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Education

New College of Florida

B.S. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH A MINOR IN FINANCE

- *Thesis Title:* Rural Politics: a quantitative exploration of rurality, attitudes, and political behavior
- *Thesis Committee:* Keith Fitzgerald, Barbara Hicks, Sherry Yu, and Jack Reilly (Sponsor)

Sarasota, Florida

Aug. 2015 - Present

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School

SUMMA CUM LAUDE GRADUATE

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Aug. 2011 - May 2015

Experience

P.E.B.L. (Politics, Elections, and Behavior Lab)

RESEARCHER & LAB MANAGER

- Co-authored *Social Connectedness and Political Behavior in the 2016 United States Election: A Replication and Extension* with Prof. Jack L Reilly and developed materials for presentation at the 2018 Political Networks Conference in Arlington, VA.
- Directed and supported the original research of junior lab members by maintaining lab resources, assisting with data collection, cleaning, and analysis, and providing feedback on manuscripts and other work.
- Assisted Prof. Jack L Reilly with startup tasks such as the development of standards and guidelines, organization of office space, and the installation of computers and software for the newly founded P.E.B.L. research laboratory.

Sarasota, Florida

Jun. 2018 - Present

Department of Political Science, New College of Florida

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Planned and coordinated multiple excersizes, workshops, and in class discussions on topics covered in American government and quantitative social science methods courses.
- Taught multiple sessions on the fundamentals of debate, including writing cases, preparing and engaging in cross examination, and delivering rejoinders and rebuttals.
- Led group discussions, hosted course review sessions, and graded student work and exams.

Sarasota, Florida

Aug. 2017 - Present

12th Judicial Circuit Court

PRETRIAL SERVICES INTERN

- Interviewed each newly arrested person and compiled relevant case history into a comprehensive report for judges presiding over First Appearance.
- Collected relevant case history on behalf of the Office of the Public Defender and the Office of the State Attorney.
- Reviewed each new inmate's file to determine eligibility for special court programs, such as mental health court, drug court, and DUI court.
- Interviewed victims of violent and domestic crimes to verify information and gather victim statements for the court.

Sarasota, Florida

Jun. 2018 - Aug. 2018

Office of the General Counsel, New College of Florida

STUDENT LAW CLERK

- Evaluated the effectiveness and suitability of the then-current Title IX policy.
- Worked with internal departments and external advisors to develop and propose revisions to the school's Title IX policy.

Sarasota, Florida

Jan. 2018 - May 2018

The Cheesecake Factory, Inc.

LEAD STATION COOK & CERTIFIED DESIGNATED TRAINER

- Prepared station for shift, cooked all orders quickly and according to recipe, cleaned and organized station after shift, and assisted other members of the kitchen team.
- Trained new cooks on the Pasta and Saute stations, the two highest volume and most demanding stations in the kitchen.

Ft. Lauderdale & Sarasota, Florida

Jul. 2015 - Mar. 2018

Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc.

LEGAL INTERN

- Supported staff attorneys by drafting complaints, motions, and answers as requested.
- Accompanied staff attorneys in their appearances before the 12th Circuit Court.
- Assisted with client intake and review of client provided documents such as leases, contracts, correspondence, and notices.
- Contributed to weekly case review by researching and presenting applicable statutes, codes, regulations, and case law.
- Attended various professional development sessions that focused on developing and reinforcing best practices in the pro-bono field.

Sarasota, Florida

Jan. 2017 - Dec. 2017

Fredd Atkins for Sarasota County Commissioner

Sarasota, Florida

CAMPAIGN MANAGER

Apr. 2016 - Nov. 2016

- Effectively managed all aspects of the county-wide campaign, including fundraising, messaging, scheduling, recruitment, budgeting, and voter outreach.
- Developed and implemented a fundraising plan that raised nearly \$100,000 from individual donors and local interest groups.
- Led the implementation of a digital outreach campaign that returned an above average engagement and click through rate.

Charlie Crist for Governor

Coral Springs, Florida

ORGANIZING FELLOW

Aug. 2014 - Nov. 2014

- Recruited, trained, and coordinated volunteers.
- Scheduled staff and managed phone banks at the Coral Springs, Florida office.

Extracurricular Activities

New College of Florida ACLU Club

Sarasota, Florida

CO-PRESIDENT

May 2018 - Present

- Grew membership, expanded campus outreach, and increased the annual funding of the ACLU club.
- Organized a *Know Your Rights* discussion between students and local criminal defense attorneys.

New College of Florida ACLU Club

Sarasota, Florida

VICE-PRESIDENT

Jan. 2018 - May 2018

- Served as a founding board member of the newly formed ACLU club.
- Organized on campus events focused on boosting membership and raising awareness of student rights and civil liberties.
- Coordinated funding requests and facilitated communication with the ACLU chapter of the greater Sarasota area.

Honors & Awards

- 2018 **Fellowship**, 11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshops
- 2015 **National Merit Scholar**, National Merit Scholarship Corporation
- 2015 **Benacquisto Scholar**, Florida Department of Education
- 2015 **Florida Academic Scholar**, Florida Department of Education
- 2015 **Arthur N. Rupe Scholar**, Arthur N. Rupe Foundation
- 2015 **Excellence Award**, New College of Florida

Arlington, Virginia

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Sarasota, Florida

Skills

- Statistical Software** Stata 15, R, RStudio, Shiny
- Open-source Research** LaTeX, Atom, Git, GitHub

Presentations

46th Annual Florida Political Science Conference

Ft. Meyers, Florida

PANEL PRESENTATION OF *Political Trust and Ideological Extremism*

Mar. 2018

- Presented original research on the relationship between political trust and ideological extremism in the United States.

11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshops

Arlington, Virginia

POSTER PRESENTATION OF *Social Connectedness and Political Behavior in the 2016 U.S. Election: A Replication and Extension*

Jun. 2018

- Presented joint research on the relationship between social connectedness, measured in several different ways, and political behaviors and attitudes during the conference's poster session.