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EDUCATION

University at Buffalo SUNY

Ph.D., Political Science

Advisor: Conor M. Dowling

Buffalo, NY

Expected May 2029

University at Buffalo SUNY

M.A., Political Science

Buffalo, NY

Expected May 2029

University at Buffalo, SUNY

B.A., Political Science

summa cum laude

Buffalo, NY

May 2024

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics; Public Law; Democracy and Electoral Systems; Political Behavior

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University at Buffalo, SUNY

Instructor of Record, Political Science

Buffalo, NY

Fall 2025 – Present

- PSC 408LLB Basic Statistics for Social Science
- Instruct labs on statistics, including descriptive statistics, hypothesis testing, bivariate statistics, and regression analysis and lecture to over 120 students across four recitations
- Develop lecture material, write Excel and R code demonstrations, grade assignments and exams, hold weekly office hours, and mentor students

University at Buffalo, SUNY

Teaching Assistant, Political Science

Buffalo, NY

- PSC 301LEC Cases in Civil Liberties Spring 2025
- PSC 305LEC Judicial Politics Spring 2025
- PSC 321LEC Criminal Procedures II: Bail to Jail Spring 2024
- PSC 322LEC Criminal Procedures I: Investigation Fall 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Working Papers

“A Field Experiment on Direct Voter Contact in Buffalo’s University Heights” with Jacob Neiheisel and R.J. Haq (in progress)

“Beyond Initial Adoption: Modeling Sustained Relative Compliance to Supreme Court Precedent in the U.S. Court of Appeals, 1980-2024” (in progress)

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“A Field Experiment on Direct Voter Contact in Buffalo’s University Heights” with Jacob Neiheisel and R.J. Haq (in progress), Rochester Area Democracy Conference (May 2026)

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Basics of Artificial Intelligence (in progress)
International Security (in progress)
Political Parties (in progress)
Experimental Design & Analysis
Event History Analysis
Voting & Public Opinion
International Politics
Advanced Statistics for Social Science
Judicial Process
Comparative Politics
State Politics
Intermediate Statistics for Social Science
American Politics
Comparative Judicial Politics
Introduction to Political Inquiry
Basic Statistics for Social Science

HONORS & AWARDS

Advanced Honors Scholar, University at Buffalo SUNY	2024
Robert H. Stern Prize for Undergraduate Excellence in Political Science, UB SUNY	2024
Visions of Social Justice Award, University at Buffalo SUNY	2026
Service Project Impact Award, SUNY	2026

ACADEMIC SERVICE

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, UB SUNY	2025 – Present
Graduate Member, UB Votes Committee, UB SUNY	2025 – Present

LEADERSHIP & OUTREACH

Ambassador of Civic Engagement, University at Buffalo SUNY	Aug. 2025 – Present
- Facilitate workshops and presentations promoting civic engagement and voter participation in a nonpartisan capacity - Coordinate programming and mentor students as part of the Empire State Service Corps	
Voter Contact Specialist, Dept. of Political Science, University at Buffalo SUNY	Fall 2025
Community Forum Facilitator, Politics, Philosophy, & Economics Program	December 2025

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association	2026 – Present
Southern Political Science Association	2026 – Present
Western Political Science Association	2026 – Present
Midwest Political Science Association	2025 – Present
Phi Beta Kappa	2024 – Present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of U.S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand	Buffalo, NY
<i>Regional Office Intern</i>	Sept. 2023 – May 2024
• Conducted policy research on constituent issues and federal grant applicants; produced memos and formal correspondence • Managed constituent communications and administrative workflows while maintaining confidentiality and professionalism	

University at Buffalo Student Association, Inc.	Buffalo, NY
<i>Elections and Credentials Chairperson</i>	Spring 2024
• Administered elections for Board of Directors and 170+ student organizations • Implemented reforms that increased voter turnout by 81.6%	

<i>Board of Directors Chairperson</i>	Sept. 2022 – Sept. 2023
• Led board governance, set agendas, and chaired meetings • Managed allocation of a \$4 million budget supporting student organizations	

REFERENCES

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