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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Political Science** *University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill* *Expected May 2025*
Dissertation: Mobilizing Support for Climate Policy Among the American Public
- M.A., Political Science** *University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill* *August 2022*
- B.A., Government** *College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia* *December 2017*
Magna Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Quantitative Researcher *Chapel Hill, NC*
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill *August 2020 - Present*

- Designed and applied quantitative methodologies including regression analysis, longitudinal analysis, text analysis, and machine learning, to study American public opinion on climate policy culminating in a dissertation project.
- Conducted an array of original survey research, applying experimental design and causal inference techniques to uncover data-driven people insights.
- Selected by faculty to develop and field a department-wide survey of current and former graduate students to enhance student satisfaction and program effectiveness.
- Presented technical research findings at 10+ domestic and international conferences and invited talks.
- Published 7 peer-reviewed articles and 6 media pieces, including in *Foreign Policy* and the *Washington Post*, translating complex findings into compelling narratives with clear, actionable insights.

Graduate Teaching Fellow *Chapel Hill, NC*
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill *August 2021 - Present*

- Led the lab component of the second course in the Ph.D. methodology sequence, teaching regression models and data analysis techniques. Designed and prepared lab materials and assignments, guided Ph.D. students through lab sessions, and evaluated coursework.
- Taught weekly discussion sections for two political science courses, enhancing students' data literacy and analytical skills.
- Twice selected as a teaching assistant for Data Matters short courses, delivering training sessions for working professionals on R and data science best practices, improving adoption of data-driven decision making.
- Awarded the 2024 Richard R. Pouliot Teaching Award for excellence in teaching and mentorship.

Data Analyst *Remote*
The Odum Institute for Research in Social Science *January 2021 - July 2022*

- Collaborated with managing editors and research archivists to ensure computational reproducibility by performing code replication and data verification checks using R, Stata, and Python for dozens of manuscripts published in the *American Journal of Political Science*.

Project Manager *Williamsburg, VA*
Teaching, Research, and International Policy (TRIP) Project, Global Research Institute *January 2018 - July 2020*

- Led data-driven projects focused on understanding how policymakers and the public consume international relations research and improve adoption.
- Wrote code in SQL to query TRIP's core database and R code to extract, clean, analyze and visualize key insights for internal benchmarks, publications, and external partners.
- Led the writing of survey questions, coding of national and international survey projects in Qualtrics, and coordinated the fielding of surveys of academics in 36 countries and 14 languages, foreign policy journalists, U.S. policymakers and the general public.
- Managed grants and contracts exceeding \$600,000, coordinating revenue-generating strategic partnerships and delivering data-backed reports to stakeholders.
- Recruited, trained, and managed a team of up to 22 research assistants, fostering collaboration and ensuring successful project execution.
- Managed all incoming and outgoing project communications. Maintained TRIP website and social media platforms.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: R (tidyverse; ggplot; plotly; RMarkdown; Shiny, tensorflow), SQL, Python (pandas; scikit-learn; NumPy)
Data Analysis: Machine Learning, Predictive Analytics, A/B Testing, Causal Inference, Regression Analysis, Text Analysis, Time Series Analysis, Data Cleaning & Preparation, Data Visualization (R, Tableau)