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"I am an ESRC funded PhD student at the University of Bath who is examining the use of Facebook by political parties in the UK. As an individual I believe I have well developed interpersonal skills and experience of dealing with people in a range of different circumstances. By my nature I am creative and curious. I have well-developed all-round abilities, and have a desire for knowledge, in all aspects of life. Quick to learn, and with excellent research skills, I work best under pressure and thrive on deadlines".

EXPERIENCE

NOVEMBER 2016 – 2019



PHD POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHER, UNIVERSITY OF BATH

I am undertaking an ESRC funded PhD in Politics and International Relations.

PhD project title - ***Examining the impact and effectiveness of Facebook on party campaigns.***

Other than my research (outlined above) I have:

- Helped organize the ***SWDTP 2017 Conference*** and the ***2018 UACES Conference*** both held at Bath University.
- Been selected to participate in the ***Cabinet Office Policy School, 2018.***
- Selected to participate in Bath University's ***Grand Innovation Challenge 2019*** – an innovative course using teamwork and academic research methods to address customer problems and HCD.
- Been a teacher during ***Bath University's Summer School*** for underrepresented groups, I taught Criminology to a group of 20 year-12's from across the UK.
- Elected as ***POLIS Research Representative*** for PhD students from 2017-2018. Sitting on the departmental research committee, helping guide and improve the research environment for the departments PhD students.
- Elected as ***POLIS Faculty Representative***, within which I liaise between the department and the student union in order to create an effective and supportive learning community, and address concerns of PhD students within the department.
- I have published two ***Conversation*** articles examining the issues surrounding Facebook.

NOVEMBER 2016 – 2019



POSTGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY OF BATH

- I have been a **postgraduate teaching assistant on three first year modules**, two positions on Introduction to **British politics** PL10417 from 2017-18 and 2018-19, alongside **Introduction to politics: theory and analysis** PL10967 from 2018-2019.
- I have **managed over 40 hours of seminars**, including creating teaching methods, organized lesson planning and engagement with students inside and outside of the classroom.
- I have marked hundreds of essays and exams.

NOVEMBER 2016 – 2019



LECTURING EXPERIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF BATH

- I have **given two full lectures on social media and traditional media campaigning** to British Politics students – a 1st year politics module, and Introduction to Social Theory a 1st year Sociology module.

JANUARY – JUNE 2014



DOCUMENTARY SALES AND DIGITAL COORDINATOR, JOURNEYMAN PICTURES

On completing my MA, I worked at *Journeyman*, a leading international documentary distributor and post production house. I initially worked organizing the footage library, cataloguing, transcoding, subtitling and adding metadata the Journeyman archive. I soon was tasked with **researching and selling** clipped footage to documentary production houses. I worked **to research stock footage and sell footage and documentaries to international television and news networks**, including Sky, BBC, Discovery, National Geographic, and Al Jazeera. I was tasked with **selling numerous documentaries including the ‘Sundance’ winning ‘Return to Homs’**, which I sold to festivals and T.V companies worldwide.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

APRIL 2019



CONFERENCE PAPER - IS IT PARTY PAGES OR PARTY LEADER PAGES THAT MATTER MOST ON UK FACEBOOK? PSA CONFERENCE



NOVEMBER 2018

CONFERENCE PAPER – RESEARCHING FACEBOOK IN TROUBLED TIMES. SWDTP CONFERENCE

AUGUST 2018



NEWS ARTICLE - FACEBOOK RISKS STARTING A WAR ON KNOWLEDGE. THE CONVERSATION

APRIL 2018



NEWS ARTICLE - FACEBOOK IS RESTRICTING SEARCH RESULTS – IS THIS TAKING TRANSPARENCY SERIOUSLY? THE CONVERSATION

OCTOBER 2016



CONFERENCE PAPER -FACEBOOK AND BIG DATA: HAS IT CHANGED PARTY CAMPAIGNING IN BRITAIN FOREVER? EPOP CONFERENCE

EDUCATION

NOVEMBER 2016 - 2019



PHD POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, UNIVERSITY OF BATH

Minor Revisions.

OCTOBER 2014 – 2015



MRES POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, UNIVERSITY OF BATH

2.1 – 1st For dissertation on Facebook during the 2015 General Election.

OCTOBER 2012 – 2013



MA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

2.1 - Dissertation on transgender rights in Turkey and Iran.

OCTOBER 2009 - 2012



LL.B LAW, UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

2.1 – Student ambassador.

SKILLS

- **Quantitative research** – proficient in Excel and SPSS, basic skills in R and Stata. Data extraction tools, quantitative coding, data set management and analysis.
- **Qualitative research** – Strong abilities in coding qualitative data for statistical analysis, all Microsoft Word packages, basic NVivo skills.
- **Problem solving** – A PhD is a tough job, and many issues have reared their head through my research, I have always found a way to address them.
- **Tech savvy** - Created a YouTube channel as I am a believer in research outreach – Bitrate Politics and associated blog seek to examine today's social media politics.
- **Strong communicator** – I have presented at international conferences, in front of 100's of undergraduates, and have organized dozens of seminars, alongside represented the views and needs of POLIS students.
- **Teamwork** – worked as part of a team for both teaching and in my work experience.
- **Self-management** – organized a PhD research project from conception to completion. Getting a PhD is as much a test of endurance as intelligence.