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Education

Northwestern University

Ph.D., Political Science, *anticipated 2027*

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

B.A., Political Science, 2022

Research

Interests

Comparative Politics

Forced Migration, Movement

Authoritarianism, Democratic Backsliding

State Violence, Human Rights

Research

Ronald E. McNair Program, University of Minnesota

Research Fellow (Summer 2021)

Project: Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Separate Judicial Speech

Faculty: Dr. Cosette Creamer

Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota

Research Assistant (Spring 2021)

Project: Military Medicine & Military Effectiveness

Faculty: Dr. Tanisha Fazal

Louis Stokes North Star STEM Alliance, University of Minnesota

Research Fellow (Summer 2019)

Project: Brain Morphology in Epilepsy Patients

Faculty: Dr. Michael Park, Dr. Catarina Saote

Leadership and

Community Engagement

Urban Ventures

Volunteer Youth Tutor, February-May 2021

College of Biological Sciences, University of Minnesota

Teaching Assistant, January-May 2021

Dean's Scholars Program, University of Minnesota

Peer Mentor, September 2020-May 2021

Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc, University of Minnesota

Vice President of Finance and Sisterhood Chair, September 2020-May 2021

Office of Orientation and Transition Experiences, University of Minnesota

Orientation Leader, January-August 2020

Girls Inc. Eureka! Program

Mentor, November 2019-May 2020

Minnesota Student Association, University of Minnesota

Representatives to Regents Fellow, October 2018-April 2019

Presentations **“How Judges of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights Express Dissent: An Analysis of Separate Judicial Speech”**, University of Minnesota McNair Scholars Annual Research Symposium, August 2021

“Brain Morphology in Epilepsy Patients: Comparative Analysis of Epilepsy Imaging Modalities”, University of Minnesota Multicultural Research Summer Opportunities Program Symposium, August 2019

Grants and Awards**APSA Diversity Fellowship**

American Political Science Association, 2022-23

Wolfsberg Family Scholarship

Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, 2021-2022

Ronald E. McNair Scholars Grant

University of Minnesota, Summer 2021

STEM Alliance Fellowship

Louis Stokes North Star STEM Alliance, University of Minnesota, Summer 2019

Claudia Neuhauser Scholarship

College of Biological Sciences, University of Minnesota, 2018-2021

Languages and SkillsEnglish, Spanish (*native*) | French (*intermediate*)

R, BrainVisa | Polymerase Chain Reaction, Culture Inoculation