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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2013-Present	San Diego State University, M.A. In Political Science
2005-2009	San Diego State University, B.A. In Political Science

Fields of Study

Research Field: American Political Science (Elections), Sub-Field: Public Policy,
Teaching Field: American and California Government

Grants and Scholarships

2013 Terhune Scholarship
2014 Graduate Student Grant, SDSU
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Publications

2015 Book Review of *Racial Reckoning: Prosecuting America's Civil Rights Murders* by Renee C. Romano in *The Journal of African American History* (Forthcoming).
2015 Book Review of *Fighting their own Battles: Mexican Americans, African Americans and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Texas* by Brian D. Behnken in *The Journal of African American History* (Forthcoming).
2009 B.A. Thesis: *The Marijuana Legalization Continuum: A Look at the Industrial, Medical, and Recreational Uses of Cannabis*. Published by Montezuma Publishing.

Conferences

2009 Student Research Symposium. Presented oral synopsis of B.A. thesis.

Professional Activities

2015 Accepted into the Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP) and placed with the Employee Rights Center in San Diego. Interviewed and documented the health and safety concerns of mobile food vendors operating in the informal economy.
2014 Teaching assistant for Introduction to American and California Government and Politics.

Research Experience

- 2014 "The Effects of Majority Black Districts on African-American Representation." Analyzed the extent to which race-conscious redistricting contributed to African-American descriptive representation.
- 2014 "Explaining Variation in State Incarceration Rates: A Comparative Analysis of Arizona and New Mexico." Used a most-similar analysis to compare various theories of variance in incarceration rates between these two states.
- 2014 "Coming Out: The Construction of Marijuana Users and the Effects of Personal Connections." Designed a research experiment to apply the "Coming Out" literature from the LGBT field to increased acceptance of marijuana users.
- 2014 "How Policies Change: The Framing of Abortion Politics." Expanded the Social Construction of Target Populations framework to include a predictive component by including elements from the policy framing literature.
- 2013 "Approaches for Perpetual Peace." Critical review of Immanuel Kant's approach in "Perpetual Peace."

Special Skills

Bilingual: Fluent in Spanish

Statistical Analysis: Familiar with SPSS Statistical Software