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Political Science

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EDUCATION

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, Connecticut. Class of 2011.
B.A., Political Science, magna cum laude with distinction in the major.
GPA: 3.91 (Overall) / 3.97 (Political Science)

Thesis: “Campaign Tactics and Participatory Inequality,” advised by Prof. Jacob Hacker, for Inequality and American Politics. Nominated for the Frank Patterson Prize for best senior essay in American politics.

Selected term papers:

“Participation in Electoral Politics by Non-Citizens.” Written for Citizenship in Transatlantic Perspective, Prof. Ben Herzog (Spring 2011).

“Patronage and Bipartisanship.” Patronage and Clientelism, Prof. Susan Stokes (Spring 2010).

“When Do Breakaway Rebel Groups Thrive?” Rebels in Civil Wars, Prof. Ana Arjona (Spring 2010).

“Changing Western Conceptions of Afghanistan and Central Asia.” Central Asian History, 1370-Present, Prof. Jeffrey Mankoff (Fall 2009).

“‘Wake America With Knowledge’: The National Security League and the 1918 Elections.” U.S. Political and Social History, 1900-1945, Prof. Glenda Gilmore (Fall 2008).

Research Interests: Campaign tactics, voter turnout, civic renewal, campaign finance, political media and media ethics, youth participation in politics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR RESPONSIVE POLITICS
Committees and Outside Spending Researcher

Feb. 2013-present

- Responsible for managing CRP's databases of political action committees, campaign expenditures, and outside spending
- Perform original analysis of CRP data using SQL, Excel, and R and write up the results for the OpenSecrets blog
- Respond to requests from academics and reporters and generate custom data sets using SQL

PROGRESSIVE CHANGE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Nov. 2011-Feb. 2013

Fellow/Organizer

- In charge of the PCCC's financial data and compliance, including filing quarterly FEC reports and IRS returns in consultation with our lawyers and accountants
- Wrote and targeted mass emails to PCCC members and created associated petitions, surveys, and call pages using the PCCC's mailing platform
- Served as operations coordinator for the PCCC's national phone-banking program which made 2.1 million calls for candidates

**CENTER FOR INFORMATION AND RESEARCH ON CIVIC LEARNING AND
ENGAGEMENT AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY**

May 2011-Aug. 2011

Paid Research Intern

- Edited, substantially revised and reorganized, and added a literature review to a CIRCLE report on civic engagement among non-college youth
- Used STATA to analyze Census data on voter registration and turnout in the last several elections; wrote several posts for CIRCLE's website explaining this analysis for a non-technical audience
- Researched and compiled a spreadsheet detailing the missions, interests, and programs of the major philanthropic funders of civic renewal initiatives

STUDENTS FOR A NEW AMERICAN POLITICS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Treasurer

Sept. 2009-July 2011

- As treasurer of SNAP PAC, filed five amended reports with the FEC to correct reporting mistakes made by the previous treasurer
- Helped design the questionnaire SNAP submits to potential endorsees
- As a member of SNAP's five-person leadership board, voted on candidate endorsements, hiring, and spending decisions

ARTICLES

Print:

“The Rise of Outside Spending.” *Boston Review*. October 31, 2014.

Online:

Essays for *Boston Review*’s blog, available at
<http://bostonreview.net/author/andrew-mayersohn>, including:

“Money Is Not the Only (or the Biggest) Source of Voter Distrust.” (11/8/2014)

“‘The Industry of Ideas’: Measuring the Impact of Think Tanks.” (8/12/2014)

“Does Big Data Threaten Political Inequality?” (5/22/2014)

“Nate Silver’s Data Narratives.” (4/23/2014)

“What Journalism Can and Can’t Do for Politics.” (3/19/2014)

“The Landscape of Campaign Finance Reform.” (2/11/2014)

“Transparency Is Not the Government’s Responsibility.” (1/23/2014)

Several pieces for the OpenSecrets Blog, available at
<http://www.opensecrets.org/news/author/andrewm/>, including:

“What Do PACs Care About?”

“Four Years After Citizens United: The Fallout.”

“Will Money Fix the GOP’s Ground Game in 2014?”

OTHER SKILLS

Computing: SQL, Python, R, Stata, SPSS

Language: French (advanced), Spanish (beginner)

REFERENCES

Prof. Jacob Hacker (thesis adviser): jacob.hacker@yale.edu

Dr. Sarah Bryner (current supervisor): sbryner@crp.org

Prof. Joshua Cohen (Boston Review editor): joshua_cohen@apple.com