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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame
Ph.D., Political Science

Notre Dame, IN
Expected 2028

Stanford University
B.A., Public Policy (with Honors)

Stanford, CA
2016 – 2020

- **Thesis:** “From Farm to Fortune: Understanding the Path to Upward Mobility in Rural America” (Prof. Sean Reardon, advisor)

PUBLICATIONS

- Drescher, J., Podolsky, A., Reardon, S. F., & **Torrance, G.** (2022). The Geography of Rural Educational Opportunity. *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 8(3), 123-149. doi.org/10.7758/RSF.2022.8.3.05
- Drescher, J. & **Torrance, G.** (2022). What is the status of educational opportunity in rural America? *Brown Center Chalkboard*, The Brookings Institution. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brown-centerchalkboard/2022/07/13/what-is-the-status-of-educational-opportunity-in-rural-america/>

PRESENTATIONS

- The Relationship between Educational Opportunity and Upward Mobility in Rural America, Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX (remote), March 2020.
- The Geography of Rural Educational Opportunity, Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX (remote), March 2020 (with Drescher, Podolsky, and Reardon).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

University of Notre Dame Notebaert Premier Fellow
Stanford Undergraduate Research Conference Grant
Boothe Writing Prize Finalist

2023-2028
2020
2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago Center for RISC

Chicago, IL

Senior Analyst (12/22 – 6/23), Analyst (8/20-11/22)

Aug 2020 – June 2023

- Led numerous social intervention projects from initial research stage through implementation. Facilitated and analyzed pilots for K-12 tutoring and GPS electronic monitoring initiatives. Co-authored scenario analysis on agriculture and climate change by synthesizing market research, conducting stakeholder interviews, and analyzing pricing data. Reviewed academic literature on economic mobility to create impact investing framework for a noted philanthropist. Analyzed emerging “green cement” space to evaluate fit for market shaping intervention for a Nobel-winning economist.
- Designed selection process, coordinated information sessions, and managed teamwide logistics for 2023 Analyst recruitment.

The Boston Consulting Group

Dallas, TX

Summer Associate

June 2019 – Aug 2019

- Recommended more efficient faculty scheduling policies for community college district after identifying faculty overscheduling trend across schools. Conducted quantitative scheduling analysis, then drove implementation of new scheduling procedures by interviewing college stakeholders, researching best practices, and leading district-wide trainings. Received full-time return offer.

Office of U.S. Representative Cheri Bustos (IL-17)

Washington, D.C.

Legislative Intern

Apr 2019 – June 2019

- Served as direct liaison to my home district by meeting with lobbying groups, drafting correspondence to address constituent policy concerns, and facilitating Capitol tours.
- Assisted legislative team by recommending bills for co-sponsorship, conducting analysis of statewide Veterans Affairs spending trends, and drafting memos to federal agencies. Served as temporary staff assistant after supervisor’s departure.

Freedman Consulting, LLC

Washington, D.C.

Summer Analyst Intern

June 2018 – Sep 2018

- Collaborated with five-member team to draft proposal for Fortune 100 company’s workforce development program. Supported program design by researching community needs, studying previous models, and identifying partners.

Center for Poverty and Inequality*Research Assistant***Stanford, CA***Jan 2018 – Apr 2018*

- Supported preparations for National Poverty Study and American Voices projects. Compiled database of statistics depicting poverty rates in rural Southern California by race and ethnicity, using Stata.

LEADERSHIP & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Haas Center for Public Service*National Advisory Board Student Representative***Stanford, CA***June 2019 – June 2020*

- Co-founded working group for increasing university engagement with rural United States.

Haas Center for Public Service*Alternative Spring Break Coordinator (5/19 – 6/20), Trip Leader (5/18 – 4/19)***Stanford, CA***May 2018 – June 2020*

- Developed and instructed ten-week undergraduate course on rural healthcare, agriculture, education, politics, and current events.

Structured Liberal Education*Writing Tutor***Stanford, CA***Jan 2020 – Mar 2020*

- Guided undergraduate essays on Dante's *Inferno* and on Renaissance art.

SKILLS

- Experience with R and Stata. Basic knowledge of Tableau, Alteryx, Java, C++, MATLAB.