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Education

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, Expected July 2027

Dissertation: Citizens of Two Sovereigns: Native American Identity and Political Participation
Committee: Katherine Cramer (Chair), Yoshiko Herrera, Kasey Keeler, Dave Peterson, Barry Burden

Fields: American Politics; Comparative Politics

Interdisciplinary Training: American Indian and Indigenous Studies; Federal Indian Law; Racial and Ethnic Studies

University of Wisconsin–Madison

M.A. in Political Science, 2022

Iowa State University

B.A. in Political Science, Minor in History, 2021

Areas of Interest

Indigenous Politics • Political Participation • Race, Ethnicity, and Politics • American Politics • Comparative Politics • Political Psychology • Democratic Theory • Research Ethics • Indigenous Data Sovereignty • Critical Indigenous Thought • Native American History • Federal Indian Law

Publications

Jones-Kerwin, Natalie, and David A. M. Peterson. 2023. “Group Consciousness and the Politics of American Indians.” *Political Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-023-09903-9>

Manuscripts and Papers in Preparation

Jones-Kerwin, Natalie. “Voting Behavior Among Native Americans in General Elections.”

Manuscript in preparation.

Presented at: Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, 2024; Midwest Political Science Association, 2025; Newberry NCAIS Graduate Conference, 2025; University of Chicago Future Generations Conference, 2025; UW–Madison Indigenous Research Forum, 2025; UW–Madison Day at the Capitol Graduate Research Showcase, 2025.

Jones-Kerwin, Natalie. “Native American Identity and Political Belonging: A Multidimensional Framework.”

Dissertation theory paper.

Presented at: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025; Western Political Science Association, 2026; Newberry NCAIS Graduate Conference, 2026.

Jones-Kerwin, Natalie. “Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Tribal Institutional Review Boards in Wisconsin.”

Manuscript in preparation.

Presented at: Wisconsin Idea Conference, 2026.

Cramer, Katherine, et al. “Democracy Work: Understanding Workers’ Contributions to Civil Society.”

Coauthored manuscript in preparation.

Presented at: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025.

Jones-Kerwin, Natalie. “Racialized Identity, Community Engagement, and Political Participation.”

Dissertation-based empirical working paper.

Jones-Kerwin, Natalie. “Enrollment, Sovereignty, and Participation Across Political Arenas.”

Dissertation-based empirical working paper.

Grants, Honors & Awards

Henry Roe Cloud Dissertation Writing Fellow, Yale University, 2026–2027 (forthcoming)

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow (NSF-GRFP), 2022–2025 (\$159,000)

APSA Dissertation Improvement Award and Travel Grant, 2025 (\$16,000)

Baldwin Wisconsin Idea Endowment Grant, 2024–2026 (\$35,000)

Native Forward Special Higher Education Program Graduate Award, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 (\$35,000)

Cobell Graduate Scholarship Recipient, 2025 (\$12,500)

APSA Advancing Research Grant for Indigenous Politics, 2023, 2024 (\$4,000)

Institute for Civically Engaged Research Fellow (APSA), 2024

Yale–NYU American Indian Sovereignty Project Scholar, 2022

Bucky Badger Graduate Student Impact Award, 2025

APSA Spring Diversity Fellowship Program Recipient, 2023 (\$1,000)

Election Research Center, UW–Madison Conference Funding, 2024, 2025, 2026 (\$4,000)

Advance Native Political Leadership Selected Workshop Contributor, 2025 (\$1,000)

APSA Diversity Fellowship Program Travel Grant, 2025 (\$500)

APSA Travel Grant, 2025 (\$200)

Carolee Dodge Francis Dream Catcher Scholarship, 2025 (\$1,000)

Graduate School Student Research Grant Competition UW-Madison Award, 2025 (\$1,500)

Advance Native Political Leadership Invited Scholar, 2025

University of Chicago Future Generations Invited Scholar, 2024, 2026

Cobell Indian Undergraduate Scholarship, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (\$20,000)

Ross Talbot Award in Political Science, Iowa State University, 2021

Dean's High Impact Award for Undergraduate Research, 2021
Kedrowski and Fitzgerald Family Legacy of Heroines Award, 2020 (\$1,000)

Research Experience

Doctoral Researcher, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2021–Present
Research Assistant, Iowa State University, 2019–2021

Professional Experience

Scholar in Residence, Advance Native Political Leadership, 2026–Present
Contribute to national collaborations advancing Indigenous political research and leadership development.

Graduate Assistant, Network for Development and Growth of Native Solidarity (NDGNS),
University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2022–Present
Organize mentorship programming, Talking Circles, and community-engaged events supporting Indigenous student leadership.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics (POLI SCI 104), University of
Wisconsin–Madison, Spring 2026

Service and Professional Affiliations

Board of Directors, Indian Summer Festival Inc., 2024–Present
Co-Founder and Organizer, Indigenous Graduate Student Organization, University of
Wisconsin–Madison, 2022–Present
Junior Indigenous Politics member and lead organizer, American Political Science Association
(APSA), 2023–Present
Board of Directors, Roots for Resilience, 2025–Present
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Graduate Representative, Department of Political Science,
University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2023–2025

Skills

Quantitative analysis: R, Stata.
Advanced quantitative methods: data analysis, survey design, survey experiments.
Qualitative methods: in-depth interviews, focus groups, participant observation, case studies.
Grant writing and research administration: NSF, NIH, APSA, internal university grants.
ICPSR Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, 2024.
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, 2020.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association.
Native American and Indigenous Studies Association.
Election Research Center.
Phi Beta Kappa.
Delta Zeta.

References

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Kasey Keeler, Professor of American Indian and Indigenous Studies
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