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Summary

Political science Ph.D. candidate studying NASA and the American space industry, public opinion, and American bureaucracy. Experienced in analyzing, summarizing, and presenting complex information to a wide audience. Leadership roles have led to exemplary communication skills and experience in planning and executing social and educational events. Currently completing a Public Engagement Certificate through the University of Missouri Graduate School.

Education

PhD, Political Science, *University of Missouri* Expected May 2024

- Relevant coursework includes methodology related to data management, discussion sections relating to government entities and actions, and professionalization courses.

MA, American Studies, *Northeastern State University, Oklahoma* August 2018

- Relevant coursework included a course on American political behavior, as well as two sections of constitutional law. Completed the Introductory Leadership Certificate through Northeastern State University.

BA, *magna cum laude*, Visual Communication, *Northeastern State University, Oklahoma* May 2016

- Included coursework centering around verbal, written, and visual forms of communication. Common assignments included writing articles for newspapers, developing ads and websites for local businesses, and presenting speeches.

Work Experience

University of Missouri

Columbia, Missouri

Supervisor: Dr. James Endersby (endersby@missouri.edu, 573-882-4238)

- Teaching Assistant/Graduate Instructor (20 hours per week) Fall 2019 - Present
Assistant to the professor for undergraduate-level courses, handling communication with students, grading, and administrative tasks such as fielding exams. For one semester served as the instructor of record for Judicial Politics.
- Research Assistant (10 hours per week) Summer 2022
Summer 2020
Summer 2019
Assistant to professors regarding their research, with tasks including data collection and management, summarizing previous research, and book indexing.
- Archival Research (Single day) September 2020
Locating/replicating original documents found in the archives of the State Historical Society of Missouri for Dr. Rod Kiewiet (CalTech)

Zoe Institute

Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Supervisor: Ed Blanchard (edb@zoeinstitute.com, 918-557-3162)

- Day Center Intern (20 hours per week) Summer 2018
Intern at the Day Center, a center for community members experiencing homelessness to receive aid and services. Primary tasks included data management, in addition to assisting with meals and cleaning.

Northeastern State University

Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Supervisor: Whitney Arbaugh (rolph@nsuok.edu, 918-864-0450)

- University Housing Resident Assistant/Student Hall Director (20 hours per week) Fall 2014-Summer 2018
Emergency response, administrative tasks, and the planning and execution of community programs for the residence halls. Experience leading a staff of up to eight.

Invited Talks

- “Pathways to STEM Careers,” a presentation given to the Rock Bridge High School AVID seniors in which we discussed how to get into STEM careers. Fall 2023
- “Space Warfare,” an introduction to the modern space arms race, presented to Political Science 4412: Strategy and Warfare. *University of Missouri* Spring 2023
- “Chinese Space Policy,” an introduction to China’s space industry, presented to Political Science 4680: Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy. *University of Missouri* Spring 2023
- “Mission to Mars: Manipulating Public Opinion,” a research presentation on the efforts of private space industry CEOs to manipulate public opinion, through the utilization of social media. Presented to the *Summer Workshop on Teaching Space (SWOTS)* in Montgomery, AL. Summer 2022

Awards & Certificates

- Graduate Assistantship, *Truman School of Government and Public Affairs* 2019-Present
- Gus T. Ridgel Fellowship, *University of Missouri* 2019-Present
- Public Engagement Certificate, *University of Missouri* Ongoing
- Online Teaching Certification, *University of Missouri* Spring 2023
- Introductory Leadership Certificate, *Northeastern State University* Spring 2017

Service

- Coordinating Assistant, APSA Peer-to-Peer Pedagogical Conference, *Columbia, MO* August 2022
- President, Graduate Association of Political Scientists, *University of Missouri* 2021-2022
- Secretary, Graduate Association of Political Scientists, *University of Missouri* 2020-2021

References

Feel free to contact any supervisors listed in Work Experience. Below you will find contact information for some of my committee members at the University of Missouri, who can speak to the skills developed during my time in this Ph.D. program.

Name	Employer	Title	Email
Dr. James Endersby	University of Missouri	Professor	Endersby@missouri.edu
Dr. Lael Keiser	University of Missouri	Director of Truman School of Government and Public Affairs	Keiserl@missouri.edu
Dr. Linda Godwin	University of Missouri	Professor Emeritus	Godwinl@missouri.edu