



Jonathan Durbin

Management Intern

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About me

My background in mathematics has allowed me to make regular use of advanced methods of statistical analysis for inference including Regression Analysis, Text-as-Data, Topological Data Analysis and more as well as basic Descriptive Network Analysis. I have a data centered approach to project work in which I collate large amounts of data to help better select most similar cases for comparative analysis. My research interests focus on quality of municipal representative-democracy; the administrator as advisor dynamic; and policy proliferation. Some of my core considerations are direct community communication and engagement; accessibility and access; and intergovernmental relations and shared service provision.

Skills

- Studied Public Administration, Mathematics, Political Science
- FOIA and OMA Certification
- Peer teaching
- Descriptive Comparative Analysis
- Descriptive Network Analysis
- Regression analysis: OLS, logistic, ordered logistic, and multilevel
- Codebook creation and documentation maintenance
- Institutional Review Board and data security

Education

2025	Bachelors of Sciences: Mathematical Sciences General, Minor in Political Science DeKalb, Illinois	NIU
2027	Masters of Public Administration (Expected) DeKalb, Illinois	NIU

Positions

2022	Physics Learning Assistant.
2023	Data Analyst.
2024	Peer Adviser.
2025	Data News Reporter.
2025	Management Intern.

Professional Memberships

International City Managers Association.
American Society for Public Administration.
Illinois City Management Association.
Illinois Association of Municipal Management Analysts.

Scholarships and Awards

2023	Student Engagement Fund. \$1200
2023	Kitterle Memorial Scholarship. \$1200
2021	NIU Merit Scholarship. \$1000

Conference Presentations

2024	NIU CURE: Behaviors, Attitudes, Resources, Knowledge of Sustainability.
2025	MPSA Panel: Expanding the Dyad: Alliance Networks in Democratic Peace.
2026	MPSA Lightning Talk: Novel Policies in Extraordinary Contexts (Expected).

Conferences Attended

2024	Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
2024	NIU CURE.
2025	Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
2025	International City Management Association Tampa Conference.