Liam O’Brien

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**AREAS OF INTEREST**

Social Media Research, Virtual Ethnography, Peace and Conflict Studies, Digital Mediation and Mediative Practice, Social Network Analysis, Historical and Cultural Research, and Qualitative Methodologies.

**EDUCATION**

**Kent State University – Kent, Ohio** August 2020 – Present

*Ph.D. Political Science, Transnational and Comparative Politics.* (Anticipated May 2024)

**Cleveland State University – Cleveland, Ohio**  January 2019 **–** August 2020

*M.A. Global Interactions, Political Concentration*

**Bowling Green State University – Bowling Green, Ohio** August 2012 – August 2017

*B.A. Political Science, Psychology Minor*

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**School of Peace and Conflict Studies**

*Kent State University, Kent, OH* January 2021 – Present

* Independent Contract Research Assistant for Dr. Elaine (Lan Yin) Hsiao, Assistant Professor
* Assist with grant-supported projects in inclusive and community environmental conservation

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

**Department of Political Science**

*Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio* January 2019 – May 2019

* Teaching Assistant for Political Science Senior Seminar in Human Rights, Spring 2019
* Recorded attendance, instructed course during absence, and edited faculty research manuscript

**Office of the Registrar**

*Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio* June 2019 – August 2020

* Provided institutional support for the university registrar and scheduling services coordinator
* Worked with departmental staff and faculty, as well as student organizations for meeting logistics

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**National Field Administrator**

*Grassroots Voter Outreach - National* May 2017 – September 2018

* Facilitated CEO and National Field Director in leadership operations of 8 offices across the country

**Assistant Canvass Director**

*Grassroots Campaigns, Inc. – Denver, Colorado*November 2017 – May 2018 November 2016 – August 2017

* Supervised a team of 10-30 Canvassers and Field Managers in fundraising campaigns for nonprofits

**Campus Field Organizer**

*Ohio Democratic Party - Cleveland State University & College of Wooster* August 2016 – November2016

* Worked in inaugural team of Ohio college campus organizers toward registration and GOTV

**Community Engagement Internship**

*Democratic National Committee – Washington, District of Columbia* May 2016 – August 2016

* Developed extensive surrogate database for Democratic Party outreach communities

**CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“The Memes of the Academy: Interrogating the Role of Fringe Academia in Violent Online Performance,” International Herbert Marcuse Society, Arizona State University, October 2021.

“People Matter: The Weight of Individual Representation in the Social Network Era and Its Role In International Social Movements,” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2020.

**COLLOQUIA**

1st International Graduate Colloquium on Cultural Memory Studies January 2022

*Discussant – Smoke Signals*: The Power of Native American Women and the Change in the Next Generation