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education

PhD Candidate, Harvard Kennedy School, Public Policy (Politics and Institutions), Enrolling Fall 2026

Intended Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology

Presidential Scholar

MSc., Political Science, University of Leeds, Expected 2026

Fulbright Postgraduate

B.A., Government (High Honors) and Music, Cum Laude, Dartmouth College, 2024

Thesis: *Who Deserves What? Disability Policy and Public Opinion*

publications

Revise and resubmit

Charles Crabtree, John Holbein, **Jayanth Uppaluri**, Devontae Lacasse, Will Elliot, "What Does the Public Want in College Admissions? Citizens' Views on How Merit, Class, Place of Origin, Disability, and Race Should Shape Who Gets In."

Under Review

Jayanth Uppaluri and Charles Crabtree. "Who Deserves What? Disability Policy and Public Opinion in the U.S."

Adaptation of Senior Honors Thesis

Working Papers

Mia Costa and **Jayanth Uppaluri**, "Candidate Roots: Perception of Place and Region in U.S. Politics."

Data Collection in Progress

Jayanth Uppaluri. "The Disability Con: The Politics of Disability Benefits Across the U.S. and the U.K."

conference presentations

"Candidate Roots: Perceptions of Place and Region in U.S Politics: A Survey Experiment" Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2026

"Who Deserves What? Disability Policy and Public Opinion." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2025

"Candidate Roots: Perceptions of Place and Region in U.S Politics: An Observational Study" Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2025

grants, honors, & awards

Fulbright U.S/U.K Postgraduate Grantee, U.S Department of State, 2025
Rockefeller Memorial Postgraduate Fellowship, Dartmouth College Department of Government, 2024 ($3000)
Ethics Institute Thomas D. Sayles Research Grant, Dartmouth College, 2023 ($1400)
Rockefeller Center Senior Honors Thesis Grant, Dartmouth College, 2023 ($1000)
URAD Honors Thesis Grant, Dartmouth College, 2023 ($1500)
Andrew Wardon Edson 1925 Memorial Prize, Dartmouth College, 2021

teaching experience

Teaching Assistant for GOVT 10: Quantitative Political Analysis, Summer 2025 (Mia Costa)

research interests

Disability politics (American and comparative), political behavior, race, ethnicity and politics, American political geography, rural studies, elections

previous employment

Social Science Post-Baccalaurate Scholar/Pre-Doctoral Assistant, Dartmouth College, 2024-2025 (under Mia Costa and Charles Crabtree)
Legal Intern: Elder and Disabled Care Unit, Middlesex County District Attorney's Office, 2023
Legislative Intern, Office of U.S Senator Jeanne Shaheen, U.S Senate, 2022
First Year Fellow and Research Intern, National Disability Institute and Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy, 2021

other interests

Music performance and composition (drums, bass guitar, mandolin, piano, guitar)
Played in jazz, rock, funk, pop, soul, and country bands

skills

R (base and tidyverse), Stata, Python (basic), QGIS, ArcGIS Pro, LaTeX, Qualtrics