

BARACK H. OBAMA
Curriculum Vitae
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Objective: Obtain position as Graduate Research Assistant in the Political Science Department at Columbia University, utilizing five years of progressive experience in student research.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Political Science and Government student, currently at Columbia University with 5 years of experience in scholarly research
- Active volunteer in the community with underprivileged and homeless programs
- Two research studies published in scholarly journals
- Participated in two 6-month gubernatorial internships in Washington, D.C.
- Founder of journal and student organization while in college
- Recipient of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship in Lebanon

SUMMARY OF SKILLS

- Advanced scholarly writing skills
- Knowledgeable about research methods and design, particularly in political matters
- STATA & SPSS Statistical Research Software
- Bilingual English (oral and written competence) and Spanish (conversational)

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

EDUCATION

Degrees:

- Master of Arts, Columbia University, May 2015
Political Science concentration
- Bachelor of Arts, Stephen F. Austin State University, December 2011
Government major, International Studies minor

Academic Achievements:

- Graduated with Highest Distinguished Honors
- Magna Cum Laude, GPA: 3.79
- President's List Award, 6 semesters
- Dean's List Award, 2 semesters

Affiliations:

- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- Phi Theta Alpha Honor Society
- Golden Key International Honor Society
- Stephen F. Austin State University Honors College
- Alpha Lambda Delta, National Academic Society for Freshman
- Stephen F. Austin State University UNICEF organization, Founder and President

HONOR THESIS

Stephen F. Austin State University Rotaract Club

Determinants of U.S. congressional members' activism on Middle Eastern issues

Thesis mentor: Dr. Joseph Biden, Regents Professor

Columbia University

Abstract:

A systematic investigative research project was designed to study the correlations between poverty, religion, and social conflict in the Middle East. The research points out uneven distribution of wealth as one of the central issues affecting poverty rates and social tension in Middle Eastern countries. The policies implemented by Middle Eastern governments are primordial to address this important issue. The policies should be designed to both sustain economic downturns and income distribution reform, in order to diminish the high rates of poverty and social conflict in this region. In addition, entire governmental systems in this area are at risk due to the persistence of these problems, along with religious conflicts. Assistance on regulation enforcement from international entities and organizations can mitigate these problems by provide prospective viable solutions without viable affecting political sovereignty and democratic structures.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- USA-Today All-USA College Academic Second Team, 2011
- Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Outstanding Government Student, 2010
- Featured in SFASU's President's Report , 2010
- Who's Who Among College Students Award, 2010
- Featured in SFA's Center of Community Research newsletter, 2009
- Featured in SFASU's Government Department website, 2009
- U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award, Gold Recipient, 2009
- British Marshall Scholarship Finalist, 2012
- Rhodes Scholarship Nominee, 2012
- Harry S. Truman Scholarship Finalist, 2009
- Kappa Kappa Kappa Scholarship Fund, 2009-2010
- National Science Foundation's Research Experience for Undergraduates Fellowship, World Politics & Democracy, 2009
- Congressional Internship, D.C. Program Scholarship, Spring 2009
- SFASU Rotaract Club Travel Scholarship, 2008
- SFASU Scholarship, 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science, Columbia University, New York, New York

- Assisted Instructor Joseph Biden with Introduction to Political Science Course
- Graded assignments and tests
- Gave supplementary instruction to students who needed extra help

WORK EXPERIENCE

Intern

The White House, Washington, D.C.

- Lead weekly intern meetings in collaboration with staff
- Plan and implement both large community outreach events (300 people) and smaller policy briefings (30 people) by coordinating with administration officials and government agencies

- Draft public policy issues briefing memoranda for senior White House staff
- Manage projects and assignments for the liaison to the African-American community

Intern

Congressman Alfred Hitchcock (TX-33), U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

- Collaborated with staff on constituency matters
- Composed written materials distributed to over 60,000 constituents, and maintain constituency contact information using VOICE software

Student Assistant

Office of Government, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas

- Conducted receptionist and clerical duties for current and prospective students
- Provided excellent customer service to students, faculty, and staff that contacted main office
- Organized files and paperwork for department chair
- Guided prospective Political Science students during on-campus visits

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Scholarly Research Workshop, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, Spring 2011

- STATA & SPSS statistical software basic skills
- “Determinants of U.S. Congressional Activism on the Middle East.” Presented paper and poster session at Stephen F. Austin State University’s Undergraduate Research Conference, April 15, 2010.

Independent Research

Fall 2009

Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas

- Independent research course with Dr. Harley David, Assistant Professor
- Research Topic: Impact of the United Nations on human rights practices in Asia

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Government and Political Science
- Policymaking
- Poverty and Homelessness
- Middle Eastern Issues

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Middle Eastern relations with the United States
- Child Poverty and Homelessness
- Related Policies
- U.S. Congressional Activism

PUBLICATIONS

- Obama, B. (2013) “New York City: poverty and child homelessness.” American Journal of Economy.
- Obama, B. & Harley, D. (2010) “The Multidimensional Approach to Reducing Homelessness in the United States.” The Roosevelt Institute’s 10 Idea Series. Vol. 3.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Panel Chair. Session 10: Developing Societies Stephen F. Austin State University Undergraduate Research Conference, Nacogdoches, Texas, April 12, 2009.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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