

ELLIE MITCHELL

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EDUCATION

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*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

Political Behavior, Brigham Young University

January 2025 – June 2025

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

Ethan Busby, Brigham Young University

January 2025 – June 2025

Provo, Utah

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

Research Assistant

Christopher Karpowitz, Brigham Young University

May 2024 – June 2025

Provo, Utah

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

Research Assistant

Adam Brown, Brigham Young University

April 2023 – April 2025

Provo, Utah

- Collected and analyzed hundreds of thousands of state-level data points in R and compiled a comprehensive dataset of prior studies 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

Parliamentary Intern

Alexander Burnett MSP, Scottish Parliament

September 2024 – December 2024

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

Jade Burt and Tatiana Gilchrist, Y2 Analytics

April 2024 – August 2024

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

Brown, Adam R., and **Ellie M. Mitchell**. "Position Taking and Women's Cosponsorship."

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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 Olivia 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.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 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

R, Stata, SQL, Qualtrics, Excel, HTML, CSS, L^AT_EX