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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Arts, Economics
Minor: Business Foundations, McCombs School of Business
Minor: History, College of Liberal Arts
Certificate: Applied Statistical Modeling

May 2024

EXPERIENCE

Real Estate Council of Austin — *Policy and Government Affairs Intern*; Austin, TX

September 2023 – Present

- Monitor Austin City Council boards and public meetings to track proposed regulatory changes at county and state level
- Research real estate policies & produce written reports in a concise manner for RECA members to stay current on relevant issues
- Attend and support planning of stakeholder, committee, and board meetings alongside CEO and VP of Advocacy
- Communicate with elected officials, their staff, key media outlets, and partner organizations
- Compile lobbying reports and assist with local and state election strategy

UT Department of Economics — *Undergraduate Teaching Assistant*; Austin, TX

January 2023 – December 2023

- Perform assistant teaching duties to reinforce content in both Economic Statistics and Microeconomic Theory
- Assist students by holding office hours to address questions and concerns about course structure and content
- Utilize Canvas to publish assignments, implement syllabus schedule, and enter grades
- Grade over 250 quizzes and assignments with feedback to enhance student learning

Texas Economics Journal — *Head Writer, Communications*; Austin, TX

February 2022 – August 2023

- Collaborate with over 20 team members to decide article topics based on current policy related issues in Austin, Texas
- Author articles about important elections and the current housing crisis in a digestible way to keep the UT student body informed
- Lead team by communicating with members via Slack to book meeting rooms and creating meeting agendas each week

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas — *Economic Research Intern*; Dallas, TX

June 2023 – August 2023

- Collect and synthesize prices of various amenities in historical Baedeker travel books for 5 major European cities
- Utilize Stata to clean collected data and create uniform categories and pricing structure across all cities
- Use Python to create maps of Vienna hotels in 1911 and 2023 to compare relative pricing and changes over time
- Reorganize historical special question data from the Texas Business Outlook Survey that highlights trends in the manufacturing, service sector, and retail using Excel
- Work with data related to employers' demand for certificates with senior economist of Communications & Outreach using R Studio
- Attend research seminars and Economic Overview meetings to learn about key economic developments

Equalman Studios LLC — *Content and Research Marketing Intern*; Austin, TX

April 2021 – May 2023

- Collaborate and manage marketing communications with product or service advertisers to negotiate costs for promoted content, resulting in record first quarter in monthly marketing ad sales and revenue through WordPress
- Developing writing skills through authoring trending finance, news, emerging technology, and media blogs to drive traffic to Socialnomics.net with effective backlinks
- Employ WordPress to review, write, edit, and publish promoted and organic content to increase site traffic

CERTIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- Dean's Honor List
- Microsoft Office Specialist - Excel, Word, and PowerPoint

Fall 2016-2020
Fall/Spring 2020-2023
Spring 2019

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Computer Skills: R Studio, Stata, Java, C++, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Google Analytics, WordPress, Python, Adobe Premiere Pro

Interests: Classical Indian Dance, Orchestral Cello, Indian Carnatic Vocal Performance, Video Editing, Film and Digital Photography

Relevant Course Work: Elements of Data Science, Accounting, MIS, Marketing, Econometrics, Economic Statistics, Micro Theory, Finance, Business Law and Ethics, Modernity and the Art of the Uncanny, Probability, Data Visualization in R, Public Economics, Social Economics, World Cinema History, Macro Theory

Languages: Working Knowledge in Spanish, Working Knowledge in Telugu