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Home School: L'Anse Creuse '05

Secondary Education:

- Michigan State University - B.A., Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy '09
- University of Michigan - M.A., Political Science '11
- Michigan State University - Ph.D., Political Science '20 (expected)

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- Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services - Procurement Operations Analyst
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A bit about me:

I'm currently a PhD candidate at Michigan State University, and I will finish my dissertation in 2020. My field is Political Science, with a focus on American Politics and Research Methodology. My dissertation is about the Supreme Court, and I use machine learning and innovative statistical techniques to study attorneys and their influence on the justices. I use statistics and write my own computer programs every day, so I am extremely grateful for the leg-up that MMSTC gave me.

I was an unusual MMSTC student because I never wanted to go into the natural sciences -- I liked the social sciences more, and I originally planned to be an attorney. I love what I do, but it also took me a while to figure out exactly how I wanted to use my skills. I am always happy to talk with MMSTC students who think the natural sciences might not be quite right for them, and am more than happy to talk with students about the decision to go to graduate school more broadly.

I'd be a great contact for you if you are interested in/have a question about:

- Political Science
- Michigan State University
 - James Madison College
 - Campus life
- Graduate school
- Working in government procurement