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Education

2018-Present Ph.D. Student in Sociology, Wayne State University

2016-2018 Master of Arts in Sociology, Western Michigan University

* Thesis: “College Self-Funding Predicting Deviant Behaviors” (unpublished)

2012-2016 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Albion College

* Minor in History, graduated cum laude, earned Sociology Award and Who’s Who recognition, Dean’s list four straight semesters, Albion College Fellow

Employment

2021-2022 Graduate Teaching Assistant (2 semesters instructor of record), Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

2020-2021 Rumble Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

2018-2020 Graduate Teaching Assistant (2 semesters TA, 2 semesters instructor of record), Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

2016-2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant (4 semesters), Department of Sociology, Western Michigan University

2015-2016 Research Assistant, American Museum of Magic, Marshall MI

* Research into magic related topics and artifacts, archiving materials and helping with grant writing, Creating kid’s programs

2014-2017 Outside Operations, Forest Akers Golf Course, East Lansing MI

2014-2016 Student Secretary, Albion College, Albion MI

2008-2016 Basketball Coach, Basketball University, Lansing MI

Conference Presentations

“Profiling Shoplifters: A Study of the Impact Employees Have on Retail Racial Profiling” Presented at Wayne State University Graduate Research Symposium 2021

“How Social Media Consumers Challenge and Support News Information related to the 2018–2019 Government Shutdown: A qualitative analysis of Facebook user responses to postings by local news organizations” Presented with Gerald Nowak at North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, IL 2020 \*\*Cancelled due to COVID-19

Contributing member of an evaluative study of KCCC CBT program presented by Dr. Patrick Cundiff at ASC

“Framing in Politics” Undergraduate Roundtable, Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL 2016

Experience

* Instructor of Record: Understanding Human Society (Introduction to Sociology) (Winter 2022)
* Instructor of Record: Understanding Human Society (Introduction to Sociology) (Fall 2021)
* Instructor of Record: Understanding Human Society (Introduction to Sociology) (Fall 2019)
* Instructor of Record: Understanding Human Society (Introduction to Sociology) (Winter 2019)
* Teaching assistant (7 semesters total at Albion, WMU, and WSU)
* Participated in Inside-Out Prison Exchange program (3 semesters) through Albion College and Wayne State University
* Trained in Qualitative and Quantitative research

Honors and Awards

* Sociology Award at Albion College
* Member of AKD Sociological Honor Society
* Member of Gerald R. Ford Program at Albion College

Interests

Sociology, Teaching, Criminal Justice, Criminology, History

References

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