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Education

- Ph.D.** Higher Education Administration – University of Florida *Summer 2025 (Expected)*
Dissertation – *The Route to Retention: A Quasi-Experimental Analysis of the Link Between Transit Stop Proximity and First Year Retention Rates at US Commuter Colleges*
- M.Ed.** Research and Evaluation Methodology – University of Florida *Fall 2024*
- M.Ed.** Student Personnel in Higher Education – University of Florida *Spring 2020*
- B.A.** International Relations with Political Science – University of Birmingham *Summer 2018*

Experience

- Graduate Assistant & Fellow** – University of Florida *August 2021 – Present*
- Taught in the [“R Class”](#) for 3 years including the majority of instruction in Spring 2024
 - Performed data cleaning, wrangling, analysis, and visualization for research projects including:
 - Calculating travel time penalties for using transit to access college with OpenTripPlanner
 - Merging Census, IPEDS, and BLS data to create visualizations for a [policy report](#)
 - Creating a new dataset of US merit-based aid programs which led to a [a new typology](#)
- Residence Hall Coordinator** – University of Missouri *July 2020 – May 2021*
- Supervised 5 student staff and 222 residents, provided crisis response for 3,655 residents
- Graduate Community Coordinator** – University of Florida *July 2019 – May 2020*
- Supervised 5 student staff members and provided crisis response to 3655 residents
- Summer Sessions Graduate Intern** – Georgetown University *May 2019 – July 2019*
- Graduate Assistant** – University of Florida *August 2018 – May 2019*
- Advising Intern** – US-UK Fulbright Commission *January 2018 – June 2018*
- Student Ambassador** – University of Birmingham *January 2015 – June 2018*













Certifications

- [Intermediate PostgreSQL](#) – University of Michigan *February 2025*
- [Database Design and Basic SQL in PostgreSQL](#) – University of Michigan *December 2024*

Portfolio

- [Shiny Interactive Dashboard](#) – Visualization of transit stop access and association with Pell completion rates
- [IPEDtaS](#) – Code to ‘Automagically’ Download and Label IPEDS data in Stata and R
- [R Instructional Materials](#) – Instructional materials from “the R Class”

Technical Skills

Regression	Quasi-Experimental Design	Spatial Statistics	AI Models	Natural Language Processing	
 R	 Shiny	 Python	 Git	 SQL	 Microsoft Office
 Stata	 SPSS	 Qualtrics	 GIS	 Typst	 Quarto & Rmd