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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (Data Analytics Track)

Sept 2020 - May 2024

Awards: Phi Beta Kappa (May 2024), *magna cum laude* (GPA: 3.97)

Senior Thesis: *Shaping Chicago: How Sense of Ownership and Trust Influence Engagement in Building the City* (mixed-methods) (Hoopes Prize for outstanding thesis research; highest departmental honors)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Illinois Policy Institute

Policy Researcher (Housing and Pension Reform)

Aug 2024 - Present

- Author research reports, policy briefs, web articles, and other policy-related content based on in-depth research utilizing diverse sources (legal documents, databases, and online articles).
- Engage with issues in a public-facing manner through op-eds and media appearances.
- Craft and oversee the implementation of the summer internship program, facilitating educational programming for 10 interns, including teaching a weekly reading seminar.

Huth Reynolds LLP

Data Analyst and Assistant (Independent Contractor)

Nov 2024 - Present

- Assist with data analysis necessary for legal challenges and completion of other tasks to assist attorneys, such as doc review, footnote edits, citation insertions, and more.
- Consistently deliver timely results while working remotely and collaborating seamlessly with team members in various time zones.

Listen Labs

Writer (Independent Contractor)

Sept 2024 - Present

- Produce compelling case studies based on client interviews, effectively showcasing company solutions and contributing to successful client acquisition efforts.
- Write articles analyzing industry market trends and research findings, assisting the company in establishing thought leadership through its corporate blog.

Harvard University Math Department

Course Assistant and Team Leader, Multivariable Calculus

Jan 2022 - Dec 2023

- Assisted with student learning during regular mathematics classes
- Led weekly sections and office hours for students to apply learned concepts
- Provided feedback and grades on course assignments to students and the Teaching Fellow

CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP

Harvard Undergraduate Association

Co-Founder and Co-President

Nov 2021 - May 2023

- Drafted a constitution for a more inclusive form of student government, facilitating communication between the former student government and the new constitution drafters.

- Coordinated student efforts to get the reforms passed and launched a successful campaign to serve as one of the inaugural Co-Presidents.
- Initiated and managed the implementation of several projects, including Harvard College's first official professional clothing closet, Concentration Declaration Day, and summer storage, a program that saved students over \$200,000 collectively.
- Administered over \$500,000 in funding to ~500 student organizations

Harvard Undergraduate Council*

*Harvard's student government before the implementation of the Harvard Undergraduate Association

Lowell House Representative, Academic Life Committee Chair April 2021 - April 2022

- Elected at the end of my freshman year and re-elected my sophomore year to represent Lowell House on the Council
- Internally elected as the chair of the Academic Life Committee in December 2021
- Assisted in writing a report on and led efforts to advocate for the continuance of "shopping week," a tradition allowing students to preview courses before enrolling

New Songs Theatricals

Founder and Director of New Productions Aug 2021 - Dec 2022

- Successfully obtained provisional club status for New Songs Theatricals in April 2022
- Created a supportive platform for students to develop and produce original performances with a focus on Christian themes
- Spearheaded the production of "Painted," a musical I composed about Leonardo da Vinci, managing over a dozen cast and crew members who helped bring the show to life.

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS

Voice & Virtue

Founder and Editor-in-Chief Oct 2024 - June 2025

- Reviewed poetry, essay, and art submissions from dozens of applicants
- Managed the social media account, posting 1-3x per week on Instagram and Facebook, featuring Voice & Virtue's work and soliciting future submissions.
- Published "Among these are Life" a book of documentary poetry examining the issue of abortion and American morality.
- Published three successful issues of the literary magazine, one of which was temporarily displayed in the Poetry Museum in Chicago.

St. Alphonsus Church

Spirituality Chair July 2025 - Present

- Plan two spiritual retreats each year and monthly praise and adoration events for young Catholic Chicagoans to deepen their faith
- Assist with the execution of events for the young adult community of St. Alphonsus Parish

FORMER ENGAGEMENTS

Young Voices Contributor (Spring '25), America's Future Foundation CREATE Cohort (Fall '24 - Spring '25), Hertog Foundation (Fall '24), Hudson Institute Political Studies Fellow (Summer '24), Heritage Foundation Academy Graduate (Spring '24), American Enterprise Institute Collegiate Network Member (Spring '24), The Harvard Salient (2022-2024)