

# LAURA E. FEENEY

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## EDUCATION

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**The Pennsylvania State University**  
*College of the Liberal Arts*  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science  
Minor in Sociology

**University Park, PA**  
*May of 2024*  
  
*GPA: 3.2/4.0*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Criminology 469: Seminar in Law**  
**University Park, PA**

*August 2023— Present*

*Teaching Assistant*

- Participated in the student assessment process using a variety of methods to provide effective, timely, and appropriate feedback
- Worked in conjunction with the lecturing professor to deliver course material and distribute examinations
- Assisted students with course content and in completing assignments

**US State Department: Global Engagement Center**

**Remote**

*August 2023— Present*

*Countering Disinformation and Propaganda Intern*

- Analyzed and compiled data for dissemination to other agencies
- Created data visualizations and used technical writing skills to explain data importance and function
- Took notes and organized visuals for presentations on pertinent projects within the GEC for international and threat assessment teams

**Legislative Candidate Coding Project**

**University Park, PA**

*May 2023— August 2023*

*Research Assistant*

- Worked with the Political Science department to compile racial and demographic data on legislative office candidates Identified online references, gathered data, and ensured accuracy through use of multiple primary and secondary sources
- Utilized Microsoft Excel to create data visualizations for legislative data based on state and party affiliation

**Law Offices of M.J. Snyder Esquire**

**Philadelphia, PA**

*May 2022— August 2022*

*Law Clerk*

- Assisted in preparing defense cases for federal and state court involving various criminal charges
- Performed research on Pennsylvania state criminal codes involving charging and sentencing
- Conducted supervised client and family interviews
- Conducted document review and organizational tasks for ~65 cases

**The Diocese Darkest Hour: The Catholic Clergy Abuse Scandal in the American Imagination**

**University Park, PA**

*January 2021- May 2022*

*Research Assistant*

- Used key terms to cull data from multiple sources for the sake of creating and curating a newspaper archive
- Over the course of the semester, I utilized key terms to sort through newspaper archives
- Performed preliminary analysis of primary sources in order to synthesize answers to research questions

**National Student Leadership Conference**

**Washington, DC**

*Jun 2021 — Aug 2021*

*Assistant Team Advisor*

- Promoted and increased education in high school Mock Trial competitors by curating teaching materials that aligned with the program course, and assisting students to improve and apply their reading comprehension, teamwork, and public speaking skills
- Edited and distributed a 168 page Mock Trial case, and assisted groups of students in forming trial team roles
- Used collaboration to assist my small group in forming a cohesive appellate argument, which ultimately allowed them to come in second place in the program's Moot Court competition

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**Global Brigades: Legal Empowerment**

*April 2023-Present*

*Founding Member and Vice President*

- Coordinated meetings between Global Brigades International and Penn State University to implement a Legal Empowerment chapter at PSU for Fall of 2023
- Organized chapter meetings and recruitment events to promote the Global Brigades mission and increase awareness of the organization on campus
- Planned and executed fundraising events

### **Penn State Mock Trial Association**

*Aug 2020- Present*

#### *Captain*

- Led a 10 person team to place first at a tournament by organizing and leading 2- hour practices 4 days a week, reviewing all case materials including direct examinations and speeches to create a cohesive argument from a ~150 page case
- Increased communication, public speaking, and leadership skills by collaborating with 5 different teams, organizing scrimmages with other universities, and assigning attorney and witness roles in line with team members' strengths and weaknesses

#### *Public Relations Coordinator*

- Directed websites, publications, and social media accounts through utilizing skills in Weebly, Canva, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter
- Created graphics for social media and engaged with online interests through direct messaging

### **Empowering Women in Law (EWIL)**

*Jan 2021-Present*

#### *Founding Member*

- Promoted female representation in pre-law and legal fields through organizing networking events and holding LSAT study sessions
- Attended weekly informational meetings and biweekly guest lectures by prominent women in law and politics

### **Student Restorative Justice Initiative**

*Aug 2020-Present*

#### *Active Member*

- Promoted and increased awareness of mass incarceration in Pennsylvania through collaboration with other local prison reform and criminal justice organizations

## **ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

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### **Mind Body Art School of Dance**

**Port Matilda, PA**

*August 2022-Present*

#### *Dance Instructor*

- Instructed classes in a variety of styles, including ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, and creative movement
- Worked with children between the ages of 2 and 15 to create choreography for annual performances

### **Sweet Lucy's Smokehouse**

**Philadelphia, PA**

*June 2021-Present*

#### *Server*

- Took patron orders and served food and beverages in a timely manner

### **CVS**

**State College, PA**

*August 2022- June 2023*

#### *Customer Service Associate*

- Assisted in sales and answered questions about products, services, and merchandise

### **Starbucks**

**State College, PA**

*August 2021-May 2022*

#### *Barista*

- Delivered beverage and food orders efficiently in a fast paced environment

### **Pollock Commons Desk**

**State College, PA**

*August 2020-June 2021*

#### *Receptionist*

- Answered phones, received and sorted mail, and assisted students with room check-in

## **SKILLS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, & INTERESTS**

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- **Skills:** Working knowledge in Canva, Microsoft Word, and Powerpoint, data analysis and research
- **Awards:** Dean's List, Provost Award, Outstanding Witness Award,
- **Interests:** Kurt Vonnegut, Contemporary Dance, Wes Anderson Movies, Chai Lattes, Kendrick Lamar