Luke Pulaski

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EDUCATION

University of Vermont (UVM) | Burlington, VT | August 2021 – May 2025
Major: Economics (B.S.) | Minor: Spanish | GPA: 3.87
Honors: UVM Presidential Scholar, Honors College Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, UVM Econ. Dept. Honors
Thesis: "Immigration, Rents, and House Prices in American Metropolitan Areas"

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Assistant, UVM Department of Economics | Burlington, VT | January 2025 – present
- Working with colleagues from the Department of Geography and Geosciences, spearheaded an interdisciplinary research project concerning the political and economic ramifications of adding a new race category, Middle Eastern and North African (MENA), to the 2030 U.S. Census
- Researched and evaluated more than 100 third-party datasets from the U.S. Census Bureau, Centers for Disease Control, and Opportunity Insights databases, gathering important metrics to fully disaggregate and understand the economic, educational, and social issues faced by MENA individuals
- Utilized a range of analytical approaches to identify positive associations between MENA population in Michigan and risk of diabetes, rates of reliance on food assistance, and other economically and socially meaningful outcomes through data analysis platforms such as Excel, Python, and Stata
- Concisely communicated insights to the research team through weekly PowerPoint presentations, delivering neatly formatted end products in the form of engaging data tables, scatterplots, and bar charts

Program Analyst, USDA Farm Service Agency | Williston, VT | June 2024 – August 2024
- Delivered high-quality client service in over 50 meetings with farmers (in-office, over the phone, or on-site) who suffered flood damage throughout Chittenden and Washington Counties, internalizing and understanding individual clients' needs and following up when necessary to gauge client satisfaction
- Learned and leveraged proprietary USDA-developed software, as well as platforms like ARC-GIS, to submit about 75 land use reports to help improve the efficacy of crop and livestock insurance programs, additionally enrolling 10 new farmers into USDA disaster programs
- Analyzed and summarized hundreds of lines of USDA customer data sheets in Excel on a daily basis to assist my superiors in the implementation of USDA programs, such as loan officers in maintaining clean customer records and program technicians in ensuring the provision of proper compensation to farmers

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Peer Tutor, UVM Center for Academic Success | Burlington, VT | September 2023 – May 2025
- Coordinated personalized online and in-person tutoring sessions to improve students' understanding of topics in economic theory, calculus, and algebra, demonstrating a detailed knowledge of economic and mathematical topics to students outside my major
- Navigated and defused high-pressure situations in which students arrived at sessions feeling anxious, frustrated, or disinterested to ensure students still accomplished their primary study goals
- Fostered a culture of open discussion and expression of curiosity with students, allowing for better insights into the individual needs of a diverse group of hundreds of clients

Chapter Co-Chair, The DREAM Program | Winooski, VT | October 2022 – May 2025

- Forged lifelong bonds with underprivileged elementary and middle schoolers ("mentees") through regular attendance of recreational after-school programming and enthusiastic participation in one-on-one mentoring
- Promoted an environment of inclusivity and knowledge-sharing while built a strong rapport with other members of chapter leadership, allowing for the maintenance of an organized budget and schedule for weekly programming

TECHNICAL SKILLS
- Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Teams, Outlook, etc.)
- Programming languages (Python, Java)
- Statistical analysis software (Stata, R)

LANGUAGE SKILLS
- Spanish (conversational)

RELEVANT COURSEWORK (UVM)
- ECON 3500: Econometrics & Applications
- ECON 4200: Economics of Regulation
- ECON 4500: Advanced Economic Analysis
- ECON 4700: Advanced Industrial Organization
- ECON 4850: Health Economics
- ECON 4996: Honors Thesis
- CS 021: Computer Programming I (Python)
- CS 110: Intermediate Programming (Java)