

Reed Lauren Byg

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Blacksburg, VA
PhD Political & Social Theory GPA 4.0 In progress

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Blacksburg, VA
MA Political Science GPA: 4.0 May 2020

Green Mountain College Poultney, VT
BA Philosophy GPA: 3.7 December 2015
BA Sociology/Anthropology GPA: 3.7

National Outdoor Leadership School Tucson, AZ
Semester in the Southwest Fall, 2011

Woodstock International School
High School Diploma GPA: 3.44 Mussoorie, India
June, 2011

Courses Taught and Assisted:

Virginia Tech, Department of Political Science Blacksburg, VA
Instructor of Record Spring 2022
PSCI/IS 1024: Comparative Government and Politics
Hybrid, in-person

Virginia Tech, Department of Political Science Blacksburg, VA
Instructor of Record Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021
PSCI/IS 1024: Comparative Government and Politics
Online, Asynchronous

Virginia Tech, Department of Political Science Blacksburg, VA
Graduate Teaching Assistant August 2018- May 2020
Courses:

- ◇ Comparative Politics and Government, Dr. Binio Binev Spring 2020
- ◇ Nations and Nationalities, Dr. Edward Weisband Spring 2020
- ◇ Research Methods, Dr. Karin Kitchens Spring 2020
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- ◇ Research Methods, Dr. Karin Kitchens Fall 2019
- ◇ National Security Strategy, Dr. Yannis Stivachtis Spring 2019
- ◇ Nations and Nationalities, Dr. Edward Weisband Fall 2018

Assistantships and Service Positions

Virginia Tech, Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought Blacksburg, VA
Social Media Coordinator Summer 2021- Present

- ◇ Manage the Facebook page for the Virginia Tech ASPECT Program
- ◇ Record and edit videos of the Program's book talks

Virginia Tech, Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought Blacksburg, VA
ASPECT Conference Committee Member Summer 2021-Spring 2022

- ◇ Work with three other students and the Program Director to organize and execute the annual ASPECT Conference for the year 2022.

Virginia Tech, Department of International Relations Blacksburg, VA
Orientation Advisor for incoming students in the International Relations Department Summer, 2021

- ◇ Advise students on the appropriate course load and course selection as per Virginia Tech's and their major's requirements

Virginia Tech, Department of Political Science Blacksburg, VA
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Andrew Scerri Summer, 2021

Duties:

- ◇ Work alongside the Climate Social Science Network to conduct research on industry influence on climate and energy legislation in the state of Virginia
- ◇ Modeled after research conducted on the state of Massachusetts: <https://www.cssn.org/project/state-level-efforts-to-delay-climate-action-pi/>

Virginia Tech, Department of Political Science Blacksburg, VA
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Mauro Caraccioli Summer 2020, Summer 2021

Duties:

- ◇ Provide support for ongoing research focused on the politics of sustainability
- ◇ Edit academic work to prepare for publication
- ◇ Co-author an article on sustainability and planetary politics (forthcoming)

Virginia Tech, Department of Political Science Blacksburg, VA
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Bikrum Gill Summer 2019

Duties:

- ◇ Research and prepare a brief on food sovereignty movements in the Middle East, specifically in Jordan and Palestine

Publications:

Review of *Interspecies Politics: Nature, Borders, States* by Rafi Youatt (University of Michigan Press), *New Political Science*, Vol 43, No. 4 (2021), 508-510, <https://doi.org/10.1080/07393148.2021.1995823>

Review of *Facing Catastrophe: Food Politics and the Ecological Crisis* by Carl Boggs (Political Animal Press), *New Political Science*, Vol. 43, No. 2 (2021), 250-259, <https://doi.org/10.1080/07393148.2021.1925833>

Presentations:

"Methods of Undoing: Integrating ecosemiotic methodologies in food studies," Reed L. Byg. Western Political Science Association, March 9-12, 2022

"Temporalities of Care: Planetary Crisis and the Politics of Deep Time," Reed L. Byg and Mauro J. Caraccioli. Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, NE, November 4-6, 2021 (Virtual)

"Food security or food sovereignty? Blurring the boundaries between rural and urban in the Rust Belt," Reed L. Byg. Annual ASPECT Conference, Virginia Tech, April 23, 2021 (Virtual)

Other Employment:

Regional Office of Senator Bernie Sanders

Internship

Burlington, VT
August 2017- December 2017

Duties:

- ◇ Understand the role of the regional senate office, federal programs, and federal agencies
- ◇ Manage daily tasks: news summaries, letters of referral and letters of congratulations to Vermont constituents
- ◇ General support for staff assistants and staffers
- ◇ Answer phones and provide appropriate resources to constituents when necessary
- ◇ Video editing for the Senate webpage and Facebook page using Adobe Premier Pro
- ◇ Compile and analyze data, specifically on early education in Vermont

Early Learning Preschool Center

Teaching Associate

Burlington, VT
May, 2016- December 2017

Duties:

- ◇ Understand and implement early development strategies such as positive discipline
- ◇ Create and maintain an atmosphere of acceptance and community
- ◇ Develop a learning environment that seeks to include children of varying backgrounds
- ◇ Understand the socialization of children and how this applies to current behavior
- ◇ Provide instruction to the children about basic social and individual skills

Howard Center

Respite Care Provider

Burlington, VT
December, 2016-February, 2017

Duties:

- ◇ Provide services as needed to the foster parent of a child with challenging behavior
- ◇ Transportation to school
- ◇ Understand and implement de-escalation techniques

Cobra Gymnastics and Dance

Gymnastics coach

Rutland, VT
December, 2013- June, 2016

Duties:

- ◇ Supervise and instruct students ages 3-14 and a variety of levels
- ◇ Develop training circuits for a range of classes and for various ages
- ◇ Create a positive, healthy, and encouraging learning environment for the 300+ students that participate in programs at Cobra
- ◇ Communicate efficiently and clearly with students, parents, co-workers

Honors, Awards, and Appointments

Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation Fellow (2021-Present): Virginia Tech

Food Studies Student Ambassador (2020-present): Virginia Tech, Food Studies Program

Best First Year Masters Student (2019): Virginia Tech, Department of Political Science

Honors Thesis in Philosophy (2016): Pragmatism, Capabilities, and International Development

Senior Outstanding Student in Philosophy (2016): Award given to a senior student who has shown exceptional work in the field of philosophy

Thesis in Sociology/Anthropology (2015): Biocultural Diversity: A Framework for Discussing Sustainable Development in the Himalayan Region

Undergraduate Research Assistant (2015): Coordinated the first annual New England Pragmatist Forum, Conference on John Dewey under the supervision of Dr. Steven Fesmire

Sociology/Anthropology Senior Award (2014): Award given to a senior student who has shown exceptional work in the fields of sociology and anthropology

Skills

Excellent verbal and written communication, ability to take on and manage a large workload, punctual, respectful, level-headed, able to work in a team or independently, creative, proficient in: R-Studio, STATA, Microsoft Office, Adobe Premier Pro, Adobe Photoshop

Memberships

Ohio Ecological Farm and Food Association

Political Science Association

International Studies Association

American Alpine Club

Access Fund