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EDUCATION

PhD	University of California, Davis , Political Science Incoming Provost Fellow in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	In Progress
MA	California State University, Fullerton , Political Science Thesis: "Political Applications of Agnotology and Constructed Ignorance" Advisor: Dr. Brian Lovato	May 2023
BA	California State University, Fullerton , Psychology Minored in Political Science	May 2020
AA	Irvine Valley College , Psychology, Teacher Education	May 2018

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

California State University Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) Fellow 2023

The Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) is designed to support doctoral students who demonstrate promise as CSU faculty. Fellows utilize grant funds to further their doctoral training and to attend professional conferences and workshops that can enhance their professional development. The goal of the grants is to support fellows by awarding them seed funds to enhance their skills and experience to teach a diverse student body at the CSU.

Provost's Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (\$51,000) 2023

The UC Davis Provost's Fellowship is an initiative that distributes funding to competitive first-year Ph.D. students chosen based on academic performance within their programs of study. Funding aims to help the graduate recipients focus more on their coursework and research goals.

Outstanding MA Student in Political Science Award (Certificate of Recognition) 2023

This award is given to a student whose overall academic performance, including grades and performance on the written and oral exams, distinguishes them as academically outstanding. The student is nominated and selected upon the advice of Political Science faculty serving on student graduate committees and the program adviser.

APSA Diversity Fellowship (\$5,000) 2022

A fellowship competition sponsored by the American Political Science Association for APSA members from underrepresented backgrounds applying to or in the early stages of doctoral programs in political science.

Pa'lante Fellowship (\$1,000) 2022

A fellowship program that builds a network of social support, faculty mentoring, and research co-curriculars for current graduate students. Part of Project upGRADS and funded under the U.S. Dept. of Education's Title V, pt. B, PPOHA program.

Graduate Equity Fellowship (\$1,000) 2022

A fellowship program seeking to increase the diversity of students completing graduate degree programs at the CSU, encouraging continuation toward doctoral programs, and promoting consideration of university faculty careers.

USC POIR Pre-Doctoral Institute for First-Gen Scholars of Color Fellowship 2022

A fellowship institute targeted towards first-generation and minority graduate students interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in political science.

Project upGRADS META Scholar (\$100 academic stipend) 2021

META (Master's Early Transition & Access Summer Bridge Program) is a summer bridge program to support other under-represented graduate students by providing college/discipline-based workshops on graduate writing and research.

OC Black Community Heroes 2020

For excellence in volunteering and HIV/PLwHIV & LGBTQ+ health advocacy in policy and community networking on behalf of Radiant Health Clinic.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Psychology, Political Epistemology and Ignorance, Agnotology, Misinformation, Health Politics and Policy, American Parties, Psephology, US Grand Strategy, Russian Revanchism

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Corporate Development Analyst Nov 2021 to Present
Excelera Health, Newport Beach, CA

- Aided in the public company readiness of a health technology startup with multiple Medicare contract in both Fee-For-Service and Medicare Advantage models
- Manage the corporate insurance portfolios and auditing schedules of five entities
- Produce and curate Investor Deck Content for prospective private equity investors & SPACs
- Construct and implement managed health care workflows within CMS's MA HMO, GPDC, and ACO REACH models
- Work with government agencies like Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), CDPH, and DMHC

Finance Project Analyst/Interim Project Manager April 2020 to Nov 2021
Connected Care Health Services, Newport Beach, CA

- Led as Interim Manager for the MAPD Enrollments and Eligibility Dept and Prescription Drug Reconciliation Program
- Served on the Social Analysis & Minority Health Team and developed a Medicare-tailored SDOH Program and CRCCP
- Worked alongside the CFO and Health Plan Pharmacist on MAPD Financial Operations, including PBM Auditing, Plan-to-Plan Part D Payment Reconciliation, and Financial Information Reporting (FIR & Nx) transactions

Facility Intern Aug 2019 to February 2020
Radiant Health Centers, Irvine, CA

- Booth and advocate on behalf of Radiant Health to provide the public with accurate information about HIV/AIDS at corporations, churches, health fairs and other community events.

Poll Worker Nov 2014 to Nov 2018

Orange County Registrar of Voters, Santa Ana, CA

- Worked various local, special, midterm, primary, and general elections as well as trained future poll workers leading up to the election cycle
- Offered promotion to Polling Inspector in recognition of performance (Declined)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA Aug 2021 to June 2023

GSA/Teaching Assistant, Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice

- Create engaging course content for undergraduate students in the PAJ Department
- Collaborate with full-time faculty and professors to address student academic needs
- Lectured Topics: CA 2021 Recall Election, Financial Incentive within Interest Groups & Parties, De Facto and De Jure Policy Diffusion during the Civil Rights Movement, Confirmation Process of a SCOTUS Nominee, and History of American Parties

California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA Jan 2022 to June 2023

Academic Advisor, Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice

- Advise current and prospective undergraduate students enrolled in any of the nine degrees offered within the PAJ Department
- Train and onboard incoming graduate advisors

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA 2022 to 2023

Master's Thesis, Advisor: Dr. Brian Lovato

- Topic: Political Agnotology and Socially Constructed Ignorance in Politics
- Examining Agnotology within Platonian and Machiavellian philosophy, Arendtian Phenomenology, Public Health & Business, the Nixon Presidency, and Nuclear Epistemology

Excelera Health, Newport Beach, CA 2022

Population Health Program Developer, under Dr. Diane Pham, CQO

- Develop a Health Equity Plan, Patient Demographic Data Reporting Program and Social Determinants of Health Program for an ACO REACH of 20,000+ beneficiaries

Connected Care Health Services, Newport Beach, CA 2020 to 2021

Cost Control & Program Developer under Holly Brenier, CFO

- Ran cost analysis and program evaluation on a Medicare Advantage HMO Colorectal Cancer Screening & Control program
- Research findings resulted in an optimization of internal care delivery workflows cutting program costs by 82% and expanding reach within the denominator population by 93%

PAPERS & PROJECTS

Working Papers

Ward, J. - "Psychic Distance Paradox and the Covid-19 Flash Recession: Analyzing Global Stock Indices and Behavioral Economic Responses to a Pandemic".

Corporate White Papers

Ward, J., “dxCOVID: A Framework for Comprehensive Pandemic Testing” Connected Care Health Services & Discovery Genomics, Inc, Nov 2020.

Ward, J., “The Fault in Our Stars: CMS's Star Rating System and How COVID-19 Will Affect Health Plans in 2021” Connected Care Health Services, May 2020.

Undergraduate Capstone Research Projects

Ward, J., “Coattails Effect in the 2016 Presidential Election: The Impact of Presidential Candidate Likeability on Down-Ballot Voting” POSC 401, Dec 2019.

Ward, J., “Political Perception and Cognition: Prediction of Illusory Correlation and Political Ideology as a Social Category” PSYC 305, May 2019.

Ward, J., “Perceived Prejudice: Political Ideology, Implicit Bias, and Negative Preferential Consumption” PSYC 2, May 2018.

Course Papers

Ward, J., “Philosophical Insights of Antiquity on Ignorance and Governance,” POSC 540, May 2023.

Ward, J., “A Rousseauian Look at History: Stadial Theory, Aesthetics, and Effective Altruism,” POSC 540, May 2023.

Ward, J., “Conservative News Consumption & Democratic Backsliding,” POSC 501, May 2023.

Ward, J., “Remarks on Mill, Athenian Democracy, and Ostrakismos as Benevolent Censorship,” POSC 540, April 2023.

Ward, J., “Waxing Order or Waning Hegemon: Arguments on an Enduring Pax Americana Hegemony,” POSC 555, Dec 2022.

Ward, J., “Judicial Restraint: Consequential Applications of Self-limitation in the Supreme Court,” POSC 515, Dec 2022.

Ward, J., “The Actor and the Audience: The Consummation of Political Freedom through Arendt, Veblen, and the Athenians,” POSC 541, May 2022.

Ward, J., “The Political Influences on the Implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act,” POSC 528, May 2022.

Ward, J., “The Art of Revenge, Discourse, and Secrecy: Russian Revanchism & Irredentism,” POSC 551, May 2022.

Ward, J., “Sparking the Debate: Policy Analysis of the Texan Power Grid,” POSC 519, Dec 2021.

Ward, J., “Critique on Marxist Theory of Teleology: Negro Exclusion and Expendability,” POSC 340, May 2020.

Ward, J., "A House Divided: Analyzing the Psychological and Electoral Response of the Post-2008 GOP," PSYC 318, April 2020.

Ward, J., "What Do We Owe Each Other: Society, Aesthetics, and the White Moderate on Black Issues," POSC 340, April 2020.

Ward, J., "Re-examining the HIV+ Stigma: Structuration Approach as a Framework to Social Stigma," PSYC 499, Dec 2019.

Ward, J., "The Warren Campaign Roadmap to Millennial Middle-Class Engagement and Turnout," POSC 310, Oct 2019.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Poster Presentation, "Post-Truth Pandemic: Agnotology and Epistemic Sources within Political Science and Public Health," HSS Student Research Symposium, April 7, 2022.

Poster Presentation, "What Do We Owe Each Other: Society, Aesthetics, and the White Moderate on Black Issues," HSS Student Research Symposium, April 7, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society, 2020 – Present

- Member of the award-winning Epsilon Eta Chapter at CSU Fullerton
- Serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the CSUF Chapter for the 2022-2023 academic year
- Led the creation and development of two campus fellowship programs targeting student scholars in the department IHO of retiring professor and advisor Dr. Valerie O'Regan
- Established the Programs Committee to oversee fellowship programming

International Political Science Association, 2022 - Present

American Political Science Association, 2020 – Present

- [American Political Science Association Diversity Fellowship, 2023](#)

American Psychological Association, 2019 - 2022

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Event Coordinator & Host

["All Politics is Local", a speaker series by Pi Sigma Alpha, 2022](#)

- Moderated a speaker event with invited speakers Raphael J. Sonenshein, Executive Director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State Los Angeles, and Jodi Balma of Fullerton College

Moderator

Annual CSUF Political Town Hall Conference, 2022

- Moderated undergraduate policy research groups along with Buena Park Council Member Conner Traut

- Discussed the role of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in providing health care services and policy rollouts during the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency

Health Conference Ambassador

OC Free Health Fair, 2019

- Represented and spoke on behalf of Radiant Health and RADAR at the 2019 OC Free Health Fair in Fountain Valley, CA.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

United Nations Association CSUF

Chapter Member, 2019

Psi Beta IVC Chapter

Chapter Member, 2017 to 2018

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Spanish: Intermediate Listener, Novice Speaker, Novice Reading and Writing

Korean: Novice Reading and Writing

Japanese: 2 semesters formal classroom training (novice)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming: SPSS, Python, R (novice), SQL (novice)

Applications: Power BI, SAP, Canva, Microsoft Office, G Suite, ClientTrack, EZCAP, Epic EHR Systems