

Elizabeth Lee Benzinger
Seigle Hall, Suite 213, Washington University in St. Louis
benzinger.e@wustl.edu – (314) 480-2131

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts June 2024
Williams College, Williamstown, MA

- Double major with Honors in Anthropology and Religion

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology In Progress
Washington University, St. Louis, MO

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Thesis Student

Williams College, Williamstown MA & Southern Missouri field Research June 2023 – June 2024

- Advisor: Prof. Christina Simko, cs9@williams.edu
- Designed and proposed an independent research project.
- Completed field research in the form of interviews and participant observation.
- Ongoing engagement with additional secondary and theoretical sources.
- Writing and editing a thesis. This part of the project is divided into four 20–30-page chapters, along with an introduction and conclusion. This writing is expected to be not only an explanation of my field research, but also an analysis of what I encountered in the field.

Research Assistant

Williams College, Archaeology Lab, Williamstown MA June 2022 – August 2022

- Researcher: Prof. Antonia Foias, afoias@williams.edu
 - Learned how to use ArcGIS.
 - Managed data in Excel, then imported said data into ArcGIS.
 - Compiled data from handwritten field notes in both Spanish and English, then used said data to create a more accurate map of dig sites in ArcGIS.
 - Tagged data in ArcGIS to make it legible for future statistical analysis.
 - Corrected geographic and architectural data in ArcGIS.
 - Worked closely with lead researcher, Prof. Foias, to make sure that my compilations of data in ArcGIS aligned with her long-term research goals.
-

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer November 2024 – July 2025

Self Employed

- Wrote Predominantly for Screenrant
- Pitched, wrote, edited, and formatted articles for publication

- Included a particular focus on Star Trek and Television news

Writing Tutor

Williams College Writing Center, Williamstown MA

August 2022 – June 2024

- Supervisor: Julia Munemo, jmm3@williams.edu
- Hosting regular office hours for both walk-in writing assistance and scheduled Writing Workshop appointments.
- Helping students edit and revise their writing.
- Helping students clarify their ideas and create outlines in preparation for larger writing projects.
- Engaging in ongoing training through the Writing Center to improve skills both as a tutor and a writer.

TA – Medicine in Disruptive Times

Williams College, Williamstown MA

August 2022 – December 2022

- Supervisor: Professor Kim Gutschow
- Hosted weekly open office hours.
- Helped students construct surveys and develop research questions, and then helped students analyze the data they collected.
- Edited and helped students refine their field notes.
- Supported students through the process of developing a semester-long research project.

TA – Applied Real Analysis

Williams College, Williamstown MA

February 2022 – June 2022

- Supervisor: Professor Cesar Silva
- Hosted weekly TA sessions to assist students with problem sets.
- Helped explain set theory, Fourier series, and epsilon delta arguments to students outside of class.
- Graded student problem sets in accordance with guidelines from Prof. Silva.

Summer Engineering Aide

St. Louis County Health Department, St. Louis MO

June 2021 – August 2021

- Supervisor: Angel Anderson
- Learned the St. Louis County pool health code.
- Inspected pools across northern St. Louis County and reported infractions to the health department.
- Re-organized the filing system for tobacco and liquor licenses for northern St. Louis County.
- Delivered Covid tests to various health department facilities, including the County Jail.
- Delivered positive Covid samples to the primary testing center for the Health Department.
- Inventoried supplies purchased for the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Summer Camp Counselor

New City School, St. Louis MO

June 2018 – August 2018

- Supervisor: Tobie Taylor-Hudson
- Looked after and organized activities for pre-school aged children.
- Worked with other counselors to organize activities for children across age ranges.
- Conducted hand-over procedures with parents.

AWARDS

Dean’s List

Williams College, Williamstown MA

- Fall 2020
- Spring 2021
- Fall 2021
- Spring 2022
- Fall 2022
- Spring 2023

Sister Janet Erskine Stewart Award

Villa Duchesne High School

June 2020

- Awarded to the student who best embodies goal two of the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (RSCJ): “a deep respect for intellectual values.”

Second Place, Senior Division, Express the Music

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

May 2020

National Merit Commended Student

National Honors Society

September 2019

Artmart Award, Emerson Young Artists’ Showcase

St. Louis Artists’ Guild, St. Louis, MO

March 2018

SKILLS

- RStudio
 - LATEX
 - ArcGIS
 - Interviewing
 - Participant observation
 - Knitting, crochet, and hand quilting
- Languages

- English: Native
- Spanish: Advanced