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EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University

Ph.D., Political Science, 2025 (expected) M.A., Political Science, 2021 Master of International Affairs, 2018

Smith College, Northampton, MA

BA, Economics & Psychology (2015)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Methodology, Immigration, Institutions, Corruption, Xenophobia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 9. Teaching Assistant, Empirical Methods & Research Design, Fall 2017
- 8. Teaching Assistant, Multi-Sector and Quantitative Analysis, Spring 2018
- 7. Teaching Assistant, PLSC 14: International Relations, Spring 2021
- 6. Teaching Assistant, PLSC 3: Comparing Politics around the Globe, Fall 2021, Spring 2022 & Fall 2024
- 5. Teaching Assistant, PLSC 447: Analysis of Public Opinion and Political Attitudes, Fall 2022
- 4. WC Instructor, PLSC 3: Comparing Politics around the Globe, Summer 2023
- 3. Teaching Assistant, PLSC 309H: Quantitative Political Analysis, Fall 2023 & Spring 2024
- 2. Teaching Assistant, PLSC 497: Modeling Political Change, Spring 2024
- 1. Teaching Assistant, PLSC 306H: Senior Thesis Workshop, Spring 2025

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Penn State, Department of Political Science

Research Assistant for Dr. Joseph Wright, Aug. 2022-Dec. 2022

Penn State, Department of Political Science

Research Assistant for Dr. Vineeta Yadav, Aug. 2018-Aug. 2019

Penn State School of International Affairs

Research Assistant for Dr. Johannes Fedderke, Jan. 2017-May 2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Examining anti-immigrant sentiment in African countries." African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 2022.

ACTIVITIES

Student Ambassador, Penn State School of International Affairs

Jan. 2017-May 2018
Philanthropy Chair, SGA, Penn State School of International Affairs

Aug. 2016-May 2017

SKILLS

Computer: Familiarity with R, ArcGIS Pro, Latex, and Python

Languages: Fluent in Ndebele, Shona, and English

HONORS, GRANTS & AWARDS

Program in Comparative Politics Fellowship (PiCP)	Spring 2023
Conference Travel Grant, Department of Political Science	Fall 2022
RGSO Dissertation Support Award	Fall 2022
Paterno Graduate Fellow, Penn State Political Science	2019-2020
Penn State Student Leader Scholarship	Dec. 2017
Dean's List	2014-2015
Wallace H. Coulter Scholar	2011-2015