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PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

I am a recent graduate seeking to build a career that builds on my strengths in writing, analytical thinking, creativity, and delivering high quality while under pressure. I have a wealth of experience and knowledge, I communicate effectively, and I enjoy working with teams of talented, passionate individuals. I learn quickly, I identify and solve problems as they arise, and I always bring a positive attitude. My actual career goal is to become a stellar novelist and artist; however, I will be dedicated to the team and I will perform my responsibilities with alacrity and passion.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

The University of Texas at Austin

Aug. 2015 – May 2020

I earned an MA in Government and I passed preliminary exams in Comparative Politics and Public Law. My research focused on technology and the law and politics of institutionally disruptive business strategies. My report is titled: *Institutional Disruption as Process and Strategy: A Conceptual and Theoretical Framework* ([Report.](#))

Whittier College

Aug. 2007 – May 2011

B.A. with majors in Political Science and Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Language Services Provider, Freelance

Since 2010

I work with diverse clients to deliver high-quality language services, including copy editing, creative consulting, content creation, localization, translation, and teaching. Clients have included *The Comparative Constitutions Project*, individual professors as well as doctoral students in the humanities and sciences, lawyers, etc.

Author, Screen Rant

July 2020 – Sept. 2020

I covered tech news for Screen Rant, an online publication, providing coverage as well as unique editorial commentary that drew upon my graduate work at the intersection of tech, business, politics, psychology, law, and art.

Contact Tracing Volunteer, UT Health Austin @ Dell Medical

May 2020 – Aug. 2020

I provided contact tracing services remotely in Spanish and English to assist the efforts to combat coronavirus within Travis county, Texas, which required staying on top of a dynamic management system, quickly mastering diverse technological tools, and coordinating with a very busy management team.

Research Assistant, Whittier College Dept. of Political Science

Jan. 2008 – May 2011

I provided research and writing support to Dr. Deborah Norden on projects investigating contentious politics and civil-military relations in Latin America, primarily focused on Chile, Venezuela, and Argentina.

Research and Communications Consultant, New Course

Feb. 2013 – Oct. 2014

I assisted a US based non-profit with research, communications, and development support. I began as an intern and was eventually contracted to help with more and more responsibilities. This involved conducting fieldwork in Kenya and Uganda regarding community-level natural resource management practices, which included formal interviews and household surveys. I also participated in program development meetings and meetings with the organization's clients.

Supplemental Instructor, The University of Texas at Austin

Aug. 2019 – May 2020

I designed and facilitated weekly discussion groups to improve first year writing skills as well as general course and college preparedness with positive reviews from participants as well as colleagues. I also assisted in the adaptation of the course to an online format in the middle of the semester, quickly and efficiently developing procedures to ensure the continuity of course content delivery while also effectively addressing challenges that reared their head during implementation.

Teaching Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin

Sept. 2015 – May 2019

I assisted faculty in undergraduate government courses, providing grading and administrative support while adapting to provide high quality assistance within a diverse array of substantive areas; courses included American Politics, Comparative Legal Systems, Constitutional Development, US Military Interventions, The Politics of Evolution, Judicial Process, etc. Throughout the years, I met with students to provide support and guidance with regard to writing, substantive course material, as well as general college advice, also with positive reviews. I also resolved plagiarism crises effectively and with relative discretion.

"The Hustle"

Since 2005

I have worked numerous positions within retail, services, and other industries that demonstrate my adaptability, work ethic, and drive to deliver high quality regardless of the environment that I am working within. Throughout the years, these have included waiting tables, pizza delivery, operating a fast food drive through, washing dishes professionally, working as a prep cook, literally being a pet shop boy, brick & mortar men's underwear sales, ice cream scooping, page design and layout, photography services, office assistance, and journalism experience in high school, college, and beyond.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES/ AWARDS

- Independent writer and artist, 2005 – Present.
- Graduate Fellow, The Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, Summer 2017.
- Fulbright ETA Fellow, The Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, 2012.
- Ben G. Burnett Award for Outstanding Academic and Leadership Contributions in Political Science, Whittier College, 2011.
- Study Abroad Program on Multiculturalism, Globalization, and Social Change in Bolivia, SIT, Spring 2010.
- Keck Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Summer 2010, to perform traditional ethnographic and visual ethnographic research on traditional justice systems in Bolivia.

LANGUAGES

Portuguese (advanced), Spanish (intermediate), and English (native speaker)