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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
May 2027
- PhD in Political Science, focus in American Politics and Models & Methods

Rice University
May 2022
- BA in Political Science with Honors and BA in Social Policy Analysis
- Distinction in Research and Creative Works

ELECTIONS EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC

National Voter Satisfaction
Fall 2020 – Present

Dr. Robert M. Stein, Dr. Lonna Atkeson, Dr. Trey Hood, Colin Jones
- NSF funded national research on voters' experience in the 2020 election
- Surveyed 1.2+ million voters in every state using Qualtrics with L2 and Dynata political data

Measuring and Improving the Impact of Using Stadiums for Voting
Spring 2021 – Present

Dr. Tova Wang, Dr. Frank Guridy, Dr. Michael Hanmer, Dr. David Nickerson, Dr. Robert M. Stein, Asha Jones
- Evaluating the novel use of stadiums and arenas as polling locations in the 2020 election with a multi-university team
- Currently conducting aggregate level analysis and planning for individual-level surveys and data analysis

Harris County Clerk's Office
Fall 2020

Dr. Robert M. Stein, Dr. Elizabeth Vann, Carolyn Daly, Arisa Sadeghpour
- Surveyed 12,500 voters on their preferences and intentions for the presidential election with a research team, then built multiple statistical models on voters using R
- The Clerk used our work to secure $12 million to implement new voting methods and defend changes in Texas Supreme Court
- Rice University COVID-19 Response/ BRIDGE Rapid Response funded research project

Center for Election Innovation and Research
Summer 2021

Research Intern
- Collected data on new state voting laws for the Election Official Legal Defense Network
- Helped write report analyzing Automatic Voter Registration in Georgia

Research Intern for Dr. Robert M. Stein and Dr. Elizabeth Vann
Spring 2020 – Spring 2022
- Assisted Dr. Stein and Dr. Vann in several small research projects, including survey feedback, voter file analysis, and report writing
- Helped facilitate election polling in Harris County for use in "Waiting to Vote in the 2016 Presidential Election"

Research Intern for Dr. Melissa Marschall
Summer 2019
- Analyzed data to inform a proposal from Houston in Action to implement Election Day Vote Centers in Harris County, TX

ADVOCACY

Houston Youth Voters Conference
Summer 2020 – Winter 2021
- Led the organization of the conference in 2021
- Helped organize four webinars in 2020 on youth voter empowerment with a team of over 20 organizers from multiple schools
- Developed innovative virtual solutions and created educational content for the webinars

Civic Duty Rice President, Treasurer and Member
Spring 2019 – Spring 2022
- Lead club members through Rice and Houston voter registration and civic engagement opportunities
- Distributed voter registration forms across campus and helped coordinate campus wide registration efforts
- Wrote two op-eds in the university newspaper to communicate relevant election information and voter issues

ADMINISTRATION

Election Day Presiding Judge at the Rice Polling Location   Summer 2020 – Spring 2022
- Served as presiding judge – the first Rice student to do so – and recruited 23 student poll workers to help serve 14,000 voters
- Exchanged over 600 emails, numerous phone calls, text messages and Zoom meetings to organize and empower voters at Rice
- Winner of the *APSA*'s undergraduate poll worker essay contest, published in Political Science Today

Harris County Democratic Party Precinct 0361 Chair   Summer 2020 – Spring 2022
- Elected to a two year term to register, inform and motivate voters in collaboration with campus stakeholders

WRITTEN WORK

Publications
- Jones, C., Stein, R. M., Atkeson, L., Hood, M. V., Reece, M. (2021). *Measuring Election Confidence in 2020*. https://electionlab.mit.edu/articles/measuring-election-confidence-2020.
- Stein, R. M., Reece, M., Alilonu, C., Saha, D. (2021). *Drive-thru voting in Texas*. https://news.rice.edu/news/2021/drive-through-voting-hit-harris-county-voters-according-newly-released-rice-u-survey
- Reece, Mason (2021). Undergraduate Poll Worker Essay Contest Winners. *Political Science Today*, 1(2), 20–22. http://doi.org/10.1017/psj.2021.27
- Reece, M., Daly, C. Sadeghpour, A. (2020). Data on Voter Behavior and COVID-19 Fuels Student Research. *Government Technology*. https://www.govtech.com/analytics/data-on-voter-behavior-and-covid-19-fuels-student-research.html

Working Papers
- Reece, Mason. *Measuring and Improving the Impact of Using Stadiums and Arenas for Voting*. Undergraduate political science honors thesis.
- Atkeson, L., Hood, T., Jones, C. Reece, M., Stein, R. M. *Restoring Voter Confidence: Conditional Explanations for the Partisan Effects on Voter Confidence*. Submitted, awaiting review.
- Atkeson, L., Hood, T., Jones, C. Reece, M., Stein, R. M. *Postal Voting in the 2020 Election*. Submitted, awaiting review.
- Reece, Mason. *Polling Place Characteristics in India*.
- Yildirim, A.Kadir, Reece, Mason. *The Popularity of Islamist Leaders*

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Sallyport Award	2022
Judge Woodrow Seals Award	2022
Rhodes Scholarship Finalist	2022
Marshall Scholarship Finalist	2022
Truman Scholarship Finalist	2021
Douglas S. Harlan Award ($1,000)	2021
Morty Rich Scholarship ($10,000)	2021
Jesse Jones Leadership Summer in DC Internship Program ($7,500 per year)	2020-2021
MetroLab Student Cup Grand Prize ($1,500) (with Carolyn Daly and Arisa Sadgehpour)	2020
Trustee Distinguished Merit Scholarship ($25,000 per year)	2018-2022
ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge's Student Honor Roll	2021
Social Policy Analysis Best Paper Award ($100) (with Carolyn Daly)	2021
Political Science Undergraduate Research Fund ($500)	2020

PRESENTATIONS

Rice University's Social Science Advisory Board	2021
Moderated "Advancing Democratic Access and Inclusion beyond the 2020 Election"	2020
COVID-19 & the Election: Understanding Voter Preferences and Intentions	2020

SKILLS

Advanced: R (`tidyverse` and `base`), Stata, ArcGIS Pro, Qualtrics, Git, LaTeX
Intermediate: Python, Machine Learning, Mapbox

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022: SPSA, ESRA
2021: Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration (ESRA)
2020: MPSA

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Social Policy Analysis Capstone   Fall 2020 – Spring 2021
- Evaluated the impact of Texas' Community Youth Development program using Google Street View
- Analyzed data using IRT, GIS and regression, culminating in a research paper

Data Science Capstone   Spring 2021
- Used spatial regression and machine learning to help the City of Houston combat extreme urban heat

Houston Action Research Team   Fall 2019
- Interviewed 20+ newspapers, organizations, and judges on best practices in judicial endorsements
- Surveyed 2,500 voters, analyzed data, wrote 78-page report, presented recommendations for evaluating candidates and communicating information to voters; recommendations implemented by the *Houston Chronicle*

Baker Institute for Public Policy's Center for the Middle East   Fall 2018 – Spring 2020
Research Intern for Dr. A.Kadir Yildirim
- Developed an interactive map, "Map: Islam and Authority in the Middle East", visualizing the aggregate results of an original 12-country public opinion survey, using Mapbox, ArcGIS Pro and JavaScript
- Visualized data for "The New Guardians of Religion: Islam And Authority in The Middle East"

American University Political Science   Summer 2020
Research Intern for Dr. Chris Edelson
- Reviewed case law and literature on the American executive and assisted in writing "No Watchman in the Night: How Presidential and Congressional Responses to the Coronavirus Pandemic Undermine the Hamiltonian-Madisonian Model of Accountability", published in *Congress & the Presidency*

Rice Journal for Public Policy, Head Short Form Editor   Fall 2020 – Spring 2021
- Led a team of 8 writers and editors in writing short policy pieces on relevant current issues

Rice Cycling and Triathlon Club, Cycling President   Spring 2019 – Spring 2022
- Coach cyclists of all levels in weekly practices
- Category 3 road racer with 15,000+ lifetime miles and 24 races completed