

# ELLIOTT J. DETJEN

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## EDUCATION

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**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

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**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

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

## SKILLS AND HONORS

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- *Technical Skills:* Amharic, Latin, Figma, R, Westlaw/LexisNexis, Microsoft Office. Portfolio: [elliottdetjen.com/projects](http://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.