

Eli Benton Cohen

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Education

- Pomona College**, Los Angeles CA | Bachelor of Arts, Politics May 2019
- Senior Thesis** ◦ [The Political Arguments of Podcasting](#)
 - Oral Examination** ◦ [Theories of Journalism for a Post-Truth America](#)
 - Relevant Coursework** ◦ Political Journalism, Statistics, Newspaper Op-Ed, Natural Language Processing, Data Structures, Electronic Music Studio, 2D Design
- Indian Springs School**, Birmingham AL | National Merit Scholar May 2015

Experience

- The Watson Foundation**, *Thomas J. Watson Fellow*, New York NY Aug 2019 – Present
- Recipient of one-year, post-graduate grant for independent exploration outside of the US
 - My project, [Blurred Realities](#), examines the sociopolitics of a digitally networked world
 - Built itinerary and network spanning India, Myanmar, Kenya, Spain, Norway, and Estonia
 - Reporting [observations](#) alongside local activists, journalists, and civil society networks
- 88.5 KQED**, *Fellow*, San Francisco CA Jun 2018 – Aug 2018
- Helped produce Forum, the station's flagship call-in radio show
 - Researched, pitched, and produced original segments on [Facebook](#), [blockchain](#), [conspiracies](#)
 - Briefed host Michael Krasny, pre-interviewed and booked guests, managed call-in lines
- The Brookings Institution**, *Pietro S. Nivola Intern in Governance Studies*, Washington D.C. Aug 2017 – Dec 2017
- Maintained the [Vital Statistics on Congress](#), a Brookings-AEI dataset published since 1978
 - Researched congressional procedure with fellows Molly Reynolds and Vanessa Williamson
 - Assisted chair of the Brookings Data Network in creating data science instruction
- 90.3 WBHM**, *Programming Intern*, Birmingham AL Jun 2017 – Aug 2017
- Interviewed government officials, business leaders, and residents for two original [radio spots](#)
 - Reported events, conducted research, and edited copy for daily local news segments
 - Wrote, recorded, and mixed over 50 promotional clips for summer fundraising campaign

Leadership

- The Discussion Collective**, *Founding Director*, Los Angeles CA Nov 2017 – May 2019
- Founded college radio [podcast](#) consisting of interviews, panel discussion, and feature stories
 - Report on campus news, student initiatives, and national politics as it affects undergraduates
 - Designed and taught [three workshops](#) about podcast making as creative and political expression
- Pomona Department of Politics**, *Student Researcher & Liaison*, Los Angeles CA Jan 2017 – May 2019
- Provide interface between politics majors, perspective majors, and faculty
 - Arrange bi-weekly events, lectures, and panels about political theory and current events
- On The Loose**, *President*, Los Angeles CA Dec 2015 – Jan 2018
- Coordinated 100+ leaders, 700+ participants, and \$15,000 budget for 50+ outdoor trips a year
 - Promoted mission of equal outdoor access regardless of experience, identity, or income
 - Assisted in creation of [new website](#), using modern web frameworks
- Indian Springs School**, *Student Body President*, Birmingham AL Jun 2014 – Dec 2014
- Led 22 member student government, liaison between administration and students
 - Established 1st annual school-wide [scavenger hunt](#) with 75% student participation

Skills

- Language** ◦ English (fluent), Spanish (working proficiency)
- Programming** ◦ Javascript, Python, STATA, HTML, CSS, Git & Github, NLP
- Technology** ◦ Ableton, Max, Audition, Logic, Hindenburg; Photoshop, Illustrator, Final Cut
- Personal** ◦ Marathonng, Rock Climbing, Backpacking, Wilderness First Responder, Guitar