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EDUCATION

PhD Student, Political Science | University of Alabama

2021: Anticipated Graduation

Studying International Relations, Political Theory, and Comparative Politics.

MA Student, Women's Studies | University of Alabama

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Studying Gender and Race Studies, and Environmental Politics.

HBS, Political Science | Idaho State University

2015: Graduated

Honors thesis: Normative Realism, Bridging the Rationalist-Constructivist Divide.

Thesis advisor: Dr. Donna Lybecker.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant | Institute of Social Science Research, Dr. Doug Gibler

June 2018 – August 2018

Collected incident level data during interstate wars for the Correlates of War project.

Research Assistant | Dr. Holger Albrecht

December 2017 – January 2019

Collected incident level data on coup attempts. Conference paper in progress.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record | University of Alabama

Introduction to Political Theory: Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Introduction to International Relations: Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant | University of Alabama

Israel-Palestine Conflict: Fall 2016

Introduction to Comparative Politics: Fall 2016

Politics of the Middle East: Spring 2017

Civil Wars: Spring 2017

SKILLS

- **Computer skills:** STATA, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- **Econometrics:** Linear Regression (OLS, logit, pooled OLS, FE/RE logit)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Service by a Graduate Student | University of Alabama College of Arts and Sciences

2018-19

This award recognizes service by graduate students that includes “activities and outcomes related to enhancement of student life and the overall quality of life at UA, in the community, state, or region.” Awarded for role in Gradient, UA’s LGBTQ+ organization for graduate, professional, and non-traditional students. As an executive board member of Gradient, I have facilitated a peer mentorship program for students applying to graduate school, student health panel, assisted in establishing a trans and gender identity support group, and contributed toward a more robust and supportive environment for students on campus. Additionally, this award recognizes the contributions of a group of students, including myself, who worked to prevent a white supremacist speaker from coming to campus.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

President | GRADient, University of Alabama’s LGBTQ+ Graduate Student Organization

June 2018 –

Organize events and services related to the wellbeing of LGBTQ+ graduate students at the University of Alabama.

Director | GRADient Peer Mentor Program

September 2017 –

Facilitate a peer-mentorship program for undergraduate and graduate students applying to graduate programs. Students receive support during the application process, and advice for graduate school success.

Organizer | GRADient Local Health Panel

September 2017 – March 2018

Organized student health panel, in conjunction with the University of Alabama Student Health Center, in order to improve services they provide to queer students. Facilitated a networking session for local health organizations including: the 1917 clinic, Five Horizons, Magic City Wellness Center, UA Counseling Center, UA Health Center, UA Women and Gender Resource Center, West Alabama Aids Outreach – Birmingham.

Treasurer and cofounder | GRADient, University of Alabama’s LGBTQ+ Graduate Student Organization

August 2017 – May 2018

Organize events and services related to the wellbeing of LGBTQ+ graduate students at the University of Alabama.

Treasurer | Political Science Graduate Student Association

November 2016 – May 2017

Managed the finances of the Political Science Graduate Student Organization. Implemented and oversaw a conference travel reimbursement program.