

## Patricia Freitag

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### Education

#### Bachelor of Arts, Political Theory, and Economics

**May 2020**

Michigan State University | Honours College | East Lansing, MI

- GPA (3.8/4.0)
- Dean's List (all eligible semesters)

#### The London School of Economics, London, UK

**Sept. 2018- June 2019**

Study abroad Program Participant

- Virginia and LE Simmons Scholarship Recipient

### Experience

Economics Research Associate at The University of Michigan

**May. 2020 - Current**

- Project name: *Accelerating Changes in Norms about Social Distancing to Combat COVID-19.*
- Principal investigators: Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, and Dean Yang.
- Lead the collection of data from an on-going survey on the knowledge, understanding, and impacts of COVID-19 in central Mozambique.
- Aid in the creation and distribute 3 summary reports on the survey's findings using Adobe Creative Cloud.
- Generate weekly feedback reports on productivity to a team of 22 enumerators.
- Use Stata and SurveyCTO to clean and organize raw survey data in order to produce a clean dataset for analysis.
- Run, interpret, and present regression analysis findings.

Economics Research Assistant at The University of Michigan

**Mar. 2019 - Current**

- Project name: *Religious Festivals and Economic Development: Evidence from Catholic Saint Day Festivals in Mexico.*
- Principal investigators: Eduardo Montero and Dean Yang.
- Conduct historical literature reviews on Mexican Saint Days to rule out possible endogeneity with Mexican harvest and planting seasons.
- Compile and clean various datasets ranging from data on harvest dates and food security to data on household wealth and amenities.
- Use Stata and R to run baseline balance regressions, merge datasets and generate economic development indices.

Kappa Omega Alpha

**August 2016- Current**

- Founding member and former social chair.
- Aid in recruiting a class of 20-30 undergraduate students every semester.

Political Economy Research Assistant at Michigan State University

**Jan. 2020- Mar. 2020**

- Project Name: *Beyond Rights and Price: Liberalism with Taste.*
- Principal investigator: Brianne Wolf.
- Created short, 1 page summary reports of literature on taste and preferences in order to aid in the writing of a book by Dr. Brianne Wolf.

- Edited and provided feedback on Political Economy articles on morality in free markets to be submitted for publication.

Economics Research Assistant at The London School of Economics **Aug. 2019- Sept. 2019**

- Project Name: *Building the City: Urban Transition and Institutional Frictions*.
- Principal investigators: Tanner Regan, Anthony J. Venables, and Vernon Henderson.
- Conducted research to create 5 page reports on property taxes in Kenya in order to aid in the revision process of a paper.
- Analyzed data of housing prices in Kenyan districts using Excel and Stata to document changes over time and their statistical significance.
- Constructed a dataset from scratch of every major slum in the world, their geographical location, distance from city centers, and slum size.

Robert Bosch Government Affairs Intern **May 2018- Sept. 2018**

- Self-led and organized business resource group events for over 100 employees and select schools.
- Engaged with high-level government officials to ensure proper knowledge of the company's technological initiatives.
- Created 1 page reports about every location Bosch had in the United States for use in external seminars and government meetings.

### Additional Experiences

Girl Up MSU

**December 2016- Current**

- Former president and founder.
- Organized 'Women in Power Panel' and a 'benefit concert'.

### Self-lead Research Projects

A Replication of Miguel et al. (2004)

**Spring 2020**

- Replicated Miguel et. al (2004) "Economic Shocks and Civil Conflict: An Instrumental Variable Approach".
- With the inclusion of year fixed-effects, I argue most of their findings are no longer statistically significant.

The Futurist Manifesto and a Modern Manifesto

**Spring 2020**

- Senior thesis focusing on fascism and Futurism. I argue that Futurism, though seemingly absurd, actually manifests itself in all modern revolutionary thought.
- Created my own Modern Manifesto.

Beyond Liberal Democracy

**Spring 2019**

- Using Judith Sklar's *Liberalism of Fear* and Hannah Arendt's *The Human Condition*, I argue that when the 'human' aspect of humanity is removed from itself, the destruction of political and economic spaces inevitably follows.

The Fall of Liberalism

**Fall 2019**

- Synthesising Patrick Deneen's *Why Liberalism Failed* and Niccolò Machiavelli's *Discourses on Livy*, I argue that modern liberalism, in its individuality, conquest of nature, and reduction of what it means to be human, has led liberalism to perpetuate its own demise.

The Relationship Between Obesity and Poverty

**Fall 2017**

- Compiled a cross-sectional panel dataset of obesity rates in U.S states over the years 1990-2016.
- Using Stata, regressed obesity rates on poverty rates (including regressions with gender and age) to look at an overarchingly statistical correlation between obesity and poverty.
- Contrary to most theoretical literature, I found no statistically significant correlation.

### **Skill Profile**

- **Language:** English (native), German (native), Spanish (proficient)
- **Technical:** Stata, R, Microsoft Office Suite, LaTeX, Overleaf, SurveyCTO, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator,
- **Hobbies:** Reading radical political theory and microeconomic papers, avid tennis player and yoga instructor, gardening, and political activist.