

Briana Smith

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EDUCATION

2026 M.A. Political Science, University of Washington, anticipated June 2026

2024 B.A. Sociology, magna cum laude and with Departmental Honors, University of Washington

2024 B.A. Anthropology, magna cum laude, University of Washington

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Christian Nationalism
- Religion and Politics
- White Evangelical Christianity
- Political Economy
- Institutions
- Ethnography and Qualitative Methods

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

June 2024 **Smith, B.,** Herting, J. *“From Faithful to Former: Analyzing the Exit Patterns and Shared Narratives of American ‘Exvangelicals.’”* Oral presentation at the University of Washington Undergraduate Research Symposium, Seattle, WA.

June 2024 **Smith, B.,** Herting, J. *“From Faithful to Former: Analyzing the Exit Patterns and Shared Narratives of American ‘Exvangelicals.’”* Poster presentation at the University of Washington Sociology Department Research Symposium, Seattle, WA.

October 2023 **Smith, B.,** Dana, K. *“Genesis to Revelation: The Creation and Dissemination of Cultural Values in Evangelical Congregations: BLM and Racial Equality.”* Poster presented at SACNAS NDiSTEM Conference, Portland, OR.

August 2023 **Smith, B.,** Dana, K. *Genesis to Revelation: The Creation and Dissemination of Cultural Values in Evangelical Congregations: Israel and Palestine.”* Oral presentation at the Baylor McNair Conference, Waco, TX.

May 2023 **Smith, B.,** Marwick, B. *“Object Permanence; Israeli Progress and the Palestinian Right of Return.”* Poster presented at the University of Washington Undergraduate Research Symposium, Seattle, WA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Assistant July 2022 – December 2023
Department of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UW Bothell Bothell, WA
Dr. Karam Dana

Undergraduate Researcher June 2023 – August 2023

Department of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UW Bothell
Dr. Karam Dana

Bothell, WA

Undergraduate Researcher

Department of Archaeology, UW Seattle
Dr. Ben Marwick

March 2023 – June 2023
Seattle, WA

Data and Research Intern

Seattle Municipal Court

January 2023 – June 2023
Seattle, WA

Data Collection

United States Census Bureau

April 2020 – October 2020
Tampa, FL

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024** Brian and Diane Jones Graduate Research Grant
- 2024** Howard B. Woolston Award for Academic Excellence, University of Washington
- 2022-2024** Ronald E. McNair Scholar, University of Washington
- 2023** SACNAS Research Conference Travel Award (\$1,000)
- 2023** Undergraduate Research Conference Travel Award (\$1,000), University of Washington

COURSES TAUGHT

- POLS 202, Introduction to American Politics**, Teaching Assistant (UW) Fall 2024, Spring 2025
- POLS 307, Religion and World Politics**, Teaching Assistant (UW) Winter 2025, Winter 2026
- POLS 270, Introduction to Political Economy**, Teaching Assistant (UW) Fall 2025
- JSIS/POLS 336, Political Violence**, Teaching Assistant (UW) Spring 2026

SERVICE

Moderator

GEG Symposium for Undergraduate Research (UW)

April 2025

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
Women's Caucus for Political Science
Alpha Kappa Delta