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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Bachelor of Arts -May 2015

Political Science, Economics

GPA 3.4/4.0

Concentration: Public Policy

Relevant Coursework: Policy Regulation, Money Credit and Banking, Trade, Environmental Economics, Econometrics, Statistics, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, United State Congress, Political Behavior, US Healthcare

Tantur Ecumenical Institute/Bethlehem University, Jerusalem, Israel

January 2014-May 2014

Concentration: Arab-Israeli Conflict

EXPERIENCE

AFSCME (American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees) Headquarters, Washington D.C.

Intern in the Federal Government Affairs- Lobbyist Department

June 2014 –August 2014

- Analyzed annual appropriation bills with specific focus to non-defense discretionary spending
- Drafted executive council statements for the AFL-CIO and AFSCME Policy letters submitted on the record to the House Judiciary Committee on the topic of balanced budget amendments, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Facilitated policy meetings with congressional staff focused on discretionary spending, tax policy, and appropriations
- Analyzed and assessed key congressional tax and budget votes and created scorecards based on voting records
- Wrote Blog posts focused to AFSCME grassroots members about important legislative updates

Harvard Law School Labor and Worklife Program and AFSCME, Cambridge, MA and Montpelier, VT

Research Assistant and Healthcare Campaign Worker

June 2013 – August 2013

- Critically analyzed strategies employed by political consulting firms and special interest lobby firms at Harvard Law School
- Constructed organizing strategies for AFSCME's Vermont State Healthcare campaign
- Presented Healthcare data to the Vermont Labor Relations board and Vermont Legislature which resulted in the successful passing of legislation (Vermont S59)
- Polled AFSCME's constituents on their public policy and healthcare preferences in order to create lobbying goals

The City of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

June 2012 – August 2012

Policy Analyst and Legal Assistant

- Organized and oversaw 7 public forum meetings representing 432 families in housing developments
- Compiled census information and used excel spreadsheets to organize data on urban crime zones
- Planned and executed methods of improving public and religious involvements in New Orleans' comprehensive strategies to reduce crime by creating 3rd party organizations for anonymous police reporting

Trent Thompson Law Offices, San Jacinto, CA

June 2011 - July 2011

Legal Assistant

- Analyzed case relevant data and input data relevant to acquisition and trial evidence
- Improved office efficiency by implementing new organizational methods used in trial
- Edited legal documents and used LexisNexis

LEADERSHIP AND HONORS

Center for Social Concern, Notre Dame, IN

January 2012 – Present

Coordinator for Senior Transitions Program

- Correspond with over 50 service organizations and undergraduates to establish a bond between Notre Dame and service
- Implemented methods of increasing graduate participation in postgraduate service, which has increased by 26%
- Mentored underclassmen to help them better understand the fundamentals of the project and restructuring in general

Other Projects (Team Leader/ Group Member)

- Conducted research on international democracies with Varieties of Democracy with Prof. Michael Coppedge (v-dem.net)
- Created and led a student group working with South Bend Police Department work reducing Gun Violence in South Bend, IN
- AVID tutor for four hours per week
- Active member of Wabruda (a community service club)

Honors and Awards

- Selected as the Frazier Thompson Scholarship by the University of Notre Dame
- Recognized as a University of Notre Dame Doan Scholar, presented by the Department of Africana Studies
- Lions International Scholarship Award 2013 for orating speeches on the Federalism and States rights

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Language: Proficient in Modern Standard Arabic

Technical: Experienced in STATA regression analysis, Advanced in Excel, Experienced in Photoshop/Illustrator, Confident public speaker

Interests: Environmental Conservation · US Politics · Handball · blogging about US Politics (theelectoralreview.com) · College Sports