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EDUCATION

Lewis & Clark College

Portland, OR

- *College of Arts and Sciences*: BA in Political Science, Oregon Maple Scholar
- *Relevant Coursework*: Global Justice, Eastern Europe: Borderlands, Civil Conflicts

May 2026

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Office of U.S. Representative Suzanne Bonamici | *Press Intern* | Washington, D.C.

May 2026-Present

- Lead constituents on tours of the Capitol, assist with press conferences, write memos, and attend hearings and briefings in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Caption and edit video clips of the Congresswoman, design graphics, draft social media posts, quotes, and press releases.
- Field constituent phone calls, sort correspondence, draft constituent letters, and complete special tasks for staff members.

The Mossy Log | *Managing Editor, News Section Editor* | Portland, OR

January 2024-May 2026

- Wrote articles based on in-depth interviews and focused research for a nationally ranked, student-run newspaper (19th in the nation by The Princeton Review).
- Managed a team of writers and section editors, providing feedback, guidance, and editorial direction.
- Designed and formatted newspaper layouts using Adobe InDesign for a biweekly publication cycle; edited 200+ articles for factual accuracy, style, and clarity.

Lewis & Clark College | *SAAB Tutor* | Portland, OR

September 2024-May 2026

- Selected by Prof. Todd Lochner as the tutor for POLS 103 Intro to American Politics and Prof. John Holzwarth for POLS 312 Pillars of Western Thought: The Fate of Democracy.
- Developed customized study plans and practice materials to support diverse learning styles and academic needs.
- Improved student performance by fostering critical thinking, essay writing, and exam preparation skills.

Office of U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley | *Congressional Intern* | Hybrid

September 2025-December 2025

- Conducted research, drafted memos and constituent letters, and collected clips for the foreign policy and communications teams.
- Assisted with public events, fielded constituent phone calls, and completed special tasks for staff members.
- Performed data entry and analysis, attended hearings and briefings, and supported casework duties.

ACTIVITIES

Democracy House | *YLSI Fellow, YLCAP Cohort Member* | Hybrid

June 2024-April 2025

- Competitively selected as a fellow for the Young Leaders Summer Institute; engaged in training with global experts in democratic advocacy, including Danielle Allen, Marshall Ganz and Nicole Bibbins Sedaca.
- Launched a summer food pantry for international students in need by building and managing a core leadership team, supported by one-on-one mentorship through the Civic Action Program.
- Exceeded fundraising goals by raising \$5,500 in two weeks through a student opt-in dining dollar donation drive.

PROJECTS

“Why Are There So Few Asian American Politicians?” | Undergraduate thesis

May 2026

- Analyzed FEC and CAWP data to determine disparities in campaign finance for Asian American primary candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives compared to other racial groups.
- Built multivariate regression models in R to assess relationships between race and campaign funding sources, finding greater reliance on individual contributions alongside lower party and PAC support for Asian candidates.

“Universals in Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika and Buddhism” | Philosophy paper

December 2024

- Conducted a comparative philosophical analysis of Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika and Buddhist theories of universals, critically evaluating modern thinkers Chakrabarti and Kumar to defend ontological realism.
- Earned a nomination and delivered a featured presentation at the 2025 Festival of Scholars and Artists.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Skills: Writing, Editing, Research, Journalism, Adobe Suite, R Programming

Interests: Drawing | Ancient history | Running | Intercultural learning