Kyle Trojahn

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin — Austin, TX
Ph.D. in Government — *2022 – exp. 2027*
- Subfields: American Politics & Methodology

M.A. in Government — *2022 – 2024*

Truman State University — Kirksville, MO
B.S. in Political Science & International Relations (*Phi Beta Kappa*) — *2016 – 2020*
- Minors: Spanish, Philosophy/Religion, & International Studies

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Princeton University (Andlinger Center for Energy & the Environment) — Princeton, NJ (Remote)
Graduate Research Assistant — *Mar. 2023 – Present*
- NSF-funded DRMS project "Collaborative Research: Responses to complex disruptive events: Cognition in a socio-political context" (2049796), Project Award Total: $503,918.00
- Examined political participation in coastal communities negatively affected by climate change and social inequality
- Conducted fieldwork with the research team to conduct additional interviews and focus groups with policymakers, leaders, and residents related to issues raised during the public comment periods
- Created an original data set on local political participation in selected counties
- Adapted the Comparative Agendas Project codebook to the local level on climate and social issues

The University of Texas at Austin (Department of Community & Regional Planning) — Austin, TX
Graduate Research Assistant — *Jul. 2023 – Present*
- National Academies' National Cooperative Highway Research Program-funded project "Guidance for Implementing Equitable Transportation Decision-Making" (NCHRP 08-162), Project Award Total: $750,000.00
- Investigated how key organizational features and practices of state and regional transportation agencies facilitate or constrain equity in transportation policy decision-making
- Organized and conducted 6 focus group interviews with public agency officials and stakeholders
- Ensured quality control of focus group interview transcriptions
- Identified, secured, and produced written review of relevant academic literature, public agency materials, and appropriate data from online and public agency sources
- Drafted research papers and thematic research memos on transportation public policy-related topics
- Drafted and submitted research reports to study funders

Code.org — Seattle, WA (Remote)
State & Local Policy Fellow — *Jan. 2023 – Jul. 2023*
- Researched sub-national education and tech policy for the Advocacy team to advance computer science curriculum reform across the United States
- Compiled and analyzed national education enrollment and demographic data from a variety of public agencies
- Performed data analysis, data scraping, and data cleaning to help execute the organization's state policy agenda
- Conducted a comparative analysis of state legislative education reform practices

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

External — Total = $159,000
National Science Foundation (NSF) — *2024 – 2027*
- Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) ($159,000)

Internal — Total = $49,500
The University of Texas at Austin — *2022 – 2027*
- Dept. of Government Dissertation Fellowship ($5,000)
- Dept. of Government Pre-Dissertation Fellowship ($4,000)
- Dept. of Government Summer Research Fellowship ($1,000)
- U.S. Policy Agendas Project Summer Research Fellowship ($4,000)
- Experimental Methods in Political Science ($500)
- Dept. of Government Recruitment Fellowship ($35,000 total)

Conference Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) *2024*
- Sect. 21 – Urban and Local Politics, On Session: Challenges and Solutions in Housing
- Changing City Limits: How Annexation Shapes Social and Political Outcomes

Conference Panels

American Political Science Association (APSA) *exp. 2024*
- Local Political Participation, Electoral Institutions, and Municipal Incorporation

In Preparation

Trojahn, Kyle & Allison Verrilli. 2023. "Gentrification and Attitudes Toward Public Transit Expansion."
- Methodology: survey experiment
- Premise: explores the effect of transit-induced gentrification on public attitudes toward public transit expansion
- Finding: statistically significant impact on public attitudes

Teaching Experience

The University of Texas at Austin (Department of Government) Austin, TX
Graduate Teaching Assistant *Aug. 2022 – May 2023*
GOV310L: American Government *Fall 2022; Spring 2023*
- Web-based course on the topic of American Government with over 1,000 students
- Individually managed approximately 150 students
- Regularly conducted exam review sessions, conducted office hours, and graded exams/essays

Technical Skills

Languages: R, LaTeX, SQL/SQLite, HTML, Python
Software & Developer Tools: RStudio, ArcGIS Pro/QGIS, XCode, Git, Google Cloud Platform, Qualtrics, & Atlas.ti
APIs: Census Data API, Google Maps Static API, Google Street View Static API, OpenStreetMaps API, Twitter API, Wayback Machine API

Non-Academic Professional Experience

Washington University in St. Louis (Department of Education) St. Louis, MO
Faculty Support Coordinator *May 2020 – Aug. 2022*
- Conducted 5 comparative higher education institutional research projects on graduate education
- Formulated higher education policy with other academic and administrative departments
- Coordinated tenure-track and tenure faculty searches within the department
- Planned guest lectures on issues of educational inequity (e.g., Dr. Noliwe Rooks & Dr. Ruth Turley)

Truman State University (Center for International Education Abroad) Kirksville, MO
Faculty-Led Program Assistant *Aug. 2019 – May 2020*
- Promoted from previous role as Campus Outreach Coordinator
- Administered 12 faculty-led programs (program approvals, applications, and grade transferring)
- Planned 8 events including study abroad fairs and faculty training sessions
Campus Outreach Coordinator *May 2017 – Aug. 2019*
- Maintained international education program correspondence for 500 programs in over 60 countries
- Grew outreach on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter from 40 users to 900+ users in 3 months
- Presented at freshman orientation and weekend showcase events with over 200 attendees

National Association for the Education of Young Children Washington, D.C.
General Counsel Intern *Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2019*
- Researched the policy interactions of 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), and 527 non-profit statuses
- Independently created a filing system for over 1,400 historical contracts
- Drafted licensing agreement contracts in affiliate relations, publishing, and conference sponsorships

Missouri House of Representatives
Jefferson City, MO

Floor Manager & Budget Tracker
Jan. 2019 – May 2019

- Served as a full-time intern for House Minority Leader, Representative Crystal Quade
- Assisted legislative staff with policy research in education, law, and crime prevention
- Tracked over 1,000 pieces of legislation through the committee formulation process
- Attended budget committee hearings and assisted caucus staff with budget-related research

U.S. Coordinated Campaign (Missouri Democrats)
St. Louis, MO

Canvassing Intern
May 2018 – Jun. 2018

- Campaigned for U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill and other local politicians in St. Louis
- Knocked on over 2,000 doors of local voters to discuss pertinent policy issues
- Recruited 20 volunteers for the campaign through phone call outreach