida State University*

**Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate Program: Yadianis Ojeda** 2023  
*Florida State University*

TRAINING

Political Network Conference: R Network Workshops 2021

PIE Teacher Training Recognition: Program for Instructional Excellence 2018  
*Florida State University*

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

**Reviewer**  
*Journal of Political Science Education*

**Graduate Student Representative** 2022-2023  
*International Relations Professor Search Committee, Florida State University*

**Treasurer** 2021-2022  
*Political Science Graduate Student Association, Florida State University*

**Memberships**  
*American Political Science Association, International Studies Association*

GRANTS

**Departmental Travel Grant** \$800 total  
*Department of Political Science, Florida State University* 2023

**Congress of Graduate Students Travel Grant** \$250 total  
*Florida State University* 2023

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*Department of Political Science, Florida State University* 2022

**Congress of Graduate Students Travel Grant** \$250 total  
*Florida State University* 2022

SKILLS &  
TRAINING

**Statistical:**  
Regression, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Time Series, Multilevel/Hierarchical Models, Social Network Analysis

**Software:**  
R, Stata L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

REFERENCES

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