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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. in Government, Subfields: American Politics & Methodology

Aug. 2022 – exp. May 2027

Austin, TX

Truman State University

B.S. in Political Science & International Relations (*Phi Beta Kappa*)

Minors: Spanish, Philosophy/Religion, & International Studies

Aug. 2016 – May 2020

Kirkville, MO

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Princeton University (Andlinger Center)

Graduate Research Assistant

Mar. 2023 – Present

Princeton, NJ; Remote

- NSF-funded DRMS project "Collaborative Research: Responses to complex disruptive events: Cognition in a socio-political context" (2049796), Project Award Total: \$503,918.00
- Examined political participation in coastal communities negatively affected by climate change and social inequality
- Conducted fieldwork with the research team to conduct additional interviews and focus groups with policymakers, leaders, and residents related to issues raised during the public comment periods
- Created an original data set on local political participation in selected counties
- Adapted the Comparative Agendas Project codebook to the local level on climate and social issues

Code.org

State & Local Policy Fellow

Jan. 2023 – Present

Seattle, WA; Remote

- Researched state & local education and technology policy and synthesized information for the Advocacy team
- Performed data analysis, data scraping, and data cleaning to help execute our state policy agenda
- Compiled and analyzed data from national sources on student enrollment and demographic data

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

N/A

IN PREPARATION

Trojahn, Kyle & Allison Verrilli. 2023. "Gentrification and Attitudes Toward Public Transit Expansion."

- Methodology: survey experiment
- Premise: explores the effect of transit-induced gentrification on public attitudes toward public transit expansion
- Finding: statistically significant impact on public attitudes

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

Internal

The University of Texas at Austin

Total = \$49,500

2022 – 2027

- Dept. of Government Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000)
- Dept. of Government Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (\$4,000)
- Dept. of Government Summer Research Fellowship (\$1,000)
- U.S. Policy Agendas Project Summer Research Fellowship (\$4,000)
- Experimental Methods in Political Science Grant (\$500)
- Dept. of Government Recruitment Fellowship (\$35,000 total)

External

N/A

Total = N/A

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- The University of Texas at Austin** (Department of Government) Aug. 2022 – Present
Graduate Teaching Assistant Austin, TX
GOV310L: American Government Fall 2022; Spring 2023
- Web-based course on the topic of American Government with over 1,000 students
 - Individually managed approximately 150 students
 - Regularly conducted exam review sessions, conducted office hours, and graded exams/essays

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: R, L^AT_EX, SQL/SQLite, HTML, Python
Software & Developer Tools: RStudio, XCode, Git, Google Cloud Platform, Qualtrics, & Atlas.ti
APIs: Census Data API, Google Maps Static API, Google Street View Static API, OpenStreetMaps API, Twitter API, Wayback Machine API

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Washington University in St. Louis** (Department of Education) May 2020 – Aug. 2022
Faculty Support Coordinator St. Louis, MO
- Conducted 5 comparative higher education institutional research projects on graduate education
 - Formulated higher education policy with other academic and administrative departments
 - Coordinated tenure-track and tenure faculty searches within the department
 - Planned guest lectures on issues of educational inequity (e.g., Dr. Noliwe Rooks & Dr. Ruth Turley)
- Truman State University** (Center for International Education Abroad) May 2017 – May 2020
Faculty-Led Program Assistant Kirksville, MO
- Promoted from previous role as Campus Outreach Coordinator
 - Administered 12 faculty-led programs (program approvals, applications, and grade transferring)
 - Planned 8 events including study abroad fairs and faculty training sessions
- Campus Outreach Coordinator* Kirksville, MO
- Maintained international education program correspondence for 500 programs in over 60 countries
 - Grew outreach on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter from 40 users to 900+ users in 3 months
 - Presented at freshman orientation and weekend showcase events with over 200 attendees
- National Association for the Education of Young Children** Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2019
General Counsel Intern Washington, D.C.
- Researched the policy interactions of 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), and 527 non-profit statuses
 - Independently created a filing system for over 1,400 historical contracts
 - Drafted licensing agreement contracts in affiliate relations, publishing, and conference sponsorships
- Missouri House of Representatives** Jan. 2019 – May 2019
Floor Manager & Budget Tracker Jefferson City, MO
- Served as a full-time intern for House Minority Leader, Representative Crystal Quade
 - Assisted legislative staff with policy research in education, law, and crime prevention
 - Tracked over 1,000 pieces of legislation through the committee formulation process
 - Attended budget committee hearings and assisted caucus staff with budget-related research
- U.S. Coordinated Campaign** (Missouri Democrats) May 2018 – Jun. 2018
Canvassing Intern St. Louis, MO
- Campaigned for U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill and other local politicians in St. Louis
 - Formulated higher education policy with other academic and administrative departments
 - Knocked on over 2,000 doors of local voters to discuss pertinent policy issues
 - Recruited 20 volunteers for the campaign through phone call outreach