SOPHIA SCAGLIONI MELEGARI

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EDUCATION

Boston University Boston, MA
Aug 2018 - Jan 2022

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Political Science
GPA: 3.86 / 4.00, Magna Cum Laude
Awards: Best Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Dean's List 2018-2022
Publications:
- American Corporate Political Strategy by Revealed Preference, OpenBU (2022)
- We the Prisoners: Considering the Anti-Drug Act of 1986, the War on Drugs and Mass Incarceration in the United States, Brown Journal of Philosophy, Politics & Economics (2021)

Relevant Advanced Coursework: Environmental Economics, Legal Economics, International Trade, Econometrics, Strategy and Innovation, Historical Economics, Behavioral Economics, American Public Policy, Inequality in American Politics, Data Analysis for Politics, Philosophy of Politics and Economics

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RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

OpenResearch Lab San Francisco, CA
June 2023 - Present

Quantitative Research Assisstamt
Technical Project Manager
- Conduct data collection, cleaning, analysis, and create visualizations to advance the largest-ever study of unconditional cash transfers in the US, using R, Python, and Stata
- Co-lead technical project management for a team of 5 researchers and 5 PIs including pre-specified analysis plans, integration of administrative data sources, bug tracking, and documentation
- Support dissemination strategy of findings for both academic and non-academic audiences via writing, audio/visual production, data visualization, and website development

Crowe LLP New York, NY
Aug 2022 - June 2023

Data Consultant (Financial Services)
- Supported digital product compliance at a $70B Cryptocurrency exchange and implemented a Financial Crimes monitoring initiative at a $50B digital payment processing firm
- Gained insight into the regulatory and cultural environment surrounding emerging technologies

Boston University Political Science Department Boston, MA
May 2021 - Jan 2022

Independent Research Study on Corporate Political Activity
- Scraped Board of Director information for S&P 500 firms to assess the frequency of previous political careers; combined with lobbying and PAC spending to compare across sectors

Boston University Political Science Department Boston, MA
Nov 2019 - April 2020

Research Assistant
- Researched lawsuits on at-large voting systems in California and shifts in voter representation

Office of the Governor of Massachusetts Boston, MA
Jan 2020 - March 2020

Aide to the Governor
- Researched public sentiment, crafted policy reports, handled constituent feedback, and expedited high-priority casework while learning existing bureaucratic procedures

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio Cincinnati, OH
June 2019 - Aug 2019

Judicial Extern
- Conducted legal research, drafted memos, and observed trials, building a strong understanding of the judicial system and legal proceedings in the United States

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SKILLS R | Python | STATA | SQL | LaTeX | Tableau | HTML | Javascript and CSS for Data Visualization | RCTs | Survey Design

LANGUAGES English Native | Italian Fluent | Spanish Proficient
USA Citizen | Italy Citizen (with EU work auth.)