

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, 2025 Political Science Salutatorian
- 3.98 GPA
- Undergraduate Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Post Graduate Research Associate
Dr. 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

- Reviewed and evaluated 5-10 manuscript submissions per week, ensuring compliance with blinding requirements and submission standards
- Identified and curated lists of at least 25 expert reviewers per manuscript, streamlining the peer review process and deepening familiarity with leading scholars in political science
- Supervised a team of three research assistants, providing guidance and coordination to meet all editorial deadlines

Research Assistant
Dr. Ethan Busby, Brigham Young University

January 2025 – June 2025
Provo, Utah

- Supported research on AI-driven political persuasion using experimental studies
- Tested and refined survey instruments in Qualtrics to ensure reliable data collection
- Conducted preliminary analysis of experimental survey data, producing detailed figures and visualizations

Research Assistant
Dr. 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
- Performed regression analyses and developed visualizations to inform publications and presentations
- Designed 2025 AFS survey questions by analyzing prior results and identifying new research opportunities

Managing Editor
Sigma, Brigham Young University

September 2023 – June 2025
Provo, Utah

- Reviewed 5-25 paper submissions per semester, selecting the best 2-8 for possible publication
- Managed *Sigma*'s social media accounts, driving student submissions and editor recruitment

- Collaborated with *Sigma's* design team to oversee cover design and publication layout, enhancing the journal's readability and visual appeal

Research Assistant

Dr. Adam Brown, Brigham Young University

April 2023 – April 2025

Provo, Utah

- Supported projects on legislative professionalism and gendered legislative cosponsorship
- Collected and analyzed hundreds of thousands of state-level data points using R
- 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

Alexander Burnett MSP, Scottish Parliament

September 2024 – December 2024

Edinburgh, Scotland

- Collected, organized, and analyzed thousands of data points regarding constituents across various professional fields to inform policy decisions and outreach efforts
- Authored three-to-five-minute speeches on key legislative issues, ensuring alignment with my MSP's perspective and successfully securing media coverage for strategic policy positions

Data Analyst Intern

Dr. 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
- Prepared data-focused deliverables and actionable visualizations in R and PowerPoint to provide actionable insights for clients

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
- Researched and wrote persuasive speeches for approximately ten pieces of legislation each week

Teaching Assistant, Data Visualization

Dr. Jay Goodliffe, Brigham Young University

April 2023 – December 2023

Provo, Utah

- Provided in-person assistance to about twenty students learning R, guiding them through data analysis, visualization creation, and foundational programming concepts
- Supported students in conducting research and creating data visualizations for posters presented at a major social science conference on the BYU campus

Teaching Assistant, American Government and Politics

Dr. Adam Brown, Brigham Young University

January 2023 – April 2023

Provo, Utah

- Supported instruction for a class of approximately 150 students, clarifying complex American politics concepts and enhancing student understanding
- Evaluated and provided feedback on 30 – 40 student papers weekly to reinforce key course concepts

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 2025), 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 2025), 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 2024), 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 2024), Provo, Utah.

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

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Second place in Belonging and Diversity, Mary Lou Fulton Mentored Student Research Conference, April 2025 (\$400)

SKILLS

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