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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

Research Experience

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

Jun. 2018 - Present

RESEARCHER & LAB MANAGER

- Conducted original research, both independently and in collaboration with other lab members, mostly centered on the relationship between place, attitudes, and political behavior in the American context.
- Directed and supported the original research of junior lab members by maintaining lab resources, assisting with data management 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.

Social Connectedness and Political Behavior in the 2016 U.S. Election

Jan. 2018 - Present

CO-AUTHOR

- Extended previous work on the relationship between social connectedness and political engagement, and the role of contextual influence, through the use of new measures and fresh data.
- Performed nearly all data management and statistical analysis, assisted with the production of the manuscript, and authored the appendix.
- Was awarded a fellowship to support the presentation of a version of the preliminary findings as a poster at the 11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshops in Arlington, VA.

On the Question of Rural Measurement

Oct. 2018 - Present

CO-AUTHOR

- Explored the importance of sound measurement specification when modeling relationships between place of residence and political behaviors and attitudes.
- Used five years of survey data and ten county-level measures of rurality to examine how changing from a continuous to categorical variable influences predictions of behavioral outcomes.

Political Trust and Ideological Extremism

Dec. 2017 - Mar. 2018

AUTHOR

- Replicated and extended previous quantitative work on the relationship between political trust and ideological extremism.
- Identified a significant association between conservative ideological extremism and low political trust that had been mischaracterized in previous research due to poor measurement specification and ineffective survey design.
- Presented findings at a panel session of the 46th Annual Florida Political Science Conference in Ft. Meyers, FL.

Politics in Latin America: An Examination of the Cuban Revolution

Sarasota, Florida

AUTHOR

Jan. 2017

- Reviewed relevant literature on the colonization and historical development of Latin America, and Cuba specifically, to identify factors that made revolution possible.
- Traced the impact of the revolution through to the modern day, in an attempt to highlight its influence on the Cuban state, U.S.-Cuban relations, and Cuba's role in current regional politics.

Work Experience

Department of Political Science, New College of Florida

Sarasota, Florida

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Aug. 2017 - Present

- Planned and coordinated multiple exercises, 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.

12th Judicial Circuit Court

Sarasota, Florida

PRETRIAL SERVICES INTERN

Jun. 2018 - Aug. 2018

- 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.

Office of the General Counsel, New College of Florida

Sarasota, Florida

STUDENT LAW CLERK

Jan. 2018 - May 2018

- 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.

The Cheesecake Factory, Inc.

Ft. Lauderdale & Sarasota, Florida

LEAD STATION COOK & CERTIFIED DESIGNATED TRAINER

Jul. 2015 - Mar. 2018

- 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 Sauté stations, the two highest volume and most demanding stations in the kitchen.

Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc.

Sarasota, Florida

LEGAL INTERN

Jan. 2017 - Dec. 2017

- 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.

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	Arlington, Virginia
2015	National Merit Scholar , National Merit Scholarship Corporation	U.S.A
2015	Benacquisto Scholar , Florida Department of Education	Florida
2015	Florida Academic Scholar , Florida Department of Education	Florida
2015	Arthur N. Rupe Scholar , Arthur N. Rupe Foundation	Florida
2015	Excellence Award , New College of Florida	Sarasota, Florida

Skills

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

Presentations

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.

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.