



# Marissa D Hermsen

UW Graduate | Political  
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## About Me

Analytic problem solver with a passion for politics. Enjoys finding innovative and efficient solutions by discovering knowledge through data. Before returning to school, worked in public service and local politics for 10+ years. Excellent written and digital communication/media skills.

## Skills

	MS Office	• • • • •
	Python	• • • • •
	R	• • • • •
	Adobe Creative Suite	• • • • •
	Social Networks	• • • • •
	Tableau	• • • • •
	SQL	• • • • •
	Geo-Mapping	• • • • •
	Final Cut	• • • • •

## Interests



## Skills Summary

### Leadership

- Over 10 years of experience in role as team leader.
- Selected to attend IAFF district leadership symposium.
- Trained and mentored over 70 students and new employees.
- Elected by colleagues to serve as executive board representative.
- Demonstrated ability to motivate employees and ensure accountability.

### Technical

- Proficient in programming languages (R, Python) for mapping, statistical, and visualization packages.
- Experience with exploratory data analysis and extracting knowledge from large datasets.
- Basic working knowledge of cybersecurity and information assurance.
- Excellent data visualization and presentation skills.
- Strong writing skills and ability to clearly frame complex concepts for a variety of audiences.

### Problem Solving

- 4 years of experience in policy analysis, development, and negotiation.
- Refined analytical reasoning and creativity for crafting solutions to real-world problems.
- Expertise in quick and confident decision making.
- Experience in strategic planning.

## Professional Experience

2019 – Pres.

### Managing Editor

ShiftWA.org

Digital content producer for popular local non-profit focused on WA political issues.

2012 – 2014

### Executive Board Officer

IAFF Local 42

Elected representative of more than 1,400 Firefighters, Paramedics, Communications and Technical Services Specialists, and Prosecutors serving the Kansas City Metro.

2010 – 2014

### Fire Paramedic

Kansas City Fire Dept

Fire protection and Emergency Medical Service provider for the Kansas City, Missouri metro covering 318 square miles and a population of nearly 500,000.

2003 – 2010

### Paramedic

MAST

Team leader, Field Training Officer, and student preceptor for nationally recognized 911 and non-emergency EMS provider in Kansas City metro, responding to nearly 100,000 calls/year.

## Education

2017 – 2019

### Political Science/International Security/Informatics

UW Seattle

3.4 GPA Interdisciplinary curriculum with focus on Cybersecurity and Data Management.

2016 – 2017

### Political Science prerequisites

Edmonds Community College

3.75 GPA Completed 60 credit hours which included the 15 hours necessary for admission to UW Department of Political Science.

## Achievements

SPR 2019

Dean's List

SPR 2018

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SP-SU 2018

Cybersecurity Research Fellowship - UW CISO

SPR 2017

Academic Honors

WIN 2017

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