

ELLIOTT J. DETJEN

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
BA in Classics, Secondary in Government
3.96 GPA

Expected Dec. 2026

Lone Peak High School, Highland, UT
Valedictorian, 4.0 GPA, 35 ACT

May 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Jun. 2025 – Aug. 2025

Intern, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia: Executive Front Office & Civil Division

- Researched judicial opinions, appeal reversal rate, and 2000+ public statements for a high-profile nomination (SJQ, §12).
- Prepared weekly memos on DOJ operations, personnel, procurement, funding, and IT/AI policies. Briefed U.S. Attorney on Asset Forfeiture Fund and Justice Management Division procedure. Reviewed Lobbyist Disclosure Act compliance.

The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

May 2024 – August 2024

Intern, Tech Policy Center

- Researched emerging tech policy on AI, China, Big Tech regulation, privacy, anticompetition.
- Delivered 5+ policy briefs weekly to present for Senate working group, op-eds, and internal meetings.
- Synthesized latest technical research from Arxiv.org, X, and Substack into actionable one-pagers.
- Developed 50+ D.C. tech sector relationships in 1 month and drafted Heritage's first internal AI-use policy.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Mar. 2022 – Mar. 2024

Chief of Staff and Volunteer

- Supervised 10 cross-functional teams with 70+ volunteers from 15+ countries.
- Taught 100+ hours of English classes, coordinated monthly food distribution projects, translated weekly meetings.
- Organized 15+ training conferences, reduced operational costs by 25%, designed 12-week Amharic curriculum.
- Analyzed 40+ datasets weekly to debrief Mission President. Liaised between 50+ religious leaders and 3000+ members.

U.S. House of Representatives, Hybrid

May 2020 – Aug. 2020

Intern, Office of Congressman John Curtis (R-UT)

- Conducted general research, drafted 1300+ documents, collaborated on special projects, attended staff meetings.
- Delivered data analysis (Excel), high-volume constituent services (Fireside), weekly briefings, immigration casework.
- Liaised daily with federal agencies (State, IRS, USCIS, ICE, DOL, SBA) to ensure responsiveness to constituents.

Harvard Undergraduate Foreign Policy Initiative, Cambridge, MA

Jan. 2021 – May 2021

Data Lead and Policy Analyst

- Assembled research on US-EU unity contra Chinese influence: analyzed direct investment, trade, and data policy across 28 countries and managed 3 person data team.
- Developed multivariate metric in R predicting Chinese cooperation with 11+ variables, 1230+ data points, 8 databases.

LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

- The John Adams Society, *Chairman*
- Harvard Republican Club, *Director of Outreach & Events*
- The Harvard Computer Society: Product Lab, *Founding Member*

SKILLS AND HONORS

- *Technical Skills*: Amharic, Latin, Figma, R, Westlaw/LexisNexis, Microsoft Office. Portfolio: elliottdetjen.com/projects
- *Honors*: Eagle Scout, GE-Ronald Reagan Scholar, Harvard i3 Innovation Challenge Finalist, National AP Scholar.
- *Coursework*: CS50, Gov 50/Econ 20 (Data), Micro/Macroeconomics, American Presidency, Business-Gov Relations.