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### **Education**

M.S., Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Expected (2022)  
Applied Economics and Management

B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA 2019

- Majors: Political Science and Economics Cumulative GPA: 3.95
- Minor: Peace-Building and Conflict Resolution; Dean's List Eight Semesters; Student Marshall 2 Semesters
- Studied Abroad at University of Limerick, Ireland | Summer 2018
- Thesis: Examination of the Electricity Approach as a Measure of the Shadow Economy; Granted Distinction; Advisor: Dr. Amy Diduch

### **Conference Presentations and Invited Talks**

- Examination of the Electricity Approach as a Measure of the Shadow Economy. Poster presentation at 2019 Mary Baldwin Capstone Festival, Staunton, VA, May 2019.
- Examination of the Electricity Approach as a Measure of the Shadow Economy. Oral presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual VCU Politics and Government Student Research Conference, Richmond, VA, April 2019.
- The Keep It Clean Project. Oral presentation at Staunton's Rotary Club Meeting, Staunton, VA, April 2018

### **Grants, Fellowships, Awards, and Certifications**

- Omicron Delta Epsilon Inductee (Economics International Honor Society) Spring 2019
- SunTrust Bank Scholarship Fall 2016 to Spring 2019
- Irene Sarnelle Study Abroad Scholarship Spring 2019
- Bloomberg Market Concepts Certification June 2018
- Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science National Honor Society) Spring 2017
- Carpenter Society Inductee (Interfaith Academic Group) Spring 2017
- New-Gen Peace Fellow (Co-Chair of Community Peace-Building Initiative) Fall 2017

### **Teaching Experience**

Teaching Assistant, PHIL 103, **Mary Baldwin University** Spring 2019

- Prepared lesson plans and notes for study sessions and collaborated with the Professor to optimize students' learning potential and ensure academic excellence.
- Engaged students one-on-one to provide additional tutoring on identifying logical fallacies, diagramming categorical syllogisms, and logical deduction.

Peer Advisor, **Mary Baldwin University** August 2016- February 2017

- Collaborated with peers to facilitate freshmen orientation events. Provided security and comfort to struggling students transitioning to college. Developed and implemented lesson plans on a weekly basis to orient peers with college life.

### **Professional Experience**

Graduate Research Assistant, **Cornell University**

January 2021 – Present

- Researching and analyzing input-output models, documented data generation methods in order to expand current ERS and FAO GFD data.
- Working with SAS, Stata, SQL, and Python programming language to compile data and by computing market shares, industry, and primary factor dollars for food at home, food away from home, and food and tobacco at home through Leontief models.
- Utilize Stata and SQL code to clean and linearize matrix data.

Legislative Intern, **VA-10 District and DC Office**

May 2019 – December 2019

- Addressed Constituent concerns in multiple issues such as the southern border crisis, Trump's presidency, gun ownership, LGBTQ+ rights, and the banking system; as well as prepared daily press clips, utilized programs such as IQ to record opinions and phone calls; attached and scanned sensitive casework documents; processed White House and Capital tours; and drafted letter responses to constituent correspondences.
- Regularly assembled preparatory materials for the Congresswoman's Financial Services Committee hearings; prepared legislative memos on foreign policy, international trade, domestic tax policy, and alternative energy; and compiled resources on pro-bono legal representation, social services, and non-profits to assist District Staff with casework.
- Attended briefings and hearings to record and organize information into a comprehensive memo for Legislative Staff, ranging in topics such as the Department of Labor's enforcement of COBRA/HIPAA, alternative education funding models, and the Kashmir humanitarian crisis.

Intern, **Staunton African American Research Society**

Fall 2017- Spring 2018

- Provided reliable insights in organizational meetings, including recruitment of two additional students and implementing new online revenue collection, to maximize donations received.
- Assisted in the documentation of the organizations meetings, in addition to supporting research on Staunton's African American history.
- Spearheaded marketing campaigns for organized community events, such as a Christmas event and a fashion show, increasing awareness and attendance for event by at least 50%.

Intern, **The American Cancer Society's Augusta Relay for Life**

Fall 2017

- Self-directed a community map project to collect and log data on car dealerships, schools, law firms, and other businesses for The American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life"
- Established a database and a legacy for the organization to expediently secure funds
- Engaged and collaborated with a fellow intern to complete the community map

### **Community Involvement**

Radio Show Guest on the Three Continents Music Show, **WQSV Staunton**

Spring 2018

- Established rapport with the radio host and assisted in recording over three hours of content on Vietnamese music and culture.
- Selected and entered Vietnamese music for the show's world music program.
- Served as Staunton's sole source of information on Vietnamese culture on air.

Co-President of the Keep It Clean Project, **New-Generation Peace Builders**

Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

- Raised environmental awareness on campus and in the Staunton community, partnering with Augusta Alliance, to represent the concerns of over 300 people in a petition sent to the elected Governor Ralph Northam.
- Presented information discovered in research on systematic violence with the Staunton Mayor and City General, as they related to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

- Researched and analyzed microeconomic impacts of geological and aquatic disturbances in addition to identifying legal circumvention of safety and environmental regulations by energy firms.

### **Campus Involvement**

2019 Class Treasurer, **Mary Baldwin University** Spring 2017- Spring 2018

- Allocated funds (handled more than \$10,000) and organized campus-wide events throughout the academic year.

Student Advocate, **Mary Baldwin University** Spring 2016- Spring 2017

- Protected the academic and personal integrity of students by providing confidential counseling and advocacy; developed close ties to students by supporting their rights and prevented judicial and honor boards from unfairly prosecuting students.
- Organized on-campus events in order to increase regulation awareness.
- Represented clients by cross-examining evidence and providing testimony during resolutions and hearings.

Reporter, **Mary Baldwin's Election Live Broadcast** Fall 2016

- Collected data on political opinions and interviewed students, faculty, and staff live on election day

### **Volunteer Experience**

Volunteer, **Staunton Valley Mission** Spring 2019

- Looked for jobs available to people without college degrees. Assisted people in filling out applications for various social services such as Medicaid and the SNAP program.

Lobbyist, **Mary Baldwin University** Fall 2018

- Met with multiple state legislators at the general assembly in Richmond to discuss the importance of Virginia's Tuition Assistance Grant and expressed gratitude for their contributions toward funding higher education for constituents

Volunteer, **School of the Deaf and the Blind's AMI Urban Farm** Fall 2016

- Managed the farm through manual labor, planting, weeding, harvesting, and packaging of crops

Shenandoah Valley Forensics League Judge, **Turner-Ashby HS** November 2015

- Monitored the Shenandoah Valley Forensics League by serving as a judge at their debate tournament.
- Collaborated with students and teachers to facilitate an educational environment for their debate competition. Critiqued students on their forensic technique and deductive reasoning.

### **Languages**

- Fluent in Oral Vietnamese and Conversational in written Vietnamese

### **Software**

- Excel, SPSS, Stata, SAS, SQL Management Studio

