

Curriculum Vitae
2023

Drayton Cullen

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EDUCATION

Graduate

2022 Master of Global Policy Studies (MGPS)
Lyndon B Johnson School of Public Policy/University of Texas-Austin
Specialization: *Global Governance and International Law*

Undergraduate

2020 Bachelor of Arts in History and Classics (BA)
Howard College/Samford University
Honors: *summa cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hamilton Center, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Academic Program Specialist II—October 2023-Present

- Managing the America in the World Consortium across four separate institutions.
- Developing long-term student programming initiatives.
- Planning and executing speaker events and conferences.

Clements Center, University of Texas-Austin, Austin, TX

Program Manager, America in the World Consortium—June 2022-October 2023

- Fostered a close network of fellows and scholars through the execution of several academic conferences and workshops.
- Directed Consortium financing across three separate institutions and submitted thorough financial reports.
- Supported the leadership, staff, affiliates, and fellows.

Teaching Assistant—September 2021-December 2021

- Assisted Mr. Karl Rove in developing and outlining a Fall semester course in modern campaigning.
- Conducted research regarding previous courses taught in fellow institutions that cover election strategy.
- Taught a review session that covers essential information and delves into texts of primary importance.

21Wilberforce, Falls Church, VA

Summer Associate—May 2021-August 2021

- Developed a Global Emerging Leaders Summit for the freedom of religion and belief.
- Assisted with research and advocacy regarding religious persecution and human rights abuses in Nigeria.
- Crafted new online approaches for educational and informational publications and

coursework.

Office of the President, Samford University, Birmingham, AL

Intern—August 2019-December 2019

- Appointed by President Westmoreland to attend meetings and events to learn about the various aspects of Higher Education Administration.
- Met with President Westmoreland to complete a course on the history of American higher education.
- Worked to develop campus wide conversations about the liberal arts through the creation of lectures and roundtables.

Alabama Policy Institute, Birmingham, AL

Intern—September 2018-December 2018

- Provided research regarding the implementation of a gas tax in Alabama.
- Assisted with further research on various topics such as prison reform and occupational licensing.

Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA), Birmingham, AL

Field Director; Supervisor—January 2017; June 2018; January 2020

- Contacted individuals regarding attitudes towards federal spending.
- Followed very strict protocol to ensure accurate and comparable data was gathered.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wildcat Lending, LLC, Dallas, TX

Executive Assistant—September 2020-August 2021

- Organized loan data entry and private financing.
- Managed a revolving portfolio of open contracts and closures.

Office of Advancement, Samford University, Birmingham, AL

Supervisor; Student Advancement Leader—September 2017-May 2020

- Supervised the contacting of Samford alumni to discuss their college experiences.
- Managed alumni donations and fundraising campaigns.

HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

Stockham Scholar, Samford University, 2017-2020

Majored in the fields of Classics and History.

Maintained academic excellence and completed an approved internship.

Completed capstones in both fields that connect to Western intellectual themes.

2020 Senior Honoree, Samford University, 2020

Nominated by faculty and staff and approved by a selection committee.

Led the annual Hanging of the Green in Reid Chapel.

Samford Ambassador, Samford University, 2019-2020

Represented Samford University and its students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Assisted the administration and acted as a liaison to the university's boards.

Served as a host at special events held on and off campus.

Fostered internal and external relationships for the advancement of the university.

Regularly assisted the university president and the vice president.

Howard College Ambassador, Samford University, 2017-2018

Served as an academic ambassador for the Howard College of Arts and Sciences.

Worked alongside academic departments to showcase learning opportunities.
Contacted perspective students to answer questions and offer insight.

Howard Scholar, Samford University, 2017-2018

Promoted interdisciplinary conversations.

Served as the student liaison between departments within the college.

Promoted college speaking events.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE ABROAD

January 2019 Rome, Studied the development of the Roman Empire by exploring the Ancient history of the city.

January 2018 Greece, Traveled to various cities to study classical history, architecture, and culture.

Summer 2017 England, Selected by the Core Texts Program to study Ancient texts of philosophical, theological, and historical significance.

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Website

Cullen, Drayton. "What is the Relationship between Liberal Education and a Free Society?" *VoegelinView*, July 27, 2021. <https://voegelinview.com/what-is-the-relationship-between-liberal-education-and-a-free-society/>.

Cullen, Drayton. "From Liturgy to Discussion: The Protestant Liberal Arts Tradition and American Higher Education." *VoegelinView*, January 23, 2021. <https://voegelinview.com/from-liturgy-to-discussion-the-protestant-liberal-arts-tradition-and-american-higher-education/>.

Historical Essays

Cullen, Drayton. "Voices from the Past: Classical Themes in American Foundational Discussion." *National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Alabama Historical Essays*. Volume LXIV. 2020.

Cullen, Drayton. "The End of Puritanism: How Issues Surrounding the Halfway Covenant Removed Calvinist Idealism from America." *National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Alabama Historical Essays*. Volume LXIII. 2019.

PRESENTATIONS

Cullen, D. (2020, May). *The Value of a Samford Education*.

Presentation to the Board of Overseers on the value of an education at the university.

Cullen, D. (2020, May). *From Liturgy to Discussion*.

Presentation of my research for the Samford University Department of History.

Cullen, D. (2020, April). *The Importance of the Protestant Liberal Arts Tradition*.

Presentation for Samford University Freshman regarding the necessity for training in the Protestant liberal arts.

Cullen, D. (2019, November). *The Worldmaker: Herodotus and Western Influence*.

Presentation of my research for the Samford University Department of Classics.

SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONS

University

Cadre Organizer, Samford University, 2019-2020

Formed a University Cadre to instruct participants about major themes and lessons from C.S. Lewis's *The Abolition of Man*.

ISI Group Founder, Samford University, 2019-2020

Formed a group sponsored by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute to discuss the relevancy of Russell Kirk's ideas in modern political theory and practice.

Academic Success Group Leader, Samford University, 2018

Assisted the Academic Success Center with leading small groups and breakout sessions for the Academic Edge Summer Program.

School

Editor, LBJ School, 2020-2021

Performing edits and reviews of potential publications for *The Baines Report*.

Community

Volunteer Advocacy Coordinator, Bread for the World, 2019

Hosted an advocacy training event at Samford University to teach others about global food insecurity and methods for contacting congressional representatives.