

John Smith

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Education

Hope College - Holland, MI

Bachelor of Arts: Political Science, May 2010

GPA: 3.95 (4.00)

Work Experience

Tutor: Hope College Academic Support Center (September 2009 - Present)

Supervisor: Janet Pinkham, Director, Academic Support Center

- Tutor students in the Spanish language.
- Provide help with homework and assistance with test preparation.

Research Assistant: Political Science Department (April 2008 - Present)

Topic: Political Empowerment of the Poor in Developing Countries

Supervisor: Joel J. Toppen, Ph.D

- Collaborative research analyzing the voting habits of poor people in developing countries.
- Sought to discover whether political parties that garner support from poor people reciprocate voter support by implementing social programs that efficiently alleviate poverty and focus on the improvement of living conditions for the poor.
- Research includes case study analyses, statistical analyses from a wide range of databases, gathering information from a number of books, articles and websites and creating literature reviews, source analyses and research reports.

Teaching Assistant: Political Science Department (February 2008 - Present)

Course: Scope and Methods

Supervisor: Joel J. Toppen, Ph. D

- Tutor students (research papers, literature reviews and weekly reading assignments), periodically provide in-class instruction, create tests and quizzes, analyze statistical datasets, search for new and innovative ways to improve the class and help assess the overall effectiveness of the course.

Resident Assistant: Hope College Residential Life (August 2007 - Present)

Supervisor: Matthew R. D'Oyly, M.Ed

- Plan and implement programs catering to a wide range of interests and design hall bulletin boards.
- Perform minor tasks, such as submitting work orders for residents and assisting students with any facility, roommate or emotional concerns.
- Provide support, advice and guidance to residents.

Academic Tutor: Upward Bound (April 2007 - April 2008)

Supervisor: Yolanda Vega, Assistant Director

- Tutored high school students after school; specialized in Government, English and History, but was able to help with basic math up to and including Algebra II.

Tutor Advisor: Upward Bound Summer Session (June 2007 - July 2007)

Supervisor: Yolanda Vega, Assistant Director

- Lived with high school students in dormitory and was able to act as a solid role model for at-risk children.
- Provided academic assistance, course instruction, organizational skills and life lessons.

Internship Experience

Co-Director: Federal Call Center (September 2008 - November 2008)

Ottawa County Republican Party Headquarters (Unpaid)

- Recruited and provided assistance to volunteers and maintained and decorated the facility.
- Conducted interest, survey and get-out-the-vote phone calls along with door-to-door literature distribution
- Co-managed the call center on election day, which entailed supervision of volunteers, answering voter questions, keeping track of call lists, monitoring country progress and providing guidance and support to volunteers and staff.

Volunteer Experience

Vice-President: Hope College Pre-Law Club (July 2008 - Present)

- Plan club events, extend invitations to guest speakers, host lawyer panels and meet with Student Congress Appropriations Committee to assess and finalize club budget.
- Work with members of the Pre-Law Club Steering Committee in planning and implementing an annual trip to the Chicago Law School Forum in October.

Co-Director: International Criminal Court (July 2008 - April 2009)

Hope College Model United Nations

- Led transition from the International Court of Justice to the International Criminal Court.
- Created, modified and adapted International Criminal Court rules and procedures to fit the specifications of the Hope College Model United Nations' trial simulation.
- Managed simulation by acting as Chief Justice for the mock trial of Radovan Karadzic.
- Acted as Chief Justice in March 2008.
- Acted as Co-Counsel in March 2007.

Active Member: Black Student Union (September 2009 - Present)

Active Member: Hope College Republicans (April 2008 - Present)

Active Member: Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society (November 2007 - Present)

Active Member: Hope College Political Philosophy Club (September 2007 - Present)