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***Research Assistant,* Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. (JSS),** July 2020 – Present.
Support and assist the project director, research team, and consultants in implementing research methodologies, strategies, tasks, and procedures of specified research and evaluation projects and research partner collaborations. Contribute to day-to-day activities of research projects including reviewing, analyzing, and summarizing literature, programming, and conducting directed research analyses.

Recent Projects Include:
- *Research Assistant* for the for the National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) program funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics to enable the LAPD to transition to the National Incident Based Reporting System
- *Research Assistant* for the Solve Crime. Build Trust? Investigating Homicides and Shootings in Los Angeles funded by the National Institute of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to research on the investigation of homicides and shootings in Los Angeles, particularly those that involve gangs
- *Research Assistant* for the National Prosecutors Consortium. Collect, review, and code articles to create a searchable database of resources recommendable to prosecutors as part of the technical assistance provision

PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL PARTICIPATION

Panelist, "Tech in the Public Sector: Meet the Faces." Conversation with the CIO of North Carolina and CIO of the City of Raleigh at the University of North Carolina about the future of government and the need for young technical talent, Chapel Hill, NC, November 2018.

Panelist, "Public Interest Technology Summit." Breakout session at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA, October 2018.

PROFESSIONAL AND RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

***Director of Strategic Initiatives,* Coding it Forward, Washington, D.C.**
Leads a wide range of student-facing programs including the First Act Fund, a catalytic grant for young technologists, and the Civic Digital Fellowship, a 10-week technical internship in the federal government with over 200 alums. Oversees communications and recruiting efforts, including a bi-weekly jobs and internships newsletter that reaches over 5,000 people.

***Research Assistant,* DPI-663: Tech and Innovation in Government, Harvard Kennedy School**
Course assistant for Nick Sinai, former U.S. Deputy CTO during the Obama Administration, for his course that gives students a creative environment to collaborate with government clients on a

high-impact project. Developed curriculum and weekly course plan. Facilitated a successful transition from in-person to virtual coursework in March 2020.

Research Assistant, **Professor Ryan D. Enos, Harvard Kennedy School**
Assisted in conducting a field experiment designed to test how people experience places and how this varies with their sociopolitical attitudes. Data was collected over a period of a few months as a part of a broader project about the relationship between political attitudes and geographic space at Harvard's Institute of Quantitative Social Science.

Intern, **Mayor's Office of Data Analytics, New York, NY**
Analyzed what open data encompasses and how it is being used by 50 departments in the City. Wrote a policy recommendation regarding effective ways to utilize current available systems.

Intern, **Mayor of Los Angeles DataLA Summer Academy: Los Angeles Police Department – Information Technology Bureau, Los Angeles, CA**
Managed the six datasets uploaded by LAPD to the Los Angeles Open Data Portal. Worked on cleaning user interface, uploading new datasets, and communicating results.

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS
- Computer skills include MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Socrata, Tableau, R, Stata, ArcGIS desktop, HTML, JavaScript, Python, Mailchimp

EDUCATION
- Harvard University, Cambridge, MA Bachelor's of Arts in Government and Computer Science, Tech Science Certificate, May 2020

HONORS AND AWARDS

Harvard Innovation Labs, President's Innovation Challenge
$75K Grand-Prize Winner of the Social Impact Track with Coding it Forward, 2020