

# Gary Dreyer

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## EDUCATION

### University of Cambridge

Master of Philosophy in International Relations and Politics

Cambridge, United Kingdom

October 2018 – July 2019

### Rice University

Bachelor of Arts in History and Policy Studies, Minor in Business

Houston, Texas

August 2015-May 2018

- **University Honors:** *Cum Laude*; Distinction in Research & Creative Works
- **Relevant Coursework:** Modern German History, Political Environment of Business, Intro to Policy Studies, Corporate Finance, Law & Economics, U.S. in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century World, British Politics, Topics in Legal History

## SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

### Rice University History Dept., Research Assistant to Dr. G. Daniel Cohen

*August 2017-May 2018; Houston, TX*

- Provided background research using primary and secondary sources for Dr. Cohen's forthcoming manuscript on modern Philo-Semitism in Western Europe
- Coordinated with Dr. Cohen over the course of his fellowship in Vienna, Austria to assist with research topics in modern European history and politics, including Holocaust remembrance, Zionism, and European integration
- Facilitated administrative tasks including scanning, paperwork, and file-organizing services

### The Israel Project, Tower Tomorrow Fellow

*June-July 2017; Washington, D.C.*

- Developed strategic communications and long-form journalism skills while writing eight 2,000-3000 word articles
- [Published](#) a long-form article on Israeli-Russian relations in [The Tower Magazine](#), a respected publication covering Israel, the Middle East, and U.S.-Foreign Policy
- Collaborated on projects across divisions of an international-nonprofit, targeting donor development, managing social media archives, and compiling press lists
- Contributed 300-400-word news posts about ongoing events in the Middle East to [The Tower Blog](#)

### Sutton Park Capital, Summer Analyst

*July-August 2016; New York, NY*

- Interned in the structured settlements and annuities division of a boutique financial services firm
- Reviewed and analyzed 20-50 legal documents daily, including court orders, contracts, and petitions
- Analyzed and cross-referenced quantitative and qualitative data in Excel and proprietary software
- Calculated pricing, discount rates, and payment streams for the firm's multi-million dollar contracts

### U.S. House of Representatives, Legislative Intern, Office of Rep. John Culberson

*June-July 2016; Washington, D.C.*

- Authored three formal policy positions for publication on the Congressman's official website
- Produced memos summarizing key issues in healthcare, tax policy, transportation, and local government
- Expedited and summarized constituent phone calls and daily correspondence for congressional staff
- Directed daily tours for constituents and guests of the Congressman, including foreign dignitaries

## SELECTED LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Harris County Republican Party, Precinct 361 Chairman

*January 2016-March 2018; Houston, TX*

- Served as the youngest incumbent Republican Precinct Chair in the largest politically competitive county in the United States
- Organized and moderated a candidates' forum for the 2018 Republican Primary in Texas' 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District
- Served as an Alternate Judge for the precinct during the 2016 General Election, facilitating nearly 700 votes over a fourteen-hour shift while helping supervise and direct election workers
- Organized speaker events and joint initiatives with Republican elected officials and Rice College Republicans
- Volunteered for Sarah Davis for TX House District 134 and Dan Crenshaw for Congress (TX-02)

### Hanszen College, Chief Justice

*March 2017-March 2018; Houston, TX*

- Enforced university-wide policies and the Residential College's Judicial Code for approximately 350 students
- Discussed campus issues and upcoming events at weekly meetings with administrators and student leaders
- Led the Judicial Committee of 6 additional justices and worked alongside Hanszen College's Executive Cabinet and Committee Heads to ensure compliance with new university standards and risk management practices
- Implemented an administrative overhaul of the Judicial Committee and instituted new technology solutions

### Rice University Dead Economists Society, Co-Founder/Co-President

*August 2017-Present; Houston, TX*

- Recruited students for an ideologically diverse reading group focusing on key economic liberty texts
- Ran meetings and facilitated discussion alongside students, the faculty director, and guest speakers
- Coordinated logistics, budgeting, and planning for dinner meetings and other events

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH & PRESENTATIONS

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- **Independent Research Project:** *A Historical Perspective on the Political Culture of Russian-Speaking Israelis*
  - Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium 2017: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Humanities
  - Presentation at the Texas Jewish Studies Research Triangle Undergraduate Conference on March 25-26, 2018 at the University of Houston
  - Conducted as a Century Scholar under the supervision of Dr. G. Daniel Cohen
  - Research methods involved literature review, analysis of news articles in US, European, and Israeli Press, examination of data from 2015 Knesset election, conducting of interviews with prominent members of the Russian-speaking community in Israel during a research trip in January 2017
  - All interviews but one were conducted in Russian; MK Ksenia Svetlova (Zionist Union) was among the interview subjects
- **Panel Invitations:** Rice University Boniuk Council's 2018 Interfaith Week: "Religion and Politics in 2018"
  - Participant in a panel alongside Houston City Council Member David Robinson and Rice University Associate Professor of Religion Dr. David Cook on February 13, 2018.
- **Selected Research Papers:**
  - *A Convenient Marriage: A U.S. Policy Perspective on the Moscow-Tehran Axis* (Dr. Mohammad Tabaar: POST 201, Baker Institute Introduction to Public Policy); Spring 2016
  - *Post Reunification German-Israeli Relations: A Strange and Special Relationship* (Dr. Carl Caldwell: HIST 459, Topics in Modern German History); Fall 2016
  - *Locked in the Lion's Den: The Political Origins of the Shoah in Latvia* (Dr. G. Daniel Cohen: HIST 461, WWII: A Political History); Spring 2017
  - *The Texas Republican Party: Past, Present, and Future* (Dr. Gilbert Cuthbertson: POLI 430, Seminar in Texas Politics): Fall 2017

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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- "They Came, They Saw, They Voted: A Historical Perspective on the Political Culture of Russian-Speaking Israelis." Pending Publication in Columbia University Journal of Politics and Society, Fall 2018.
- Dreyer, Gary. 2018. "Stranger Lands: Politics, Ethnicity, and Occupation on the Eastern Front, 1914-1918." *Rice Historical Review* 3 (1): 13-20.

## SELECTED HONORS

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**Rice University History Department:** Charles Garside Jr. Prize (2018)

**Rice University School of the Humanities:** HEDGE Internship Grant (Summer 2017)

**Rice University Program in Jewish Studies:** Sosland Family Fellowship (Summer 2017); Honorable Mention: Morris & Shirley Rapoport Prize Essay Prize in Jewish Studies 2018.

**College Board:** 2015 AP Scholar with Distinction

**American Council of Teachers of Russian:** First Place Heritage Finalist in the 2014 NY Olympiada of Spoken Russian

## SKILLS, ACTIVITIES, AND INTERESTS

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**Languages:** Fluent in Russian (Reading, Writing, and Speaking)

**Activities:** Baker Institute Student Forum, Chabad at Rice, Hanszen C. Associates Committee

**Interests:** Travel, Reading, Genealogy, Writing, Political Activism, Debate