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EDUCATION

American University, Washington, D.C.
Washington Semester Program

Spring 2025

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
Political Science and Biology Double Major

May 2026

Honors: Dean's List (Spring 2024), Mack Brown '53 McLean County Scholarship

Relevant Courses and Projects:

- American Inequality: Researched and authored a 13-page paper on “Tiger Parents” and their impact on American children
- State Law and Politics: Analyzed correlation between Evangelicals and Urban Areas using SPSS
- Globalization and Development: Researched US reliance on global supply chains, culminating in a 10-page paper

EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Researcher, **National Health Laboratory Service**, Johannesburg, South Africa May 2023 - July 2023

- Isolated and purified bacteriophages, utilizing them as essential tools for conducting groundbreaking research on the molecular mechanisms of tuberculosis (TB)
- Performed bioinformatic work on one of the isolated bacteriophages, revealing its genome
- In the process of publishing a research paper in a peer-reviewed journal detailed the findings and implications of the research, contributing to the scientific community's understanding of TB.

Program Assistant, **West Bloomington Revitalization Project**, IL

July 2024 - December 2024

- Developed a process to catalog the tools within the tool library system to ensure ease and efficiency
- Helped customers find which tools they need for their projects and communicate their needs to other staff
- Significantly contributed to organizing and logistics of a free children’s books give-away at the annual Labor Day parade

Policy Analyst/Op-ed Writer, **Weiner Public News & Solutions for Change Foundation**, D.C.

January 2025 - Present

- Researched and co-authored opinion columns in major national newspapers
- Communicated with White House officials, members of Congress, healthcare advocates, and progressive political organizations

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Co-President, **Illinois Wesleyan University Debate Club**, IL

August 2024 - December 2024

- Organized a variety of debates on important social and political issues with students on campus
- Maintained a friendly atmosphere to ensure all viewpoints were heard
- Collaborated with College Republicans and Democrats to hold a respectful political debate

Moderator, **John Wesleyan Powell Student Research Conference**, IL

April 2024

- Facilitated the presentation sessions, ensuring a smooth and engaging experience for presenters and attendees.
- Communicated with presenters to ensure smooth transitions between sessions

SKILLS

- *Computer:* Microsoft Excel; ArcGIS Pro; SPSS; Google Drive