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Education

Pomona College, Los Angeles CA | Bachelor of Arts, Politics | GPA 3.7 May 2019

Indian Springs School, Birmingham AL | National Merit Scholar | AP Scholar with Distinction May 2015

Senior Thesis ○ The Political Arguments of Podcasting

Oral Examination ○ A 21st Century Theory of Journalism

Relevant Classwork ○ Political Journalism, Political Statistics, Campaigns & Elections, Newspaper Op-Ed
○ Advanced Programming, Data Structures, Natural Language Processing
○ Human Centered Design, Fundamentals of 2D Design, Electronic Music Studio

Experience

KQED, *Fellow*, San Francisco CA Jun 2018 – Aug 2018

- Helped produce daily, two-hour radio call-in show, *Forum*
- Researched, pitched, and produced three segments: blockchain, Facebook, and conspiracy theories
- Briefed host Michael Krasny, pre-interviewed and booked guests, managed phones and web engagement

The Brookings Institution, *Research Intern*, Washington D.C. Aug 2017 – Dec 2017

- Pietro S. Nivola Intern in Governance Studies
- Helped maintain the Vital Statistics on Congress, a Brookings-AEI public dataset first published in 1978
- Researched congressional procedure with fellows Molly Reynolds, Vanessa Williamson, and Sarah Binder

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 aired over four-month fundraising campaign

Leadership

The Discussion Collective, *Founding Director*, Los Angeles CA Nov 2017 – Present

- 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/political expression
- Helped start the SoundBox, a multi-media recording studio housed in the human-centered design initiative

Politics Department, *Faculty Liaison & Researcher*, Los Angeles CA Jan 2017 – Present

- Provide interface between politics majors, perspective majors, and faculty
- Arrange bi-weekly events, lectures, and panels about political theory and current events
- Assist professor with preparing, curating, and digitizing over 400 syllabi and exams

On The Loose, *President*, Los Angeles CA Dec 2015 – Jan 2018

- Coordinated 100+ leaders and 700+ participants for 50+ outdoors club trips each semester
- Promoted mission of equal outdoor access regardless of experience, identity, or income
- Oversaw a budget of \$15,000 allocated for trip expenses such as gas, permits, and food
- 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
- Originated and established 1st annual school-wide scavenger hunt with 75% student participation

Skills

Language ○ English (fluent), Spanish (working proficiency)

Programming ○ Javascript, Python, R, STATA, HTML, CSS, Git & Github, Static Site Generators, Regex

Technology ○ Adobe Premiere, Audition, Photoshop, Illustrator; Apple Logic & Final Cut, Hindenburg

Personal ○ Podcasting, Marathonng, Rock Climbing, Backpacking, Wilderness First Responder, Guitar