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Education

Boston University, Boston, MA

Ph.D., Political Science, *expected 2018*

M.A., Political Science, 2015

Simmons College, Boston, MA

B.A., *cum laude* with departmental honors, 2013

Major: Political Science, Minor: Public Policy

Experience

Teaching

Boston University, Graduate Teaching Fellow

Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2015

Introduction to Public Policy, Spring 2015

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2014

Research

Boston University, Research Assistant for Professor John Gerring, 2016

Boston University, Research Assistant for Professor Maxwell Palmer, 2015

Simmons College, Research Assistant for Professor Benjamin Cole, 2012 – 2013

Amnesty International, Northeast Regional Office Research Intern, Summer 2011

Conference Presentations

New England Council of Latin American Studies, November 2015, Medford, MA

Western Political Science Association, April 2015, Las Vegas, NV

New England Council of Latin American Studies, November 2014, Storrs, CT

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2014, Chicago, IL

International Consortium for Social Development, July 2013, Kampala Uganda

Publications

International Affairs Review. “Chasing El Chapo.” July 25, 2015

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Boston University, Latin American Studies Research Travel Grant, 2015

Boston University, Graduate Teaching Fellowship, 2014 – 2018

Boston University, Dean’s Fellowship, 2013 – 2014

Simmons College, Carroll F. Miles Award, 2013

Skills

Languages: English and Spanish

Computing: R, Stata, Excel, Python, LaTeX

Research Interests

Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology

Regional Focus: Central America and Mexico

Specific Interests: Citizen Security, Corruption, Organized Crime, Political and Criminal Violence