

# ELLIE MITCHELL

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## EDUCATION

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### Brigham Young University

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

June 2025

Provo, Utah

- Research and Analysis Emphasis
- Magna Cum Laude, 3.98 GPA
- 2025 Political Science Salutatorian
- Undergraduate Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy
- Managing Editor, *Sigma*

## PUBLICATIONS

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Brown, Adam R., and **Ellie M. Mitchell**. 2025. “Comparing Three Measures of Legislative Professionalism.” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 25 (1): 119–131.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Brown, Adam R., and **Ellie M. Mitchell**. “Position Taking and Women’s Cosponsorship.”

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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**Mitchell, Ellie M.**, Lisa P. Argyle, Ethan C. Busby, Joshua R. Gubler, Christopher F. Karpowitz, Jessica R. Preece, and David Wingate. 2025. “How Gender and Context Shape Persuasion.” Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Learning Conference (April), Provo, Utah.

Brown, Adam R., and **Ellie M. Mitchell**. 2025. “Policy or Position Taking in Women’s Legislative Collaboration.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (April), Chicago, Illinois.

**Mitchell, Ellie M.**, and Adam R. Brown. 2024. “Strategy vs. Solidarity: Women’s Collaboration in the Utah State Legislature.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (April), Chicago, Illinois.

**Mitchell, Ellie M.**, and Adam R. Brown. 2024. “Strategy vs. Solidarity: Women’s Collaboration in the Utah State Legislature.” Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Learning Conference (April), Provo, Utah.

**Mitchell, Ellie M.**, and Adam R. Brown. 2023. “Improving the Measurement of Legislative Capacity.” Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Learning Conference (December), Provo, Utah.

**Mitchell, Ellie M.**, Hallie Cook, Simon Sivers, John Hall, and Ely Gutierrez. 2023. “COVID-19’s Influence on Specific Attitudes and Group Dynamics.” Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Learning Conference (December), Provo, Utah.

**Mitchell, Ellie M.**, and Oliva Keating. 2023. “A Woman’s Place is at the Polls: How Social Issues Affect Women’s Decisions When Choosing a Candidate to Vote For.” Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Learning Conference (April), Provo, Utah.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Predoctoral Research Associate

*Sean Westwood, Dartmouth College*

July 2025 – Present

*Hanover, New Hampshire*

- Collected and managed over 150,000 data points on voter reform, the Israel-Palestine conflict, and U.S. congressional legislation using manual coding and automated data scraping in R and Python

- Produced three literature reviews on legislative particularism, the role of information intermediaries in the digital age, and democratic values during crises, synthesizing insights from approximately 70 academic sources each

**Lead Editorial Research Assistant** January 2025 – June 2025  
*Political Behavior, Brigham Young University* Provo, Utah

- Evaluated 5-10 manuscript submissions per week by identifying and curating lists of at least 25 expert reviewers per manuscript, streamlining the peer review process
- Supervised a team of three research assistants, providing guidance and coordination to meet all editorial deadlines

**Research Assistant** January 2025 – June 2025  
*Ethan Busby, Brigham Young University* Provo, Utah

- Supported research on gendered political persuasion by designing experimental studies using artificial intelligence
- Developed survey instruments in Qualtrics to ensure reliable data collection
- Conducted preliminary analysis of experimental survey data, producing detailed figures and visualizations

**Research Assistant** May 2024 – June 2025  
*Christopher Karpowitz, Brigham Young University* Provo, Utah

- Consolidated ten years of American Families Survey (AFS) data into a single, analysis-ready dataset
- Conducted regression analyses and developed visualizations to inform publications and presentations
- Designed 2025 AFS survey questions by analyzing prior results and identifying new research opportunities

**Research Assistant** April 2023 – April 2025  
*Adam Brown, Brigham Young University* Provo, Utah

- Collected and analyzed hundreds of thousands of state-level data points in R to support research on legislative professionalism and gendered cosponsorship
- Conducted an in-depth literature review, synthesizing insights from over 60 academic papers and books to inform manuscript development
- Compiled a comprehensive dataset of all available studies on legislative professionalism to enable a meta-analysis

**Parliamentary Intern** September 2024 – December 2024  
*Alexander Burnett MSP, Scottish Parliament* Edinburgh, Scotland

- Collected and analyzed thousands of constituent data points to inform policy decisions and outreach strategies
- Authored 3-5 minute speeches on key legislative issues, ensuring alignment with my MSP's perspective and securing media coverage for strategic policy positions

**Data Analyst Intern** April 2024 – August 2024  
*Jade Burt and Tatiana Gilchrist, Y2 Analytics* Salt Lake City, Utah

- Designed and programmed at least one survey questionnaire each week using Qualtrics, ensuring accurate and effective data collection
- Conducted data analysis using cross tabulations and other statistical methods, creating precise visualizations in R to clearly communicate findings

## **Legislative Intern**

*Representative Gay Lynn Bennion, Utah State Legislature*

January 2024 – March 2024

*Salt Lake City, Utah*

- Designed, distributed, and analyzed a constituent survey to assess public opinion on legislative priorities
- Managed constituent communications, addressing more than fifty inquiries daily about specific policies and laws being evaluated in the legislature

## **TEACHING ASSISTANCE**

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### **Brigham Young University**

POLI301: Data Visualization

April 2023 – December 2023

Instructor: Jay Goodliffe

POLI110: American Government and Politics

January 2023 – April 2023

Instructor: Adam Brown

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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- Second place in Belonging and Diversity, Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Student Research Conference, April 2025 (\$400)
- Marjorie Peay Hinckley Scholarship, Fall 2024 (\$3,000)
- G. Kevin Jones Scholarship, Fall 2024 (\$500)
- Political Science Travel Grant, Winter 2024, Winter 2025 (\$1,800)
- Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy Research Fellow Scholarship, Fall 2023, Winter 2025 (\$2,000)
- Political Science Experiential Learning Scholarship, Fall 2023-Winter 2025 (\$4,500)
- Brigham Young University Academic Merit Scholarship, Spring 2022-Winter 2025 (\$19,156)
- Dean's List, Fall 2021, Fall 2023, Winter 2025

## **SKILLS**

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R, Stata, SQL, Qualtrics, Excel, HTML, CSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X