

JOEY DICKINSON

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EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis Doctoral Student, Sociology	2024 -
University of Vienna Master's Student, Global Demography	2023 - 2024
Washington and Lee University B.A., Economics Minors: Data Science, Poverty and Human Capability Studies <i>cum laude</i> (GPA: 3.8)	2018 - 2022

HONORS, AWARDS, AND AFFILIATIONS

DAAD Scholarship	2022
• Funding for Master's studies in Germany (declined)	
Semi-Finalist, Fulbright Austria Research Grant (not awarded)	2022
President's List	2022, 2021, 2019
Social Research and Discussion Group Fellow	2020
Jim Stump Prize for Excellence in German	2020
Johnson Scholar	2018
• Awarded a highly competitive merit-based scholarship covering full tuition, room and board, and a living stipend for four years, as well as a \$7,000 summer enhancement fund	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Aspen College Excellence Program (CEP) Burness Communications <i>Graduate Research Intern</i>	Summer 2023
• Worked with CEP Executive Director Josh Wyner to develop a course on "Achieving Social Change from the Outside" to be taught at the graduate level; conducted literature reviews to identify social change efforts in a variety of issues and synthesized findings; researched similar social change courses; developed course materials such as PowerPoint slides, handouts, and a first draft of the syllabus	
• Collected, cleaned, and analyzed data, collaborating with the broader CEP team to begin efforts to evaluate the effectiveness of Aspen's fellowship programs for college leaders; supported the team with preparations for the Unlocking Opportunity collaborative	
• Assisted President Andy Burness in revising the syllabus and slides for a course on communications in public health; identified additional material to be added to the syllabus, cut existing readings, and began restructuring the syllabus to adapt it from its format for the Harvard Kennedy School to a new timeline to be taught at George Washington	

**Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty |
Atlanta Community Food Bank**

Summer 2021

Service Insights Data Analyst Intern

- Cleaned and validated existing databases to promote robust data management; performed data analysis and visualization using R Studio and Tableau
- Initiated an independent research project investigating the relationship between LGBTQ+ individuals and food pantry spaces, working with community partners to develop conversations about inclusivity and accessibility

German Department at Washington and Lee University

Summer/Winter 2020

Summer Research Scholar | Winter Research Scholar

- Assisted Prof. Jaime Roots in research for the book “Fannish Folklore: Feminist Fan-Fiction Retellings of Germanic Fairy Tales” (2022), which examines the role of modern storytelling and online community formation in feminist adaptations of traditional fairy tales
- Read, categorized, and organized dozens of fan-fiction stories as well as hundreds of comments and forum posts; implemented a consistent and efficient system of data collection, producing a database easily utilized for analysis
- Collected, analyzed, and interpreted data, including the creation of several graphs published in the final version of the book

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Additional Teaching Experience: Tutoring

Fall 2022 - Present

Tutor

- Crafted personalized lessons to develop students’ productive and receptive English abilities; facilitated communication with school faculty to develop individual learning plans; progress reflected in improved exam grades

**Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science & Research |
Fulbright Austria**

Fall 2022 - Spring 2024

U.S. Teaching Assistant

- Researched, organized, prepared, and taught original lesson material on topics designed to reinforce students’ English speaking abilities, engage in intercultural dialogue, and encourage students to engage in intellectual educational pursuits as responsible global citizens
- Utilized insight from the Shepherd Program for Poverty and Human Capability Studies to cultivate a classroom environment characterized by critical discussion of issues related to social inequality, current policy, and philosophy through small group research, debate, and Socratic seminar methods

Liberal Arts Collaborative for Digital Innovation

Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Data Science

- Held office hours, advised small groups on final projects, and met with students individually to facilitate understanding of material
- Worked with other TAs to grade assignments from over 100 students and managed grades in online reporting system

PRESENTATIONS

“The Relationship between Discrimination and Attachment to Receiving Country among Immigrants in Europe.” Sociology Department, Washington and Lee University. April 2022.

“Teachers’ Collective Bargaining Rights and Student Achievement.” With co-presenter Grayson Pearce. Economics Department, Washington and Lee University. Dec. 2021.

“Data Analysis and Minority Experiences at Atlanta Community Food Bank.” Shepherd Department, Washington and Lee University. Nov. 2021.

“Coding for Trends in Online Communities.” With co-presenter Prof. Jaime Roots. Digital Humanities Speaker Series, Washington and Lee University. Nov. 2021.

“The Effects of Air Pollution on Educational Attainment.” With co-presenter Kenza Benabdellah. Economics Department, Washington and Lee University. April 2021.

LEADERSHIP AND OUTREACH

Sexual Health Awareness Group

2019 - 2022

President (formerly Vice President, Secretary)

- Facilitated a week-long series of events, the creation of a ‘zine’ and pamphlet for student distribution through the student health center, all dedicated to educating students on important issues related to sexual and romantic health including consent, medical safety, and mutually satisfactory partnerships
- Managed a cumulative budget of ~\$20,000 over three years, increasing the amount awarded to the group by 2000% over two years by demonstrating a capacity to engage students with important issues of sexual and romantic well-being

Nabors Service League (Shepherd Department)

2019 - 2022

Leadership Team Member

- Collaborated with fellow leadership team members as well as numerous community partners to coordinate and lead regular volunteer days and multiple week-long alternative break trips with programming including speakers and community service
- Served in the community for at least five hours of community service per week, including Campus Kitchen and Rockbridge Area Relief Association

Volunteer Venture (Shepherd Department)

2019 - 2022

Trip Leader

- Aided in facilitating the transition to college for first-year students by planning and leading pre-orientation trips to Greensboro, North Carolina; managed programming (speakers, service learning, and logistics); facilitated discussions about poverty and inequality, especially as they relate to law, justice, and immigration

LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: English (native), German (intermediate)

Technical Skills: R Studio, Stata (intermediate); CSS/HTML, Exploratory, Python, SQL, Tableau (basic)