**Summary**

Passionate and dedicated advocate with a strong foundation in political theory, public policy, and social justice. Currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Political and Social Justice Studies to deepen expertise in community organizing, policy analysis, and human rights advocacy. Proven ability to conduct in-depth research, communicate complex ideas, and mobilize support for social change initiatives. Seeking to apply advanced knowledge in a role focused on public service, non-profit management, or grassroots organizing.

**Education**

**Master of Arts in Political and Social Justice Studies** | Expected May 2026

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* *Relevant Coursework:* Political and Social Justice Theory, Public Policy and Advocacy, Research Methods in Social Justice, Community Organizing and Activism, Global Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion in Public Service

**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science** | May 2024

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Urbana, IL

* *Relevant Coursework:* American Government, International Relations, Public Law, Political Theory

**Experience**

**Research Assistant** | August 2024 – Present

Governors State University Department of Political Science | University Park, IL

* Supported a faculty research project on the impact of local policy on housing inequality.
* Conducted literature reviews, gathered data from government archives, and assisted with statistical analysis.
* Contributed to the drafting of a research paper for a departmental publication.

**Campaign Organizer** | June 2024 – August 2024

Local Political Campaign | Chicago, IL

* Recruited and trained a team of 15 volunteers for a local election.
* Led canvassing and phone banking efforts, resulting in a 20% increase in voter engagement in the target district.
* Managed campaign data using a voter management database to track outreach and support.

**Projects**

**M.A. Capstone Project: Analyzing the Impact of Urban Redevelopment on Community Equity** | May 2026 Governors State University | University Park, IL

* Conducted a qualitative case study on a specific urban redevelopment project, interviewing community members and local stakeholders.
* Wrote a comprehensive report on the project's social and economic impacts, providing recommendations for more equitable policy.

**Policy Analysis Presentation: The Future of Renewable Energy in Illinois** | November 2025

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* Researched current renewable energy policies in Illinois and evaluated their effectiveness.
* Presented a detailed analysis of policy strengths and weaknesses, proposing new legislative actions to a mock city council.

**Awards & Certificates**

* **GSU Academic Excellence Scholarship:** (2024-2026)
* **Dean's List:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

**Volunteer Work**

**Civil Rights Non-Profit Intern** | September 2023 – May 2024

Illinois Civil Liberties Union | Chicago, IL

* Assisted with legal research and case file preparation under the supervision of a staff attorney.
* Participated in community outreach events to educate the public on their constitutional rights.

**Homelessness Advocacy Group Volunteer** | June 2023 – August 2023

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless | Chicago, IL

* Assisted in organizing and distributing resources to unhoused individuals.
* Attended weekly meetings to discuss policy initiatives and strategize for advocacy efforts.

**Skills**

* **Research & Analysis:** Policy Analysis, Qualitative & Quantitative Research, Data Collection, Statistical Software (R, SPSS)
* **Advocacy & Organizing:** Grassroots Organizing, Public Speaking, Stakeholder Engagement, Policy Development
* **Communication:** Technical Writing, Grant Writing, Public Relations, Cross-Cultural Communication
* **Software:** Microsoft Office Suite, Google Workspace, LexisNexis, Westlaw