

Katharine Sadowski

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EDUCATION

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Accelerated Master of Public Policy, GPA 3.95

May 2016

Bachelor of Arts, History, Distinguished Major with High Distinction, GPA 3.88

May 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Research Specialist Intermediate, Curry School of Education EdPolicy Works

June 2016 to Present

- Louisiana Kindergarten Readiness Program - PI: Daphna Bassok
- Virginia's Children Cabinet, Rates of Virginia Transience - PI: Luke Miller
- New York, Principal Strategies to Improve Teacher Effectiveness - PI: Luke Miller, James Wyckoff, and Julie Cohen
- Cleaned, manipulated, and analyzed large data sets for the above three grants
- Completed administrative tasks related to running each of the above three grants
- Organized two grants: IES-NCES grant and a Foundations for Child Development grant

Research Assistant, Curry School of Education EdPolicy Works

August 2014 to May 2015

- Cleaned, manipulated, and analyzed large data sets
- Created and edited surveys using Qualtrics

Independent Study, Data Analysis Gun Laws and Gun Violence

August to December 2015

- Cleaned, manipulated, analyzed, and visualized data specific to national gun violence
- Conducted a literature review and prepared a quantitative report for the Brookings' Institute Jennifer Doleac

Qualitative Analysis, Racial and Socioeconomic Use of Space

August to December 2015

- Conducted a literature review, field studies, and interviews to assess the intersection of gentrification, art, and the creative class in Charlottesville, Virginia

Turkey Research Trip, Household Data Analysis Poverty Relief

March 2015

- Cleaned, manipulated, and analyzed Turkish household survey data
- Wrote and contributed to two chapters of a working book on Turkish poverty from 2007 to 2012
- Presented findings to Bilkent University and Turkey's Ministry of Family and Ministry of Development

Harrison Grant for Undergraduate Excellence Research

August 2014 to May 2015

- Performed archival research studying the implementation of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
- Presented findings at the ACC Meeting of the Minds and Harrison Undergraduate Research Conference

Independent Policy Analysis for The Conversation Policy

January to May 2015

- Conducted stakeholder interviews to assess the climate of end-of-life conversations in Charlottesville, VA
- Prepared a report including a cost effectiveness analysis and recommendation on how to increase conversations in Charlottesville and similar communities for The Conversation Project

Virginia Beach City Public School System, Virginia Beach, VA

Impact Analysis on School Start Times

Expected Spring 2016

- Conducted a literature review and benefit cost analysis to assess four start time alternatives for VBCPS
- Creating a data set to analyze Virginia student achievement as related to school start times

INTERNSHIPS

Tennessee Department of Education, Nashville, Tennessee

Intern, Data Analyst

June to August 2015

- Created, cleaned, and analyzed surveys using Stata and QuestionPro to support statewide teacher trainings
- Visualized data, prepared reports, and presented findings during weekly team debriefs designed to inform strategic adjustments to content, logistics, and personnel.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Intern, Provost Office

October 2014 to Present

- Conducted student focus groups to inform the Strategic Planning's Synergy and Steering Committee

- Created an online platform to gain student feedback on how to improve University of Virginia services
- Update University of Virginia's Strategic Planning website to publicize Cornerstone Plan progress

University Internship Program, Dublin, Ireland

Intern for former Lord Mayor Gerry Breen

June to August 2013

- Modernized and updated social media platforms including GerryBreen.ie, Facebook, and Twitter
- Created pamphlets and canvassed to local constituents
- Met with constituents and city officials to discuss issues of flooding, immigration, and taxes

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Economics of Public Policy

August to May 2016

- Work with professor to assess student performance
- Prepare discussion materials and field questions

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Grader, Evaluating Social Innovations

January to May 2016

- Work with professor to assess student performance
- Field student questions

Alanton-Baycliff Recreation Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Manager, Lifeguard

May 2008 to August 2015

- Managed a recreation facility with upwards of 200 guests and forty lifeguards over five seasons
- Maintained a safe environment by monitoring pool chemicals
- Organized and taught swim lessons

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Charlottesville Leadership Workshop, Creator & Co-President

August 2012 to May 2015

- Created a student organization to teach leadership skills and build networks for local high school students
- Fundraised through grant writing and letter writing campaigns
- Led a thirty person team in creating and holding two workshops serving forty high school students

Madison House, Program Director and Volunteer

January 2013 to May 2015

- Organized weekly volunteering trips with Habitat for Humanity for over forty volunteers
- 300 Hours of Community Service Award- Madison House

Student Council Community Affairs, Co-chair

August 2012 to May 2014

- Led a twenty person committee to organize prom dress drives, canned food collections, and volunteer events

Scouting

August 2012 to Present

- Counselor for Boy Scout Merit Badge Universities
- Plan and lead activities with my old Girl Scout leader's new troop of Brownies

HONORS

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Best Master's Thesis – Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy

May 2016

Raven Society

May 2015

Intermediate Honors

October 2013

Echols Scholar and Deans List

2011 to Present

SKILLS

Stata, Microsoft Suite, Qualtrics, QuestionPro, basic HTML, R Studio, Archival Research, Grant Writing, First Aid, CPR/AED

REFERENCES

Available upon request