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## Education

Aug 2023- Present	PhD Political Science		<i>Purdue University</i>
May 2023	B.A Political Science	With Honors	<i>Purdue University</i>
	B.A Philosophy	With Honors	<i>Purdue University</i>
	B.A History	With Honors	<i>Purdue university</i>
June 2019	A.A Liberal Arts		<i>Ivy Tech South Bend</i>

## Research

Summer 2023	<b><i>Summer BRIDGE Program Research Assistant ( Mentor: Dr. Eric Waltenburg)</i></b> Researching why some states are better at situating themselves in the Knowledge Economy than others. I hypothesized that States that score higher in the institutional professionalism dimension will have a higher Knowledge Economy Score. My methods included Bivariate, Multivariate, and Factor analysis using data collected from the 2022 State Technology and Science index provided by the Milken institute, the Squire Legislative Professionalism Index, the Squire Judicial Professionalism Index, and the Gubernatorial Power Index created by Robert J. Dilger, George A. Krause, and Randolph R. Moffett.
Fall 2022	<b><i>Psychological Science Research Assistant (Fellowship) ( Mentor: Dr. Margo Monteith)</i></b> Exploring the effects of Public vs Private confrontation as it pertains to bias reduction and stereotyping. I contributed to the data collection of roughly 500 undergraduate participants. Data collection consisted of facilitating multiple lab sessions containing 2-8 participants at a time, executing designed lab procedures, conducting the experiment, and accounting for participant attendance.
Fall 2022	<b><i>Research Intern, Political Science Research Collaboratory (Mentor: Dr. Eric Waltenburg)</i></b> Working to answer how police departments implement Supreme Court rulings and policy changes into their department in a joint research effort with Oregon State. My team collected the contact information for all 92 county police departments and prosecutors offices in Indiana as well as all 88 police departments and prosecutor's offices in Ohio. We are In the process of conducting interviews with the prosecutor's office as well as police departments.
Spring 2022	<b><i>Research Intern, Political Science Research Collaboratory (Mentor: Dr. Joan Timoneda)</i></b> Worked with a Political Science faculty member to examine authoritarian regime types and their relationship with trading Artificial Intelligence. Also examined the democratic backsliding and the recipient's view on democratic values. Case study being China's exchange of artificial intelligence technology with Zimbabwe and Tanzania.
Spring 2021	<b><i>Legislative Coding Research (Mentor: Dr. Eric Waltenburg)</i></b> Coding bills passed in all 50 states

## Teaching Experience

Fall 2024	POL 327 <i>Global Green Politics</i> - Teaching Assistant
Summer 2024	POL 130 <i>Intro to International Relations</i> - Independent Instructor
Spring 2024	POL 130 <i>Intro to International Relations</i> - Teaching Assistant
Fall 2023	POL 423 <i>International Environmental Politics</i> - Teaching Assistant
Spring 2022	ILS 490 <i>Diplomacy Lab: Strategies for Identifying Mis/Disinformation</i> - Teaching Assistant

## Scholarships & Achievements

Summer 2023	Best Research Poster Presentation BRIDGE Program “ <i>Winners and Losers: How States Situate Themselves In The Knowledge Economy</i> ”
Summer 2023	2nd place Oral Presentation BRIDGE Program “ <i>Winners and Losers: How States Situate Themselves In The Knowledge Economy</i> ”
Fall 2022	Psychological Sciences Research Fellow
August 2019 – May 2023	Emerging Leaders Scholar -\$10,000 scholarship each year for 4 years. Total of \$40,000

## Areas of Interests

Censorship and Authoritarian resilience	Ethics and Power Politics
Technological Authoritarianism	International Relations Theory

## Skills

Stata	Complex Problem-Solving
Research and Data Collection	Leadership and Teamwork
R Studio	

## Department Service/Leadership Roles

Fall 24-Spring 25	Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging chair PSGSA
Fall 23 - Spring 24	First Year Representative PSGSA( <i>Political Science Graduate Student Association</i> )

## Reference

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