Payton Lussier

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Work Experience --

University of Florida Election Lab, *Full-Time Data Analyst*   Jan 2023-Present

- Performed data integration using a Python script that matched information from election observer volunteer documents to their voter file data.
- Developed clear and concise reports and presentations summarizing findings from data analysis, communicating complex data and technical information to non-technical persons, including elected officials, community leaders, and students.

Data for Progress, *Electoral Polling Intern*   Sep 2022-Dec 2022

- Created and maintained a dataset of potential and announced Democratic candidates for state office.
- Led a project that looked to analyze trends regarding support for the Independent Legislature Theory and legislative involvement in electoral administration. Independently wrote survey questions and analyzed results that indicated no strong partisan divide between support for the theory.
- Worked with senior staff to design and field a survey for a prospective Virginia State Senate candidate. Meeting with campaign staff, I assisted in writing questions for the candidate to better understand constituent concerns and needs.

Alachua County Democratic Exec. Committee, *Research Intern*   Jan 2021-May 2021

- Compiled a literature review on the effectiveness of Get-out-the-Vote methods.
- Led a research project that analyzed the potential effects of a future ballot measure that would change Gainesville's city commission from at-large to single-member districts, particularly majority-minority districts to be able to elect a candidate of choice.

Other Work: Florida House of Representative, Legislative Intern (2020); Florida Senate, Legislative Intern (2021); Applied Political Behavior Teaching Assistant (2022)

Research Experience --

University of Florida Election Lab, *Undergraduate Researcher*   Jan 2021-Dec 2022

- Led a project on the impact of Covid-19 on youth voter turnout on college campuses. Utilized voter file data and a difference-in-difference analysis to conclude that the Covid-19 campus evacuation order suppressed primary turnout when compared to youth voters in the surrounding area.
- Conducted research on behalf of the League of Women Voters on redistricting maps in Florida. Studied the Voting Rights Act to look for violations in the maps proposed by the state government.

Junior Fellows Research Program, *Undergraduate Researcher*   Jan 2021-Jan 2022

- Designed and fielded a survey on support for housing crisis legislation in suburban areas. Wrote an R script to weigh survey demographics to match that of the local population. Performed a logistic regression to find likelihood of support based on demographic data.
- Assisted in a project that looked for gender bias in media representation of female politicians by coding 300+ articles positive, negative, or neutral in their portrayal of said politicians.

Relevant Skills --

- Statistical Softwares: R, Python, Stata, JMP, Microsoft Excel, SQL
- Data Modeling/Mapping: Tableau, QGIS
- Other: Qualtrics, VAN

Education --

University of Florida, *Summa Cum Laude*   Aug 2019-Dec 2022

- B.A. in Political Science, Minor in Statistics
- Undergraduate Thesis: An Analysis of Jewish Voting Behavior in South Florida.