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Education

Florida State University

Expected: April 2024

B.S. Political Science, Honors, Research Intensive

- GPA: 4.0.
- Minors: Statistics & Philosophy.
- Research Intensive Bachelor's Certification.

Research and Professional Experience

Research Assistant

January 2022 - Present

LeRoy Collins Institute

- Clean and analyze statewide and national survey data with 30,000+ respondents in R and Stata using regression analyses and IRT.
- Author survey questions and survey over one-million voters in Florida and New Mexico using Qualtrics.
- Construct survey weights, perform factor analyses, and author summary reports on survey data utilized by the National Science Foundation.
- Co-author academic papers on election science, voter confidence, and voting behavior funding by the National Science Foundation and MIT.

Contributor

January 2022 - Present

YouGov

- Author articles on politics, elections, and voting behavior using YouGov survey data.
- Suggest survey questions and assist in the design of YouGov's survey experiments.

Research Intern

September 2021 - Present

DeVoe L. Moore Cener

- Conduct regression analyses on survey data using Stata.
- Design and implement public opinion surveys utilizing Qualtrics.
- Publish research reports, blogs, and op-eds on survey methodology, public opinion, and how political ideology and party identification affect the behavior of college students.

Survey Data Journalism Intern

September 2022 - December 2022

YouGov

- Developed poll ideas and crafted clear, concise, and fair questions for use in YouGov's national public opinion surveys about elections and voting behavior.
- Perform multivariate regression analyses in R and create data visualizations using Datawrapper.
- Authored articles on American politics and developed the first survey methodology reports published by YouGov America.
- Collaborated with YouGov's team to develop likely voter models and conduct pre-election and post-election polls covering the 2022 midterm elections.

- Authored weekly reports on developments in the defense and intelligence industries, with a focus on federal infrastructure policy, including tracking and analysis of a 1.2 trillion dollar infrastructure bill.
- Tracked and analyzed lines of funding in the 770 billion dollar Department of Defense budget, assembled reports in Excel, and monitored congressional Armed Services and Appropriations Committee hearings.
- Spearheaded ad hoc budgetary research utilizing DoD budget justification documents and CQ Federal.

- Assembled donation history, biographies, and contact information of over 100 potential donors weekly, and maintained donor databases in Numero, ActBlue, and NGP.
- Oversaw phone banking campaigns and donor outreach by calling over 100 potential donors per week while also facilitating calls between political candidates and high-dollar donors.

Publications

Articles in Refereed Journals

- Atkeson, Lonna Rae, **Eli McKown-Dawson**, Robert Stein, and M.V. Trey Hood III. (2022). "Voter Perceptions of Secrecy in the 2020 Election." *The Election Law Journal* (Conditional Acceptance).

Working Papers

- Atkeson, Lonna Rae, **Eli McKown-Dawson**, Kyle Saunders, and Jack Santucci. "The Impact of Voter Confusion in Ranked Choice Voting."
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli**, and Lonna Atkeson. "The Role of Geography and Social Networks in Understanding Voting Behavior and Policy Preferences".
- Atkeson, Lonna Rae, **Eli McKown-Dawson**, Robert Stein, and M.V. Trey Hood III. "The Relationship between the Cost of Voting and Voter Confidence, Beliefs about Fraud, and Voter Intimidation."
- Atkeson, Lonna Rae, **Eli McKown-Dawson**, Robert Stein, and M.V. Trey Hood III. "Restoring Voter Confidence: Conditional Explanations for the Partisan Effects on Voter Confidence."

Nonrefereed Reports

- Atkeson, Lonna Rae, Lisa A. Bryant, Wendy Hansen, Yimeng Li, Kenneth R. Mackie, and **Eli McKown-Dawson**, (2023). "100% Independent Retabulation Election Audit, Leon County, Florida." MIT Election Data and Science Lab.
- Atkeson, Lonna Rae, Kenneth R. Mackie, **Eli McKown-Dawson**, Robert Stein, and M.V. Trey Hood III. (2022). "Florida 2020 Election Report." LeRoy Collins Institute.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli**, Lonna Rae Atkeson, Robert Stein, and M.V. Trey Hood III. (2022). "Vote Choice and Perceptions of Ballot Secrecy in the 2020 Election." MIT Election Data and Science Lab.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli**. (2022). "Political Expression on College Campuses: The Predictive Importance of Ideological Strength." DeVoe L. Moore Center.

Nonrefereed Articles

- **McKown-Dawson, Eli**. (2023). "How do Americans feel about regulation of public universities?" YouGov.

- **McKown-Dawson, Eli.** (2023). “Voters’ confidence in vote counting — before and after the 2022 congressional election.” YouGov.
- McKown-Dawson, Eli. (2022). “The Nationalization of Subpresidential Elections: Retrospective Voting and the Salience of Presidential Heuristics.” The Owl.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli.** (2022). “How YouGov identifies people as Democrats and Republicans.” YouGov.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli.** (2022). “Americans’ views on vote-counting deadlines and paper ballots.” YouGov.
- Orth, Taylor, Carl Bialik, and **Eli McKown-Dawson.** (2022). “100 policies supported by majorities of Democrats and Republicans.” YouGov.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli.** (2022). “How Americans cast their votes in the 2022 election.” YouGov.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli.** (2022). “How Americans feel about voting fraud and election policy.” YouGov.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli.** (2022). “How Americans’ personal relationships affect their voting behavior.” YouGov.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli.** (2022). “Assessing Americans’ attitudes about poll workers prior to the 2022 election.” YouGov.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli.** (2022). “How Does Political Ideology Affect Self-Expression on College Campuses?.” DeVoe L. Moore Center.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli.** (2022). “Moderate students are most marginalized in political discussions on campuses.” Tallahassee Democrat.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli.** (2021). “When it comes to views of campus climate, political ideology is important.” Tallahassee Democrat.

Presentations

Invited Presentations at Conferences

- **McKown-Dawson, Eli.** (2022). “Political Ideology and Self-Expression on College Campuses.” DeVoe L. Moore Center Research Colloquium.

Nonrefereed Conference Presentations

- Atkeson, Lonna Rae, Yimeng Li, **Eli McKown-Dawson**, and Kenneth Mackie. (2023) “Gender Voting Cues in Florida’s 2022 Primary.” APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Conference.
- **McKown-Dawson, Eli**, and Lonna Atkeson. (2023). “The Role of Geography and Social Networks in Understanding Voting Behavior and Policy Preferences.” Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- Atkeson, Lonna Rae, **Eli McKown-Dawson**, Robert Stein, and M.V. Trey Hood III. “The Relationship between the Cost of Voting and Voter Confidence, Beliefs about Fraud, and Voter Intimidation.” Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- Atkeson, Lonna Rae, **Eli McKown-Dawson**, Robert Stein, and M.V. Trey Hood III. (2022). “Voter Perceptions of Secrecy in the 2020 Election.” Election Science Reform and Administration Conference.
- Atkeson, Lonna Rae, **Eli McKown-Dawson**, Kyle Saunders, and Jack Santucci. (2022). “The Impact of Voter Confusion in Ranked Choice Voting.” APSA State Politics and Policy Conference.

Awards and Discinctions

- American Association for Public Opinion Research Student Conference Award (\$800) 2023
- Thomas R. Dye Award (\$1,000) 2023
- Bess H. Ward Conference Presenter Award 2023
- Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society 2023
- IDEA Grant & Phi Eta Sigma Undergraduate Research Award (\$1,000) 2023
- Florida State University Social Science Scholar (\$5,000). 2022-2023
- Florida State University Torchbearer 100. 2023
- Truman Scholarship Campus Nominee. 2023
- Honors Conference Presentation Grant (\$1,500). 2023
- College of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Grant (\$750). 2022
- Florida State University Digital Symposium Award. 2022
- Garnet and Gold Key Leadership Honorary. 2022
- The Washington Center Summer Internship Scholarship (\$9,000). 2022
- Florida State University President's List. 2020-Present
- Florida State University Global Citizenship Certificate. 2020-Present

Other Experience

Director August 2022 - Present
Student Council for Undergraduate Research and Creativity

- Oversee the publication of Florida State University's undergraduate research journal and distribution of research conference travel grants to undergraduate students.
- Partner with Florida State University's Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement to host research panels and information sessions and oversee the acquisition of \$5,500+ from the FSU Student Government Association.

Student Panelist September 2020 - Present
Florida State University Academic Honor Policy Hearings

- Review evidence presented by students charged with honor policy violations and their professors
- Guide students through honor policy hearings, ask questions to ascertain whether they are responsible for the violation and assign sanctions if the student is found responsible.

English Tutor September 2022 - Present
Paper Airplanes

- Tutor a student from Ukraine in English speaking, reading, and writing.
- Prepare weekly lesson plans, administer midterm and final exams, and provide insight into American culture.

Voter Registration Volunteer May 2022 - October 2022
Big Bend Voting Rights Project

- Walked throughout neighborhoods in Tallahassee and Leon county to help ex-convicts and hard-to-find voters register to vote.
- Called voters to remind them to vote before the 2022 midterm election.

Director of Operations July 2021 - April 2022
Torchlight Campus Policy Center

- Oversaw accurate records of all projects and maintained the organization's communication system on Microsoft SharePoint.

- Controlled all processes related to non-profit management, fundraising, and event planning, including the acquisition of \$1,800+ from the FSU Student Government Association.

Academics

Relevant Coursework

- Political Science Research Methods (Research Intensive). Florida State University.
- Applied Research Design. Florida State University.
- Electoral Politics. Florida State University.
- Behavioral Political Economy. Florida State University.
- Political Parties and Campaigns. Florida State University.
- Analysis of Variance and Design of Experiments. Florida State University.
- Applied Statistics. Florida State University.
- Introduction to Symbolic Logic. Florida State University.

Nondegree Education and Training

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| • LeRoy Collins Institute Undergraduate Research Fellow. | 2022-Present |
| • Research Intensive Bachelor's Certification. | 2021-Present |
| • Fellow, Institute of Politics. | 2021-Present |
| • Hoover Institution Summer Policy Bootcamp (Distinction). | July 2022 - August 2022 |

Skills

- **Advanced:** R (tidyverse and base), Stata, Qualtrics Survey Interface.
- **Intermediate:** Crunch.io, Datawrapper, Git.