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EDUCATION

- PhD** University of Wisconsin-Madison Expected May 2026
Primary Field: American Politics
Secondary Field: Political Methodology
Minor Field: Geographic Information Systems and Cartography
- MA** University of Wisconsin-Madison Dec 2022
Political Science
- BA** University of North Carolina at Asheville May 2021
Mathematics (Concentration: Statistics)
Graduated Cum Laude
Minor in Political Science
- AA** Southwestern Community College May 2018
Graduated Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Congress; Elections; Gerrymandering; Political Parties; Redistricting; Voting Behavior

PUBLICATIONS

- Judson, Veronica. (2021). "The Societal Violence Scale: A Statistical Analysis of the Scores of the Women Section of the U.S. Department of State's Country Reports on Human Rights Practices Before and After the Directives of the Trump Administration." *Dignity: An Undergraduate Human Rights Journal*. 11-24.
<https://dignityjournal.com/dignity-journal/>

COMPUTER SKILLS

Software: R (Coursework both at the graduate and undergraduate level covering statistical modeling), STATA (coursework at the undergraduate level, and project experience at the graduate level); ArcGIS Pro (coursework for graduate minor) Research experience that utilized QGIS, Python, and GeoPandas.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Election Sciences, Reform and Administration** July 2022 and June 2023
"The Effects of the Voting Rights and *Shelby County v. Holder* on Party Outreach."

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

UW-Madison

May 2022 – August 2023

Project Assistantship, Election Research Center under Dr. Barry Burden

- This project, funded by the ERC at UW-Madison, examines how the variable population sizes of districts affects the ability to engage in partisan gerrymandering.
- We expect to present this project for the Midwest Political Science Association in the Spring of 2024, with aspirations for publication.

Tufts University

June 2020 to August 2020

Student Intern, Metric Geometry and Gerrymandering Group under Dr. Moon Duchin

- Participated in an intensive training session for graduate and undergraduate students to develop skills in data wrangling, data cleaning, GIS, Python, and GeoPandas for voting rights, gerrymandering, and election projects around the country.
- Coded and cleaned precinct data at the county level, and election data at the state level for counties in Alabama and Louisiana, and digitized counties for Illinois in QGIS, for the lab's website, districtr.org.

University of North Carolina- Asheville, Asheville, NC

August 2020 to May 2021

Undergraduate Research, Societal Violence Scale under Dr. Linda Cornett

- Analyzed the annual State Department Human Rights Reports to measure physical integrity abuses committed by non-state actors for 201 countries. As a coder, I collected data needed for the reports and graded each country in different victim and perpetrator categories, as well as providing each country with an overall score. The purpose was to compile quantitative measurement score for each country to mark improvement for every country regarding non-state physical abuses.

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC

May 2019 to August 2019

Student Intern, Political Science Department under Dr. Chris Cooper

- Collected data from historical documents to assist in the development of a database on early voting habits in NC. Worked alongside Dr. Cooper to analyze voter data from the 1800's to early 1900's and started an extensive database for a collection of our findings.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UW-Madison

Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant, Course: PS 305 Elections and Voting Behavior

- Led three discussion sections on the psychological and social components of voting behavior, current electoral trends, and role of voters in the governing process.

Teaching Assistant, Course: PS 104 Introduction to American Politics and Government

- Led three discussion sections on the role of constitutional structures, parties, interest groups, elections, and public policy.

Teaching Assistant, Course: PS 306 American Political Parties

- Led three discussion sections on the organization and roles of political parties at the national and state level in the United States.

Project Assistant Grader/Reader, Course: Gen &WS 435: Politics of Gender and Women's Rights in the Middle East.

- Familiarized myself with coursework and readings regarding politics of gender and women's rights in the Middle East and provided guidance to students through grading and editing papers throughout the semester.

Project Assistant Grader/Reader, Course: PS 274: Political Choice and Strategy

- Worked alongside the teaching assistant for the course to provide students with feedback and assistance on course material, and in grading papers and final exams.

DISCUSSANT EXPERIENCE

UW-Madison

Methods, Experiments and Data Workshop (MEAD) (Fall 2023)

- Discussant for Molly Offer-Westort's paper on the Coronavirus infodemic among Facebook users utilizing a demonstration of an adaptive experimental design.

American Politics Workshop (APW) (Spring 2023)

- Discussant for fellow graduate student, Clinton Rooker, presenting a draft of his prospectus.

American Politics Workshop (APW) (Fall 2022)

- Discussant for fellow graduate student, Clinton Rooker, presenting a working paper on the role of racial identity in structuring attitudes regarding COVID-19.

American Politics Workshop (APW) (Spring 2022)

- Discussant for fellow graduate student, Kyler Hudson, presenting chapters of his dissertation.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient of the 2023 Summer Initiative Award

Summer 2023

Received funds amounting to \$2000 from the Political Science Department at UW-Madison to fund personal research on the

UNCA Honors Program

2018-2021

Completed 21 credit hours of honors level courses and course projects.

UNCA Dean's List

2018-2021

The Dean's list honors students who complete a full-time class load and maintained a GPA between 3.5-3.99.

Southwestern Community College Student of Distinction

2018

This award acknowledges students at SCC who excelled academically, were active on campus and in the community, and demonstrated leadership qualities, and a commitment to goals.

NC Community College System Academic Excellence Award

2017

One student from each community college is selected annually to receive this award to honor academic achievements.

NC Governor's School Social Science Participant

2017

Governor's School of North Carolina is a five-week summer program for intellectually gifted high school students to provide additional learning experience in a selected academic discipline. I was selected to represent my region and attended as a social science student.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina- Asheville

April 2019 to May 2021

Office Supervisor, Outdoor Programs

- Facilitate office tasks: coordinated staff schedule, attendance, and subbing; led office trainings and meetings, delegated tasks to office staff; ensured upkeep of inventory and office equipment, finances, and receipt book; attended weekly supervisor meetings.
- Organized and led outdoor trips such as backpacking, stand-up paddle boarding, biking, and hiking.

University of North Carolina- Asheville

Fall 2020

Voting Ambassador, Political Science Department

- Collaborated with nine other ambassadors to encourage the campus community to participate in the 2020 election. Tasks included: presenting voter registration information in classes, hosting events to engage student participation, and working the polls on election day.

TUTORING EXPERIENCE

Southwestern Community College, Sylva, NC

August 2017 to May 2018

Tutor, Mathematics Department

- Tutored in Introductory Statistics, Introductory Mathematics, Quantitative Literacy, Humanities and Social Sciences. Created a nurturing, and supportive learning environment for individual and small group tutoring sessions. Worked with fellow students to strengthen math proficiency, study habits, test-taking skills, and time management.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Wilderness First Responder Certification

Landmark Learning, Cullowhee, NC, December 2019

CPR and Adult First Aid Certification

Landmark Learning, Cullowhee, NC, December 2019

NEXT AVL, August 2019- May 2020

Selected to represent UNCA as a mentee in a mentoring program with other local universities in Western North Carolina. Partnered with a professional in the Asheville area to enhance my workplace and networking skills.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina- Asheville

2018, 2019, 2020

- Hands On: The Volunteer Center of United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County.

Southwestern Community College

2014- 2018

- Assisted with New Century Scholars fundraisers and event coordination.
- Cataloged and inventoried central supplies.
- Participated in trail and campus cleanup projects.

Jackson County

2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

- Volunteered at Greening Up the Mountains yearly river cleanup.
- Cleaning up the Mountains, helped coordinate volunteers for a community wide trash clean up event.