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Education

PhD Political Science	2026
University of Connecticut	GPA 3.8
Master of Business Administration	2018
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky	GPA 3.8
Master of Arts Sociology	2016
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario	GPA 3.7
▪ Produced original qualitative analysis of Canadian and American parenting magazines	
Honors Bachelor of Arts Sociology, Specialization Crime and Deviance	2015
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario	GPA 3.6
▪ Produced original quantitative analysis of the impact of the media on an individuals' fear of crime	
Ontario College Diploma with Distinction, Law and Security Administration	2012
Conestoga College, Waterloo, Ontario	GPA 3.6

Awards, Certifications, and Additional Education

Howard L. Reiter Memorial Award for Political Science Graduate Education UConn	April 2023
Mathematical Models: Rational Choice Theories of Politics & Society ICPSR Summer Program	July 2022
Social Network Analysis: Introduction ICPSR Summer Program	July 2022
Howard L. Reiter Memorial Award for Political Science Graduate Education UConn	April 2022
Grammar Refresher from University of Waterloo Professional Development	October 2020
College Algebra and Problem Solving from Arizona State University	September 2020
Lean Six Sigma Green Belt from LeanCor LLC	April 2018
Global Strategy and Commerce from World Trade Center of Kentucky	January 2018
Fundamentals of Project Management from LeanCor LLC	June 2017

Papers in Progress

Right to Stand Up? Cross-National Analysis of Labor Rights and Union Repression

Does Coffee Reflect the Assembly Line? Studying small bargaining units at Starbucks stores and how they reflect our understanding of large unions

Was it War? An analysis of the Freedom Convoy using personal accounts and Canadian print media to answer the question, was it war?

Conference Presentations

Northeastern Political Science Association Boston, Massachusetts	May 2023
Right to Stand Up? Cross-National Analysis of Labor Rights and Union Repression; presented on "International Law, Rules, and Soft Power"	
Labor and Employment Relations Association Annual Meeting Detroit, Michigan	June 2023
Can the Few Replace the Many? Interpreting the New Wave of Union-Based Collective Action Focused on Smaller Groups; presented on "New Research on Unions and Collective Action Best Paper Panel"	

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New England Political Science Association Mystic, Connecticut

May 2023

Can the Few Replace the Many? Interpreting the New Wave of Union-Based Collective Action Focused on Smaller Groups; presented on "Authority and Agents Panel"

Unpublished Original Research

"If we can prevent children from dying unnecessarily, I don't see a downside": An analysis of Vaccinations, Children, Parenting and Vulnerability in Parents and Today's Parent articles about Childhood Vaccinations. Masters Thesis defended September 2016

Media Consumption and Fear of Crime: What is the Impact? A survey of 350 undergraduate students assessing their consumption of media and related fear of crime. Honours Thesis defended April 2015

Work Experience

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Connecticut, Human Rights Institute, Storrs, Connecticut

August 2021 – Present

- Conduct qualitative and quantitative research related to human rights and armed conflict
- Develop and support multiple research projects for a variety of subsidiaries
- Support research with the Business and Human Rights Initiative

Sales Manager

Penske Truck Leasing, Cambridge, Ontario

September 2020 – July 2021

- Manage and promote sales for three main offices and eight satellite locations
- Develop and present customer pitches supporting customers through the entire sales process
- Mentor and train junior associates about the sales process to ensure their success

Assistant Operations Manager

Penske Truck Leasing, Lexington, Kentucky/ Hamilton, Ontario

September 2018 – September 2020

- Effectively manage logistics, sales, and customer relations to ensure the success of our clients' businesses
- Analyze market trends, competitors, and P&L statements to make effective business decisions
- Mentor and lead other associates to ensure their success, as well as the success of the business

Marketing and Supply Chain Intern

Habitat for Humanity, Lexington, Kentucky

September 2017 – May 2018

- Lead a team conducting qualitative and quantitative research to inform organizational growth
- Identified unique avenues for funding and cost savings to ensure the success of the organization

Teaching Assistant

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario

September 2015 – April 2016

- Worked directly with the course instructor to coordinate course-work, grade assignments, and manage the online student interface
- Provided the first line of conflict resolution with students, and provided resources when appropriate