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EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS, Richardson, TX *Expected 2024*
Ph.D. in Public Affairs

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, Austin, TX *May 2016*
M.A. in Government with a focus on quantitative research

- Master’s Thesis: The Effect of Globalization on Voter Turnout (2016)

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL *August 2012*
M.A. in International Relations

- Master’s Thesis: The Great Debate Revisited: Economic Interdependence versus Hegemonic Power as an Impetus towards Regional Political Stability in Latin America (2012)

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Chicago, IL *May 2008*
M.B.A. with a specialization in Finance

- Outstanding Graduate Student Award (2008)

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, Kalamazoo, MI *April 2004*
B.A. in International and Comparative Politics *Minor in Spanish Language*

- Cum Laude • Honors Thesis in Political Science (2004)

UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE, Belgrade, Serbia *1997 – 2000*
Major in Arabic Language and Literature; Minor in Turkish Language

EXPERIENCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS, Richardson, TX *1/2017 – Present*
Graduate Assistant (August 2021 – Present)

- Assist with projects related to assessment of administrative units and academic programs in the Office of Programs, Assessment and Accreditation
- Development Research Associate (January 2017 – September 2020)*
- Designed surveys for fundraising directors to assess alumni engagement and philanthropic interests
 - Consulted fundraisers on designing questionnaires for determining the University’s schools’ specific research interests and then matched the identified research areas to potential industry donors
 - Determined appropriate data points to identify promising individual and corporate donors in the database of 200,000 records, created queries in Raiser’s Edge and analyzed exports in Excel and Stata
 - Simplified findings into easily understood gift capacity ratings for fundraising directors
 - Conducted legal vetting of potential naming donors as part of the UT System approval process

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, Austin, TX *8/2013 – 5/2016*
Graduate Student and Teaching Assistant

- Wrote a master’s thesis in which I identified a research problem, designed criteria to evaluate possible explanations, collected data, and tested findings statistically in Stata
- Independently developed syllabus and taught a five-week class on International Political Economy to 20 summer-exchange students from Russia
- Lectured on the causes of war in classes ranging from 50 to 75 undergraduate students

CENTER FOR GLOBAL PEACE THROUGH COMMERCE, Chicago, IL *1/2013 – 5/2013*
Research Intern

- Applied quantitative analysis to my above-mentioned Master’s Thesis from the University of Chicago

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO *9/2011 – 8/2012*
Community Fellow

- Conceived and implemented social activities for student residents, such as cultural events, country-specific presentations and language exchange programs

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CLUB, Chicago, IL

5/2009 – 6/2011

Executive Director (January 2010–June 2011)

- Consistently developed strong, sustainable relationships with international organizations, chambers of commerce, universities, ethnic artists, existing and potential members, media contacts, etc.
- Generated 50% increase in program attendance, 80% increase in membership, and 90% member retention rate over a period of two years

Marketing Manager/Event Planner (May 2009–January 2010)

- Planned, coordinated and executed networking events and programs for up to 100 guests
- Promoted events via newsletter with circulation of 200, social networks and news media

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Chicago, IL

8/2006 – 5/2009

Research Specialist (August 2008–May 2009)

- Analyzed the University's activities and trends and compared analyses against the service standards
- Presented findings with the VP of Finance and Administration to identify and implement strategies that addressed the University's Strategic Plan, whose objective was to increase student enrollment and improve the University's branding
- Acted as a staff liaison among multiple administrative functions of the university

Research and Library Graduate Assistant (August 2006–May 2008)

- Conducted data mining and regression analysis on topics related to financial management
- Provided research and reference assistance for the University's library patrons by using a variety of sources including on-line databases, the Internet, print, microfilm, CD-ROM

HCI INTERNATIONAL, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

11/2005 – 7/2006

Business Developer

- Prepared sales proposals for this hotel marketing company and identified potential hotel clients via Internet and telephone
- Assisted in negotiating a 500K representation contract with a leading hotel chain in India

WORLD RELIEF, Chicago, IL

6/2004 – 8/2005

Employment Counselor

- Trained clients on how to professionally communicate their skills during job interviews
- Explored the city's employment market to match clients' work skills with available job opportunities

LANGUAGES, ADDITIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING AND VOLUNTEERING

- Fluent Serbo-Croatian, advanced Spanish, and basic Arabic and Russian
- APRA Prospect Research Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. 2018
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY. 2015
- UT Summer Statistics Institute, Introduction to Regression, Austin, TX. 2014
- UNESCO Club Sorbonne, V.P. and Presenter at TESLA Memorial Conference, New York, NY. 2013
- Serbian-American Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, Chicago, IL. 2009 – 2010
- Amnesty International USA, Field Organizer Intern, Chicago, IL. 2009
- Northeastern Illinois University, International Business Conference Co-Leader, Chicago, IL. 2008
- Volunteers for Peace, Environmental Work Camp Volunteer, Galicia, Spain, 2005

ASSISTANTSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Full-Tuition Graduate Assistantship, University of Texas at Dallas, TX. 2021 – Present
- Full-Tuition Teaching Assistantship, University of Texas, Austin, TX. 2013 – 2016
- Half-Tuition Academic Scholarship, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. 2011 – 2012
- Career Trek to Washington D.C. Award, University of Chicago, Career Advancement Office, Chicago, IL. 2012
- Full-Tuition Graduate Assistantship, Northeastern Illinois University, College of Business and Management and Ronald Williams Library, Chicago, IL. 2006 – 2008
- Third Place Award, National Student Case Competition, The Association for Operations Management (APICS), Downers Grove, IL. 2008 and Denver, CO. 2007