
BRIAN BARNES

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS | AMHERST, MA

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY, SPRING 2019

- ❖ Focus Areas: Organizational Theory, Statistical Methods, Migration, Advocacy in Planning & Policy

BACHELOR OF ARTS, SPRING 2018

- ❖ Major: Sociology
- ❖ Focus Areas: Organizational Theory, Immigration & Migration, Legal Sociology, Urban Studies, Cultural Sociology

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE | SPRINGFIELD, MA

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, SPRING 2016

- ❖ Major: General Studies
- ❖ Focus Areas: Sociology, French, Statistics

EXPERIENCE

IT ASSISTANT AND DESIGNER | INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH | 6/2017 - PRESENT

- In addition to the day to day technical support of the members of the Social Science community at UMass I led the project to develop a new website for the Institute which complied with the University's Drupal development standards.

IT OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR | YANKEE CANDLE COMPANY | 4/2016 - 9/2016

- I was responsible for the development and implementation of company wide IT policies and operational procedures. Additionally, I streamlined and codified a new change control process for the IT department, while working with the helpdesk and systems engineering teams to ensure SLAs and smooth operations.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Prior to working on my Sociology Degree, I was an IT Manager and Administrator. My jobs entailed managing employees and projects with scopes which ranged from small team application development to Change Control Management for a multinational manufacturing and retail company.

TECHNOLOGY

- Through my prior IT career, I have been able to learn a number of technical skills which have carried over to my policy and social science research work. These skills include designing infrastructure environments, programming and scripting, and systems efficiency analysis.

DATA ANALYSIS

- By focusing on computational sociology, research methods, and statistics, I have honed the analysis skills I learned in the IT field and added to my analytical repertoire. I am well versed in business intelligence platforms and systems testing and analysis. I have added to that knowledge and acumen with STATA, SPSS, and statistical modelling.