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SUMMARY

I am a bilingual Government major with a minor in Computer Science at The University of Texas at Austin, pursuing a pre-law track with a focus on political institutions and public policy. Experienced in faculty-led academic research, legislative analysis, and data-driven policy work, including large-scale dataset construction and technology-assisted research. Interested in law and public service roles that value rigorous research, institutional analysis, and evidence-based decision-making.

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

Expected May 2026

- Bachelor of Arts in Government
 - Programming and Computation Certificate
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EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Austin | Dr. John Gerring

Austin, TX

Research Assistant

Dec. - May. 2026

- Conduct large-scale comparative political research focused on political leadership, regime characteristics, and institutional development.
- Collect, verify, and code cross-national political data, ensuring accuracy and consistency across large datasets used for quantitative analysis.
- Conduct structured web scraping and LLM-assisted querying to identify political leaders, tenure timelines, and regime characteristics for large-scale comparative research projects.
- Clean, normalize, and document data for integration into faculty research contributing to peer-reviewed scholarship in comparative politics and political institutions.
- Support ongoing research projects through careful documentation, data management, and adherence to confidentiality and research standards.

U.S. House of Representatives | District Office of U.S. Representative Greg Casar

Austin, TX

Congressional Intern

Sept. - Dec. 2025

- Conduct legislative and policy research, producing concise summaries and background notes on federal bills and district issues.
- Operate case management systems and internal databases to process, monitor, and close casework efficiently.
- Coordinate community outreach efforts by providing research and logistical input for events and meetings.
- Draft constituent correspondence and prepare communications that explain policy positions and federal resources in clear terms.
- Manage and track casework requests, engaging directly with constituents and coordinating with federal agencies to resolve concerns.

Texas Education Agency | Office of Special Populations and Student Supports

Austin, TX

Policy Intern

Jun. - Aug. 2025

- Conduct a policy analysis on state education initiatives that affect special student populations across Texas.
- Support the Policy, Integration, and Technical Assistance team in implementing legislative changes from the 89th Legislative Session.
- Execute administrative and research tasks focused on educational equity, special education, and student support programs.
- Collaborate with agency teams to ensure alignment between policy goals and statewide education strategies.
- Conducting an independent capstone initiative focused on enhancing policy implementation for special student populations at TEA.

Higbee & Associates | Copyright Division

Austin, TX

Intellectual Property Intern

May. - August. 2025

- Evaluated copyright infringement cases by researching claims, identifying missing data, and assessing case viability for pre-litigation recovery.
- Compiled evidence to support enforcement actions in alignment with federal copyright law.
- Drafted and reviewed intake documentation using the firm's internal case management system to facilitate case progression.
- Conducted legal research on infringement patterns, case precedents, and enforcement strategies.
- Developed working knowledge of pre-trial legal procedures and copyright enforcement practices.

Office of Dean Senator Judith Zaffirini (SD-21)

Austin, TX

Policy Analyst Intern

Jan. - Jun. 2025

- Monitor bill progress, analyze legislative texts, and prepare reports on key policy initiatives.
- Responding to constituent inquiries, drafting correspondence, and providing legislative resources to the public.
- Support daily operations, schedule meetings, and liaise with government agencies, advocacy groups, and stakeholders.
- Conduct focused research and briefing preparation on education, border policy, veteran affairs, and transportation, contributing to legislative recommendations and policy discussions.

The University of Texas at Austin | Dr. Connor Jerzak

Austin, TX

Research Intern

Jan. - Jun. 2025

- Investigate the political influence of ultras groups in Europe, focusing on their relationships with soccer clubs and broader socio-political impacts.
- Identify relevant datasets and sources, and integrate both quantitative and qualitative methodologies for comprehensive research.
- Conduct extensive reviews of existing academic literature to contextualize the study within political science and sports sociology.
- Presented original research findings at the International Football Collective Conference in Belfast, Ireland, demonstrating the ability to communicate complex political analysis to professional and scholarly audiences.

The Texas Orator

Austin, TX

Editor at Large

Aug. 2024 - Jan. 2025

- Oversee the editorial process, including reviewing and editing articles, ensuring high-quality content, and maintaining journalistic standards.
- Collaborate with the editorial team to plan and execute content strategies, addressing current events and issues pertinent to the university and beyond.
- Provided feedback to writers to strengthen argumentative clarity, factual accuracy, and alignment with The Texas Orator's mission of nonpartisan civic discourse.

National Hispanic Institute | Texas Great Debate

Austin, TX

Co-Project Administrator

Mar. 2021 - Aug. 2024

- Managed and coordinated the Texas Great Debate program, collaborating with a team of 50+ staff members to execute a large-scale debate competition with over 300 high-achieving students.
- Facilitated program, ensuring participant success for statewide competition with rigorous standards.
- Led recruitment meetings, effectively presenting the program's goals and benefits to potential participants and their parents, increasing engagement.

Lex Fellowship Program

Madrid, Spain

Lex Fellow

Jun. 2024 - Jul. 2024

- Participated in an intensive 14-day legal immersion program in Madrid, Spain.
- Engaged in hands-on learning experiences, including visits to top law firms, interactive workshops, and seminars led by legal professionals.
- Developed a deeper understanding of various legal practices and enhanced my research and analytical skills.

SKILLS*Software*

- Python, R Studio, C#, Rider, Godot Engine, Wireshark, Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Word, Excel), Legislative Systems (TLIS, CMS, LMS)

Languages

- Spanish (Native)

PROJECTS[Fortress Fling - Game Development](#)

- Designed and implemented a 2D physics-based puzzle game using the Godot engine.
- Built core gameplay mechanics and user interface; collaborated on level design and feedback integration.

[Ultras Global: A Global Dataset of Football Fan Groups Amid Political and Societal Change, 1950-2025](#)

- Investigating the political dimensions of football ultras groups in South America and Europe.
- Exploring the intersection of fandom, violence, and electoral politics through historical and qualitative analysis.

HONORS & AWARDS*Undergraduate Research Fellowship Award*

- Awarded a \$1,000 competitive fellowship to support undergraduate research working towards the development of the Ultras Global comparative dataset (1950–2025).