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## Education:

### **Ph.D. in Political Science** | September 2022 – Present Subfields: American Politics and Comparative Politics University of California, Davis College of Letters and Sciences

### Bachelor of Arts in Political Science | Minor: Human Rights | December 2020

University of California, Davis College of Letters and Sciences

#### Associate in Arts in Political Science | May 2018 Shasta College, Redding, CA Social Sciences

## Work Experience:

**Congressional Intern |** June 2023 – September 2023 Congressman Mike Thompson Woodland, CA

- Assisted constituents with casework from various federal agencies
- Assisted in setting up a speaking event for Congressman Thompson at the University of California, Davis.

**United Nations Intern |** September 2021 – January 2022 United Nations Information Center Washington, DC

- Collected and synthesized information from various Congressional hearings, State Department briefings, and think tank panels.
- Managed and distributed social media data

### Research Assistant | October 2020 – July 2022

Professor Amber Boydstun University of California, Davis

- Compared "parallel" events in the news, where one became a media firestorm and the other received little coverage.
- Conducted research on what elements a news story needs in order to become a media storm.

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• Recipient of a research grant.

### Congressional Intern | October 2020 - February 2021

Congresswoman Doris Matsui's Office

Sacramento, CA

- Answered and responded to constituents' phone calls and emails and helped them complete casework with Federal agencies.
- Assisted the staff by writing Congressional records and statements.

### UCCS Intern | March - June 2020

University of California Center, Sacramento

Sacramento, CA

- Collected data on how members of the California State Senate and the State Assembly believe California should respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Conducted research on whether implementing a Universal Basic Income would benefit California residents.

### Waiter & Bartender | July 2017 – July 2022

Applebee's Grill & Bar

Gold River, Vacaville, Woodland, CA

- Performed closing tasks on a nightly basis, including locking up, cleaning, and preparing for the next business day.
- Developed relationships with regular customers while encouraging others to become return customers through excellent customer service.

## Volunteer Experience:

**Union Representative** | October 2023 – Present Graduate Association of Political Science Students (GAPPS) The University of California, Davis

**Political Science GSA Representative** | September 2022 – October 2023 Graduate Association of Political Science Students (GAPPS) The University of California, Davis

### Elections Aide | July 2022 - Present

Department: Elections for Yolo County, Woodland, CA

- California Primary Election, July 2022 Judge
- California General Election, November 2022 Inspector

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#### Teaching Assistant | Summer 2019

Growth International Volunteer Excursion

Mueang Khong, Thailand

- Created lesson plans for various age groups that helped institute English learning skills.
- Motivated students by providing positive feedback and encouragement.
- Worked on permaculture plots to help promote healthy eating while simultaneously promoting sustainable farming practices.

### Field Research Assistant | Summer 2017

Operation Wallacea

Hammanskraal, South Africa

- Collected data on wildlife populations that were later used to lobby the local government for conservation resources.
- Tracked sea life populations on the coast in order to push for laws in the region to prevent overfishing.

### Field Research Assistant | Summer 2016

**Operation Wallacea** 

Bau-bau, Indonesia

- Chronicled rainforest degradation and used the data to lobby the Indonesian Government for less logging on the island.
- Documented bird populations to assist researchers' knowledge of the ecosystem's health.
- Recorded coral reef bleaching and reef decline to help the local government understand how this may affect local villages.

## **Research Presentations:**

The University of California Center, Sacramento Undergraduate Research Showcase May 2020 | Title: "Universal Basic Income: Bringing Prosperity to the Golden State."

## Awards & Honors:

### Grants

2022 – Competitive Edge: First-Generation Student Grant

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### **Honor Societies**

2020 - The National Society of Leadership and Success 2017 - Phi Theta Kappa

### Dean's List

Spring 2020 – University of California, Davis Summer 2017 – Shasta College Spring 2017 – Shasta College Fall 2016 – Shasta College Summer 2016 – Shasta College Spring 2016 – Shasta College

#### Scholarships

2017 – McConnell Foundation Global Education Scholarship 2016 – McConnell Foundation Global Education Scholarship