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Action-oriented, equity-driven researcher with a track record of successful project production and completion. Rigorous analytical and synthetic problem solver with high-value communication skills. A capital efficient, collaborative leader with experience capacity building and engaging a diverse array of governmental, institutional, community, public, and private stakeholders.

SKILLS

Qualitative Methods; Written and Oral Communication; Stakeholder Engagement; Project Management; Fundraising

EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow

Aug 2022 - Present

Southern Methodist University (SMU)

Dallas, TX

- Co-Principle Investigator of Global Oral History of President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).
 - Leading in-progress development of a first of its kind, open-access database of oral interviews with PEPFAR stakeholders, including policymakers, medical practitioners, care recipients, and nongovernmental organizations across the North American and African continents.
 - Obtained seed funding through institutional and academic partnerships to facilitate hiring of multiple researchers across the postgraduate and graduate level and start-up costs for data management.
 - Developing partnerships between U.S. and South African institutions, principally SMU and University of Johannesburg in pilot phase. Laying groundwork for project expansion for transatlantic collaborations with universities across the African continent, specifically in Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda.

Associate Policy Researcher

Aug 2022 - Present

Bridging Divides Initiative (BDI), Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

- Led monitoring and evaluation implementation of multi-state research project, which included action-oriented research, briefings of policymakers and community advocates, and public media engagement.
- Managed strategic partnerships with academic, non-profit, and governmental donors that facilitated the development of a [first-of-its kind](#) national data set on threats and harassment to local officials.
- Crafted and lead-authored three action-oriented research reports examining political violence utilizing open source data scraping, dozens of oral interviews across 20+ research sites with diverse stakeholders, and descriptive statistics. Managed research and writing teams in report production. Drew national coverage from [Washington Post](#) and local press and facilitated briefings with policy, advocacy, and community stakeholders.
 - [In Their Own Words](#): Threats and Harassment Facing Local Officials; [Case Study](#): Mecklenburg, North Carolina (December 2022); [Case Study](#): Grand Traverse, Michigan (December 2022).

Predoxal Fellow in History and Policy

Aug 2020 - May 2022

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School

Cambridge, MA

- Designed and executed a six-year research project on global white nationalism using qualitative research

methods including analyzing, visualizing, and maintaining and archival data. Compiled and analyzed data from over ten different research sites across two continents in a ten month period.

- Project successes: two publications, five awards in national and institutional competitions, >\$100,000 in grant funding, >25 public, academic, and policy talks, and a book contract with Columbia University Press.
 - Peer-Reviewed Articles: "[Infernal Handiwork](#)" (2021) and "[Tending the Flock](#)" (2019).
 - Awards: Outstanding Dissertation Award for 2023 for Humanities and Fine Arts, Lathrop Prize for Best Dissertation in History, Honorable Mention for the Bernath Scholarly Article Prize for "Infernal Handiwork," Finalist for the Toynbee Prize First Book Manuscript Workshop, Semi-Finalist for the Janne Nolan Prize for Best Article on National Security/International Affairs.
 - Project Investors: Mellon Foundation, American Council of Learned Societies, Newcombe Foundation, Social Science Research Council, PEO International, and Clements Center for History, Strategy and Statecraft.

COMMUNICATION

Discourse Shaper: Communication across written and oral medium, long and short form sharing analytical insights to drive public engagement on critical topics.

- Opinion: "Finding Reagan in Reagan Foreign Policy," in "Writing About Reagan," ([Passport](#) January 2022); "Parallels Between White Supremacy in South Africa and the US," ([Inkstick Media](#) 2021); and "The only surefire way to stop foreign interference in our elections" ([Washington Post](#) 2020).
- Interviews: "At all levels of public office, threats now come with the job," ([Washington Post](#), 2023); white supremacists' and Putin after the Ukraine invasion ([AJ+](#) 2022); the 10th anniversary of the 2011 Norway terrorist attack ([AJ+](#) 2021); the 28th anniversary of white supremacist terror in South Africa ([The World](#) 2021); and militia violence and the attempted kidnapping of Gov. Whitmer, ([CNN International](#), 2020).
- Podcast Hosting: [Right Rising](#) founder, host, and producer, almost 30,000 unique downloads in second season analyzing global rightwing violence; [15 Minute History](#) host and technical editor, most listened to history podcast on iTunes U with over 100,000 unique downloads bringing expert insights to the public.

Educator and Leader: Facilitating high value learning and critical thinking amongst diverse populations across topical issues, possessing certifications in inclusive learning design and advanced teaching preparation.

- Designed and taught a custom course for SMU in Spring 2023, enrolling 30 upper division students on the History of the American White Power Movement (Spring 2023).
- Trained instructors in developing self-guided learning curriculums for "high fail" courses at the University of Texas at Austin in History, Political Science, American Studies, and Classics (2018-2019).
- Supplementally instructed two "high fail" U.S. history courses - with in-person and online learners, supporting 300+ students per week and a "Signature Course" on Violence in American Society at UT Austin (2017-2019).

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, History, University of Texas at Austin	2022
Master of Arts, History, University of Texas at Austin	2018
Bachelor of Arts, History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2016

- Highest distinction and highest honors