

# Michael Coates

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## Education

### BACHELOR OF ARTS | MAY 2013 | UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

- Majors: Political Science & Sociology
- Graduating GPA: 3.60

### DOCTORAL CANDIDATE | UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

- Political Science

## Research Experience

- “Federalism and the Limits of Gun Control Policy (with Shanna Pearson Merkowitz). Draft Complete. Under Review at the *American Political Science Review*.
  - Collected data of state firearms regulations in the US States from 2007 to 2013 from the Brady Campaign.
  - Collected data on gun trafficking between US states from 2007 to 2013 from the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Agency.
  - Compiled data into cross-sectional time series database and performed statistical analysis.
  - Developed comprehensive literature review on the following topics: Gun control regulations and their effectiveness, federalism and firearms trafficking. Collaborated on theory development on the role of Federalism in the effectiveness of state regulations.
- Coder for US state immigration policy database.
  - Coded over 600 Bills based on specific policy content using the Qualtrics database system.

## Conference Presentations

- “Guns of Fortune” with Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz. Lead Presenter at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. August 28-31, 2014. Washington, DC.
- “Guns of Fortune” with Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz. Lead Presenter at the State Politics and Policy Conference. May 15-17, 2014. Bloomington, Indiana.

## Relevant Work Experience

### TEACHING ASSISTANT | UNIVERSITY OF RI | SEP 2014 - CURRENT

- Develop classroom lectures, discussions, and activities for introductory political science classes.
- Track and grade the performance of over 50 students.
- Classes Taught:
  - Introduction to American Government – Fall 2014.
  - Introduction to International Relations – Spring 2015.

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT | UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS & PEW RESEARCH CENTER | JUNE 2014 – OCT 2014

- Data collection of immigration bills introduced to several state legislatures.

### INTERN | RHODE ISLAND TEACHING FELLOWS | JUNE 2012 – JAN 2013

- Assisted with 2012 Pre-Service Training and Teaching Certification

## **RECRUITMENT DIRECTOR & GRASSROOTS ORGANIZER | CLEAN WATER ACTION | JAN 2008 – JAN 2011**

- Wrote press releases describing CWA campaigns for a variety of media outlets.
- Helped create and manage fundraising strategies which ultimately rose over \$2 million in 3 years.
- Trained and helped organize a team of over 25 canvassers. Helped open canvass offices in New Hampshire and Pennsylvania for the 2008 presidential election.
- Partnered with education professionals to design and manage after school programs in Rhode Island.
- Partnered with community leaders to take the lead on political campaigns in their communities.

## **Other Skills & Experience**

### **SOFTWARE**

- ArcGIS - Novice
- STATA & SPSS – Advanced
- R Statistical Programming Language - Intermediate
- Lightworks Video Editing Software – Intermediate

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING & SERVICE**

- 2014 – Contract Negotiation Team – Graduate Assistants United – University of Rhode Island
- 2013 – Student speaker selected to deliver an address before the annual Political Science Department capstone event
- 2010 – Invited by Providence College Political Science Club to speak about community organizing principles
- 2010 – Guest speaker at “Student Political Boot Camp” organized by student group Democracy Matters, and hosted by Brown University.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS**

- 2014 – Awarded with a Hope & Heritage Foundation grant to prepare and present a research paper at the APSA conference in Washington DC.
- 2014 – Awarded Travel Grant to present paper at State Politics and Policy Conference in Bloomington, Indiana – Granted by the State Politics and Policy Section of the American Political Science Association.
- 2013 – Harold Thewlis Award in American Government – Awarded by the URI Political Science Department.
- 2013 – David Warren Scholar Award – Awarded by the URI Political Science Department.
- 2012/2013 – Sociology Academic Award – Awarded to students with demonstrated academic achievements in the department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2012 – Truman Nominee – One student from URI is selected each year to compete statewide for recognition of public service
- 2012 – Edgar Leduc Award for Excellence in Public Service – Awarded by the URI Political Science Department.
- 2009 – John O’Conner Grassroots Award – Awarded by Clean Water Action for outstanding work in grassroots activism

## **Political Campaign Experience**

- 2008 & 2012 – Barack Obama Campaign for President – Field Operations
- 2012 – Carmen Castillo for Providence City Council – Field Operations
- 2010 – Angel Taveras For Mayor – Field Operations
- 2010 – Teresa Tanzi for State Representative – Field Operations
- 2008 – Joshua Miller for RI State Senate – Field Operations