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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Magna Cum Laude

2023

Society for Political Methodology Expansions Initiative Fellowship

- One of eight fellows chosen to attend the ICPSR Summer Program with funding from the NSF. Fellows then collaborated with a faculty mentor on an original research project in the Fall of 2023.
- ICPSR courses taken
 - ° Introduction to LaTeX Text Processing System
 - ° Rational Choice Theories of Politics and Society
 - ° Statistics & Data Analysis I: Introduction

RESEARCH

Gender, Cabinet Ministers, and Corruption

Book chapter co-authored with Michelle Taylor-Robinson, submitted for edited volume Gender And Corruption in Democracies: A Handbook by Emily Beaulieu Bacchus & Tiffany D. Barnes, Eds. under contract at Edward Elgar Publishing

- Researched trends and polling patterns related to the executive cabinet appointments of women in Latin American governments when there is a perception of corruption among constituents
- Created and coded datasets in R that reflect trends in regional executive governments and track cabinet appointments
- Gained extensive experience with data available in academic literature as well as various datasets to observe and cross-examine comparative relations of cabinet appointments & the prestige of cabinet roles

Do Women Gain Cabinet Representation in Cabinet Shuffles in Response to Corruption?

Co-Authored with Michelle Taylor-Robinson & Duncan Christensen, draft available upon request

- Delivered a presentation at the 2023 MPSA Annual Conference on the Gender in Times of Crisis and Corruption panel
- Further research on the executive appointment of women in global governments and controlling for various regime types and foreign aid needs
- Performed extensive analysis & data cleaning in order to navigate and effectively utilize various democracy, administrative, and corruption tracking indices

On Ethics of Modern Online Resources: Navigating Online Writing Services in Writing Centers International Writing Center Association 2022

- Delivered a presentation at the 2022 IWCA Annual Conference
- Research about the prevalence of online writing resources in universities and how writing centers can adapt to mitigate the risk these competitors bring
- Compared various AI software that can assist in the writing process and discussed how writing centers can adopt their advantages

Rice University Public Health Policy Hackathon

- Research competition sponsored by the Rice Social Policy Analysis Dept.
- Collaborated with team-members to create a presentation tackling a selected public issue in Harris County, TX
- Utilized various resources and statistics to critically analyze inequitable access for post-incarceration patients in predominantly minority populated areas

WORK EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University Writing Center

August 2021 - December 2023 Peer Writing Consultant

- Provide feedback on university-level writing & projects at various stages of completion (brainstorming, rough draft, final draft, etc.)
- Provide relevant and insightful feedback to writing in various disciplines outside of one's own
- Experience with Masters and Ph.D. level writing such as journal articles, theses, and dissertations

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Fall 2022

Non-Profit Consulting Extern Strategist

- Engaged with market research and compiling data summarizing outreach strategies of various nonprofits targeting marginalized communities
- Discussed with PwC consultants about research strategies, how to navigate market trends, summarizing research
- Produced a presentation summarizing my research and presented for evaluation

Lifetime Fitness Rockwall, San Antonio, Texas

June 2019 - January 2023

Rockwall Instruction Team Member

- Lead and instructed classes on indoor rock climbing safety, technique, and
- Managed inventory for various rockwall equipment and accounted for equipment orders
- Gained experience teaching at various ages and utilizing different learning techniques to account for varying abilities

GRANTS

Bush School of Government & Public Service Dean's Excellence Fund Conference Travel Grant - \$1,500

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- R
- Excel
- LaTeX

CERTIFICATIONS

- College Reading and Learning Association Level I Tutor
- College Reading and Learning Association Level II Tutor
- College Reading and Learning Association Level III Tutor