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Education

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor, MI

PhD in Political Science expected July 2011, MA in Political Science December 2009. In-depth study of Social Science Methodology, including Advanced Topics in Multivariate Analysis (2007) with Dr. W. Mebane, Methods Seminars in Agent-Based Modeling and in Complex Systems with Dr. D. Axelrod (2007), Formal Theory with Dr. A. Lupia (2008), Behavioral Research Methodology with Dr. N. Burns (2008), Mathematical Modeling (2009) and Causal Inference in Social Sciences (2010) with Dr. R. Titunik. Dissertation topic: "The Northern Anomaly – Explaining the rise in secular birth rates in Northern Europe" with head dissertation advisor Dr. R. Inglehart.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Cambridge, MA

BA in Government June 2007. GPA of 3.6. Honors Thesis on "Hijacking State Authority: the Rise of Violent Non-State Actors." Completed graduate-level Statistics sequence (Gov 2000 and Gov 2001) in junior year with Dr. Gary King, took mostly graduate courses senior year. Wrote for the Harvard Independent and on several policy-debate forums. GRE: Math 800/800, Verbal 750/800, Analytical Writing 6/6 (99th percentile). SAT: Math 800/800, Verbal 760/800 (99th percentile).

Work Experience

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - RA

Ann Arbor, MI

Worked as a Research Assistant under the guidance of Dr. Inglehart, streamlining datasets, acquiring and combining disparate data sources, performing original research, statistical analysis and robustness estimations, as well as creating graphical presentations of results. On occasion, delivered lectures in front of 400+ students. (Jan 2010 - present)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – GSI

Ann Arbor, MI

As a graduate student instructor, my responsibilities included heading section meetings for political science classes, advising the students, evaluating their written work as well as administering in-class exams and finals. (Fall 2008-Winter 2009)

WORLD BANK – CONSULTANT

Washington, DC

Consulting the Quality Assurance Group on issues of program evaluation including corruption, transparency and accountability measures in WB projects. Responsibilities included rating WB projects, as well as interfacing with local authorities and project managers during on-site evaluation of selected projects in Malawi, Cambodia and Vietnam. The work resulted in a 200-page report used by the Bank in redesigning project safeguards. (Spring-Summer 2009)

DELOITTE ROMANIA – INTERN

Bucharest, Romania

Performed market research, mathematical modeling and client prospecting for Mergers & Acquisitions and consolidated loans. (Summer 2006)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY – RA

Cambridge, MA

Researched trade patterns in Africa in genetically modified foods for Professor Robert Paarlberg. The results were used by leaders of African nations to make policy decisions. (August 2004 to May 2005)

Extracurricular Activities

WOODBRIIDGE SOCIETY – FRESHMAN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM LEADER

Cambridge, MA

Prepared the incoming batch of (85) international students for life in the US and the exigencies of Harvard during week-long training session. Organized international events and mentoring during the school year. (May 2005 to May 2006)

HARVARD INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COUNCIL– DIRECTOR OF SPEAKER EVENTS

Cambridge, MA

Organized speaker events and discussion panels, including an International Law panel, featuring senior lawyers from famous law firms in the Boston area, and an Environment Panel, with distinguished Harvard professors and fellows. (February 2004 to February 2005)

LANGUAGES: Fluent in Romanian, English and Spanish, advanced in French and intermediate in German.

COMPUTER SKILLS: R and SPSS statistical packages, LaTeX, BibTex and LyX academic formatting packages, Programmer's Certificate in C++ (2003).