Alumni Profile

Patricia Mockler

BA Hons '14 Political Science and Social Justice & Peace Studies

Current Career

Organization: Queen's University
Title: PhD Candidate, Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant

Career Overview

In my doctoral work, I am examining political participation and deliberative democracy, with a focus on Canada. As a teaching assistant, I am responsible for creating weekly activities for my assigned course (Introduction to Electoral Systems) and for providing guidance and feedback to undergraduate students. My work as a research assistant is varied and also quite interesting. This week, I am responsible for reading the fascinating memoirs of a Professor Emeritus in my department as we plan for an upcoming event in his honour. Last week, I learned about licensing and copyright laws in Canada. I enjoy the opportunity to pursue a number of different projects on topics that are of great interest to me.

How has King's helped prepare you for your current work?

I began my graduate work with an understanding of the interlocking nature of systems of oppression, which has led me to consider questions of how oppression influences political participation and structures public deliberation. Furthermore, the experiential learning opportunities at King's were quite beneficial in learning from people with very different backgrounds from my own. Both in the London and international contexts, my experiential learning allowed me to engage and learn with people I would not likely have the opportunity to interact with otherwise.

The opportunity to get away from the confines of the university was a valuable experience that will assist me as I begin to conduct my doctoral research.

Further Degrees / Certifications

MA Political Science
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