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EDUCATION

University of Missouri

Ph.D., Political Science, 2022 (Expected).

Concentrations: American Politics, Public Policy and Administration.

Committee: James Endersby (chair), Jake Haselswerdt, Peverill Squire, Catherine Rymph

California State University-Northridge

M.P.A., Public Sector Management and Leadership *with distinction*, 2014.

Chatham University

B.A., Women's Studies, *cum laude*, 2012.

Senior Thesis: *A Tale of Two Cities: How Women's Advocacy Groups can help eliminate the Rape Kit Backlog in American Cities.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI**

Lab Instructor

State Government, Fall 2018.

Teaching Assistant

Canadian Politics and Government, Spring 2019.

Politics and the Media, Spring 2019.

Race and the American Story, Spring 2018.

Modern Political Theory, Spring 2018.

American Constitution, Spring 2018.

Introduction to American Government, Fall 2017.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **MENTORSHIP**

University of Missouri, Spring 2019.

Managed team of undergraduate research assistants in data collection via interviews and data analysis

- **ASSISTANTSHIP**

Justin Dyer, University of Missouri, Summer 2019.

Researched and coded characteristics of Missouri Constitutional Amendments

Created dataset and ran statistical analyses of amendments to Missouri Constitution
Researched characteristics of colonial era colleges' Latin disputations.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- **TRAVEL AWARDS**

Professional Presentation Travel Scholarship to present at 2018 Southwestern Political Science Association conference. Graduate School, University of Missouri. (Spring 2019).

Travel Grant to present at 2019 Midwest Political Science Association conference. Hayek Fund for Scholars, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Spring 2019).

Prestage-Cook Travel Award to present at 2019 Southern Political Science Association conference. Southern Political Science Association. (Spring 2019).

Travel Grant to present at 2019 Southern Political Science Association conference. Hayek Fund for Scholars, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Spring 2019).

Travel Grant to present at 2018 IHS Research Colloquium. The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Fall 2018).

Conference Travel Grant. Department of Political Science, University of Missouri (Fall 2018).

Travel Grant to attend 2018 Reforming Our Institutions seminar. The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Summer 2018).

- **RESEARCH AWARDS**

Visiting Scholars Research Grant. Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma. (Summer 2019).

Grant to conduct research at Missouri State Capitol. Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri. (Spring 2019).

Grant to hire Undergraduate Research Assistants. Hayek Fund for Scholars, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Spring 2019).

Research Grant. Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago. (Spring 2019).

Research Fellowship. Department of Political Science, University of Missouri. (Summer 2018).

Grant to conduct archival research at the Massachusetts Historical Society. Hayek Fund for Scholars, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Summer 2018).

- **FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship. Mercatus Center at George Mason University. (Fall 2019-Present).

Humane Studies Fellowship. The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. (Fall 2018-Spring 2019).

Graduate Assistantship. Department of Political Science, University of Missouri (Fall 2017-Present).

Graduate Scholarship. Alumni Association, California State University-Northridge (Spring 2014).

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Zelizer, Adam, Elizabeth Dorssom, and Patricia Kirkland. "Why do legislators learn from policy research? Evidence from a survey and experiment in a state legislature."

Dorssom, Elizabeth. "And Be it Enacted: Sunset Provisions in the Colonial Legislatures 1757-1787"

Dorssom, Elizabeth. "Until the Next Session: Temporary Laws in the U.S. Congress 1789-1829"

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Chair & Discussant for undergraduate research, "Policymaking and Public Administration," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2019.

Chair & Discussant, "Political Theory," annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2019.

Chair, "Citizenship and Identity in American Political Development," annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 17-19, 2019.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Legislative Professionalism and Influence on Lawmaking"
to be presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, October 30 - November 2, 2019.

"And Be It Enacted: Sunset Provisions in the Colonial Era"
presented at the University of Missouri History Graduate Student Association Colloquium Series, Columbia, MO, April 12, 2019.

. "How Much Do Legislators Know About Policy Proposals?" (with Adam Zelizer)
presented at the Political Institutions and Elite Behavior: Experimental Approaches conference at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2019.

"Until the Next Session: Temporary Laws in the U.S. Congress 1789-1829,"
presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2019.

"And Be it Enacted: Sunset Provisions in the Colonial Legislatures 1757-1787"
presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 17-19, 2019.

"And Be it Enacted: Sunset Provisions in the Colonial Legislatures 1757-1787"
presented at The Institute for Humane Studies Research Colloquium, Herndon, VA, November 2-4, 2018.

“The Political Philosophy of Star Trek”
presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL,
October 10-13, 2018.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Virtual Student Foreign Service (VSFS) eIntern with USAID
U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. (Virtual) September 2013-May 2014

- Reviewed evaluations of USAID projects overseas and programs providing direct capacity development support to local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the private sector or public sector
- Measured USAID projects impact and effectiveness
- Evaluated USAID programs designed to impact issues affecting women and children, public health, literacy, finance and the environment
- Reviewed evaluations of USAID projects and programs, summarizing, scoring, and aggregating them to create a best practices playbook

DATA SETS

Sunset Provisions in the U.S. Colonial Legislatures 1757-1787

U.S. Congressional Sunset Provisions 1789-1887

Sunset Provisions in the States 1980-2010

TEACHING INTERESTS

American Politics: American political thought; American political development; federalism; American political institutions; state politics

Public Administration and Policy: Policy process, institutional reform, policy analysis, policy implementation

Qualitative Methods: Textual Analysis, Interviews, Document Analysis, Archival Research

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Midwest Political Science Association
Midwest Women’s Caucus for Political Science
Omicron Delta Kappa
Southern Political Science Association
Southwestern Political Science Association

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

The Institute for Humane Studies and State Policy Network. *Reforming Our Institutions* seminar, 2018.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison, *Graduate Association of Political Scientists, University of Missouri* 2019-2020
Graduate Writing Group Facilitator, *University of Missouri*, 2018-2020
Underrepresented Graduate Student Mentor, *University of Missouri*, 2018-2019
New Graduate Student Welcome Leader and Mentor, *University of Missouri*, 2018-2019
Member, National Advisory Council, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, 2016-2018
Member, Diversity Committee, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, 2016-2018
Member, Inaugural Student Advisory Board, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, 2014-2016
Member, Strategic Alliances Committee, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, 2014-2016

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Five Star Society Award, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, 2018
In recognition of continued service and leadership as a member of the National Advisory Council 2016-2018

Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Department of State, 2014
In recognition of contributions made as an e-intern for the 2013-2014 Virtual Student Foreign Service Program and with appreciation of service to the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Diplomatic Missions overseas

Community Advocate Award, Chatham University, 2012
Presented to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to civic engagement, diversity issues, or justice and has been an activist, creating positive change for the campus and the Pittsburgh community

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