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PROFESSIONAL AIMS

In the fall of 2010, I will enter a graduate program for the study of political science with the aim of obtaining an M.A. and a Ph.D. Before enrolling, however, I am interested in gaining more professional experience as an instructor. I am seeking employment from a private or public school that can benefit from my services and provides an environment where I can be intellectually stimulated. I take great pride in my work, thrive in an environment that involves working with people, and look forward to sharing my passion for education.

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| UNIVERSITY EDUCATION  2009 **University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA**  B.A. (High Honors) in Political Science  Minor in Asian Studies  Minor in Classical Studies  Certificate in European Union Studies  2008 **University of Connecticut, Rhodes, Greece**  Paideia Study Abroad Program  2008 **University of Indianapolis, Athens, Greece**  Odyssey in Athens Study Abroad Program | ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND HONORS   * Grade Point Average: 3.94 / 4.00 * Magna Cum Laude with High Honors in Political Science. * Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa (expected) * University of Florida CLAS Anderson Scholar with Distinction * Awarded the George & Liberty Perry $2,000 Study Abroad in Greece Scholarship |

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER WORK

2009 **Teaching Assistant for a Course Entitled “EUS 2001 - European Experience: A Humanities Perspective”**

Employed by the University of Florida’s Center for European Studies to assist Professor Chrysostomos Kostopoulos in grading, preparing tests, and lecturing a 60-student class. Was the first undergraduate to be offered a position as a TA for EUS 2001.

2007 **Operations Clerk for University of Florida’s Center for European Studies**

Employed by CES to assist in organization, data entry, and promotion of public programs. The above TA position was offered, in part, because of my good performance the relationships I developed as a clerk.

2004 **Volunteer Coordinator for Chester County, PA as a Member of “Pennsylvania Victory 2004”**

Began as a phone and door-to-door campaign canvasser, but was soon promoted to the above position. As part of a presidential campaign, was responsible for organizing campaign events throughout a key county in a battleground state.

SELECTED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE

2009 **Undergraduate** **Honors Thesis: “A New Look at Electoral Reform in Japan: From 1982 to the 2007 House of Councillors Election”**

Written under the supervision of Professor Won-ho Park, this paper presents a new theory which suggests that the often overlooked 1982 electoral reform has indeed had a significant impact on the balancing of Japan’s party system.

2009 **University of Florida (Gainesville, Florida Campus) Graduate Student Council Interdisciplinary Research Conference**

Presented an early draft of my honors thesis at conference geared primarily toward graduate students. Participated in a panel consisting of Asian studies scholars.

2008 **University of Indianapolis (Athens, Greece Campus) 6th Annual English and Communications Conference: Interfaith Dialogue**

Co-authored and presented a scholarly paper with a peer, “The Swastika: A Symbol

in Conflict,” which explored the cultural, political, and historical dimensions of the

Swastika.

2007 **Research Assistant for a Project Entitled “Preference Heterogeneity, Electoral Rules, and Party Systems: A Cross-National Study”**

Worked with Professor Won-ho Park in compiling a literature review for a cross-national study that investigates how different levels of preference heterogeneity of the voters are translated by the electoral rules into party systems.

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| SKILLS AND LANGUAGES  **Computer Skills**   * Microsoft Office: very familiar with using PowerPoint, Excel, and Word for the purposes of creating presentations, organizing data, and writing papers * SPSS: enrolled in several research methods courses and developed an understanding of how to properly utilize statistical software in conjunction with social science research   **Languages**   * Modern Greek: college proficiency obtained while studying in Greece * Japanese: two-years of secondary education in California * Spanish: two-years of secondary education in Pennsylvania | GROUP MEMBERSHIPS AND INTERESTS  **Groups**   * Theta Chi Fraternity: Tau Chapter * Golden Key Honor Society * Pi Sigma Alpha: National Political Science Honor Society   **Interests**   * Traveling: have spent time in over 20 countries and 5 continents * Athletics: competed on high school and collegiate intramural football, soccer, and basketball teams * Chess: competed internationally in FIDE sanctioned events and was nationally ranked in USCF’s “Top Player Lists” for several years |